



CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Amended Long Term Council Community Plan 2006 -16
Incorporating 2007/08 Annual Plan**

**Overview & Community Outcomes
Volume I**

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Overview from Mayor and Chief Executive

This overview provides an explanation of the Carterton District Council's Amended Long Term Council Community Plan 2006 -2016 incorporating the 2007/08 Annual Plan.

That very long title is quite a mouthful; so what does it mean? In summary, Council is required by legislation to prepare a detailed long term plan every 3 years setting out its proposals for working towards overall outcomes that have been agreed with the community. This long term plan needs to indicate the scope and nature of the significant activities of the Council and how these are to be funded along with other information and policies.

A Long Term Council Community Plan (or LTCCP for short) was produced last year for the 10 years to 2016, but there were a number of shortcomings with this plan and corresponding budgets. In particular, Council did not have up-to-date asset management plans to provide appropriate financial information for maintaining the district's infrastructure. There were also questions over the funding of capital expenditure.

These issues and a number of others have now been addressed and hence the amended LTCCP incorporates substantial changes and is a complete rewrite of most aspects of last year's plan. In effect, the document replaces the existing 2006 LTCCP with the major changes being as follows.

- The grouping of several activities has been altered from last year to give a more accurate picture of the Council's significant activities.
- More complete and accurate information on the infrastructure assets through updating of the asset management plans has led to a better understanding of the expenditure required to maintain these assets. This, along with more accurate budgeting for other activities and a complete review of the allocation of overheads, has resulted in substantial changes to operating budgets.
- Similarly the scheduling and funding of capital expenditure projects has been revised to enable appropriate renewals and improvements to the District's infrastructure.
- The inflation adjustments applied to the expenditure for future years has been updated to the currently accepted inflation forecasts.
- The performance measurement framework has been significantly improved by rewriting most performance indicators.
- Council's policies on Revenue and Financing, Financial Contributions, and Investment have been amended as explained in the document.

- As required by legislation, the LTCCP document also provides the annual plan and budget for the next financial year (1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008) and indicative budgets for the subsequent years to 2016.

Your Council has worked very hard in recent months in preparing this amended LTCCP. Councillors and management have spent many hours reviewing each activity area and associated budgets, and how these should be funded. As indicated above, up to date asset management plans have also been completed for the District's major infrastructure assets of roading, water supply, wastewater disposal and stormwater.

During our reviews it became clear that the Carterton District has experienced noticeable growth in recent times and that Council should be progressing a number of projects for the overall wellbeing of the District. Some changes also needed to be made to our financial systems and Price Waterhouse Coopers have been actively assisting with this.

The end result of all this work is that Council needs to have a 10.2% increase in overall rates to fund next financial year's budget. This increase is considerably more than councillors would have preferred. They are very mindful that a large increase in rates was also necessary last year because of the need then to fund higher depreciation on the significantly increased value of the District's infrastructure assets.

While another significant increase in rates is regretted, the reality is that, prior to last year, the Carterton District Council had rate increases for several years that were well below the increases that most other councils in New Zealand were finding necessary. The rate increases have been kept down in the past, but our general funds were being progressively run down to a point where they would have run out in two to three years time.

The 10.2% increase in total rates this year is necessary to fund the various operating and maintenance costs identified through the asset management process and to correctly handle the funding of capital expenditure. However, the actual rate increase for each ratepayer will vary considerably as it will depend upon the incidence of general and targeted rates for the individual property and also the property's valuation.

There will be some significant variations either side of the 10.2% increase to individual ratepayers because most of the rates increase is occurring through an increase in the uniform annual general charge. This charge is the same dollar value for all properties. There will also be some substantial changes due to the recent revaluation of all properties in the district and the differing movements in relative values. These valuation changes are outside the Council's control. In addition, there has been a noticeable increase in the total rating base, because of subdivision and new building activity, and this will lessen the average rate rise on a per property basis by over 2%.

Details relating to the Council's activities, finances, and policies are recorded in this LTCCP document. However, we would like to particularly mention some of the more significant aspects as follows.

- Following previous consultation, Council has been intending to upgrade the footpaths and lighting in High St through the main shopping area as part of the CBD Re-Vitalisation project. We are now in discussions with Transit NZ on proposals for a complete upgrade of this street next financial year. This work will include resurfacing the road, replacing and upgrading the water and wastewater pipes beforehand, new footpaths to match the recent work in Memorial Square, new lighting and kerbing, alterations to the pedestrian crossings, and a new roundabout at the Park Road / Belvedere Road corner. This work is likely to be undertaken as a joint contract with Transit with each party paying for their share of the work.
- A proposal for a new community facility for the District was developed by a group of residents two years ago and this proposal has previously been subject to significant discussion and consultation. Council has again reviewed the reasons for this building and is now committing one million dollars towards this overall concept. This commitment will enable fundraising to begin for the balance of the funds that are necessary to provide a suitable facility for community events and use by clubs and other community groups for at least the next 50 to 75 years.
- Council is very aware that the Municipal Hall is now of limited use and that a newer building of flexible design is required to enable community events to continue and flourish in the district. Council believes the appropriate way to fund this one million dollar contribution is by selling the Borough Farm property and, if necessary, a small contribution from reserves. Effectively one asset will be sold and replaced by a much larger community asset that will be available for use by all. This LTCCP allows for a community facility building to be finished in 2009/10 subject to successful fundraising for the balance of the costs. Further information is provided in the section on property in volume 2.
- Ongoing significant capital expenditure is planned to maintain and improve the District's roading and footpath infrastructure. This includes river protection works in conjunction with the Greater Wellington Regional Council next year to protect Dakins Road near the Cliffs recreation area. There are 430kms of roads in the district and approximately 90% of the roading budget is spent in the rural area and 10% in the urban.
- A significant change relates to the funding of depreciation on the District's roading assets. At present Council is fully funding this depreciation which is then used for the capital expenditure associated with the replacement and renewal of the roading assets such as resealing. However, the actual replacement and renewal expenditure is partially funded by Land Transport New Zealand with current subsidy rates being at least 52%. This subsidy arrangement is expected to continue in the foreseeable future. Hence Council will fund 48% of the

