

4 April 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2022-12**

Thank you for your email of 11 March 2022 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

*"I am currently doing research for a university assessment and was looking for help with a question.*

*I was wondering if you could advise me of current or old initiatives that the council have that support families in the community?"*

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

In response to your request, the Council has supported the following initiatives that support families in the community by:

1. Community Grants Funding in 2021 to organisations supporting and delivering work in our community, including (but not limited to):
  - Carterton Community Patrol
  - Carterton Menz Shed
  - Carterton Play Centre
  - Digital Seniors
  - Kidz need Dadz
  - Little Bundles
  - Divine River NZ Trust
  - Leaving the Ladder Down Charitable Trust
  - Loved 4 Life
  - Order of St Johns

- Life Education Trust
- Wairarapa Healthy Homes
- Wairarapa Safer Community Trust
- Youth Village Carterton
- Rangatahi to Rangatira

The Community Grant funding is available annually to any organisations wishing to apply. The Council commit \$70,000 annually to Carterton organisations, and a further \$140,000 to Wairarapa Organisations where there is a direct benefit to Carterton residents.

2. The Council has provided land for a Community Garden, run by volunteers, to provide fresh vegetables in the community, and provide advice and skills to community members on growing vegetables.
3. The Council supports the Carterton Foodbank by providing a base in a Council building, and support of the volunteer group running the food bank.
4. The Council supports and provides administration for the Waiwaste volunteer group who collect food from the supermarket for provision to schools, Youth Village, and Foodbank.
5. The Council provides free swimming at their outdoor pool during the summer months to ensure all families have the opportunity to swim.
6. The Council provides a free school holiday programme for 3 term holidays each year (subject to Covid restrictions)
7. In summer 2022 the Council provided free Whanau Play Days to introduce the concept of unstructured play to families, and the benefits of this activity in keeping children active.
8. The Council dedicates resource to implementation of the Wairarapa Regional Positive Ageing Strategy.
9. The Council provides a free venue (Haumanu House) to organisations working in our community to support families, for example, Whaiora, Pathways, Wairarapa Community Law Centre.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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