calculated roading depreciation, instead of the full amount, from 2007/08. Several other councils have been taking this approach.

- Council plans to upgrade the town water supply to meet the latest NZ drinking water standards by installing ultra-violet treatment processes at the Kaipaitangata filtration plant and the Lincoln Road supplementary groundwater bores. We will be applying for a Government subsidy for this work and the project will only proceed if this subsidy is approved.
- New and replacement water mains are planned in several areas over the next decade to further improve the water supply reticulation system.
- Water meters are currently being installed on all connections to the water supply system. Council is planning to introduce a new charging policy from 1 July 2008 to discourage excessive or wasteful use. It is likely that residents will be charged for all water used above a 'free' annual allowance.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant in Dalefield Road is generally performing well and the recently installed wetlands and disposal to land system means that there is no effluent discharge to the Mangatarere River in summer months when the river flow is low. However, Council will need to extend the land disposal system to meet more stringent resource consent conditions in the future. In addition, the sludge digester at the treatment plant needs to be improved as it is operating well above recommended loadings.
- Last winter's exceptional rainfall showed up some problems with infiltration into the wastewater reticulation system. A recent house-to-house programme to eliminate illegal stormwater connections to the system has improved the situation, but we also need to replace some of the more affected pipelines over the next few years.
- Council is budgeting to install telemetered alarms on the various wastewater pumping stations so that staff are alerted to any problems when they occur rather than when an overflow is reported.
- The Dalefield Road landfill is now a transfer station where residual waste is collected and transported to a properly engineered landfill in the Manawatu. This is the course of action recommended by Waste Management Wairarapa, a joint committee of the three district councils in the Wairarapa. The cost of disposing of rubbish responsibly has increased substantially. Council plans a significant change from 1 July 2007 in that it will no longer provide 26 free rubbish bags per year to each urban household. Residents will need to purchase the approved bags from either the supermarket or council office. This arrangement is in line with most other districts in the country and it is expected that the change will provide an incentive to reduce the volume of rubbish and encourage more recycling.
- Council has budgeted to provide more play equipment at South End Park in Brooklyn Road to cater for young families in that part of town.

- The rainfall last winter demonstrated the need to proceed with improving the stormwater drainage, particularly on the east side of the town, and significant work has been budgeted for a start next year.
- Council is planning to review the three public toilets in the central business area with the idea of upgrading at least one facility to provide a more attractive reason for travellers to make a stop in the town.
- Logging has recommenced at the council's forest in the Kaipaitangata Valley and existing forestry loans are expected to be all repaid by 1 July 2007. The net income from the forestry harvesting in 2007/08 is being allocated to operational expenditure while income from logging in subsequent years will be added to the major projects fund for use on future projects.
- A large number of submissions have been received on the Proposed Combined Wairarapa District Plan. The Carterton Council will be considering these submissions in conjunction with the other two Wairarapa councils this year. We have had to budget for this work and make some allowance for dealing with possible appeals.
- There are increased costs occurring in the regulatory area where Council is required to implement and comply with central government legislation. An example is the building area where Council is required to have new procedures and systems to achieve accreditation so that we can continue to issue building consents.
- One of the issues going forward is the future development and servicing of the industrial area at Waingawa. The Proposed Combined Wairarapa District Plan provides for a significantly larger area for development west of the State Highway and this change is supported by the other Wairarapa councils. Consideration needs to be given to the appropriate provision and funding of infrastructural services in this area.
- Further improvements are planned over time to the Carterton Holiday Park and at the Clareville Cemetery. The high standard of these facilities receive much favourable comment from residents and visitors.
- There has been considerable publicity in recent months regarding the proposal for the Greater Wellington Regional Council to be the 'keeper' for the Wellington Regional Strategy. This proposal, including a new Wellington regional economic development agency and a new regional rate for economic development from 2007/08, has now been adopted by the regional council. Your district council has been making annual grants to Go Wairarapa for tourism and events promotion and for some economic development work. Council has been impressed with the work of Go Wairarapa in recent times and sees justification in continuing to make a grant for tourism promotion and some local economic development work that will not be picked up by the Wellington Regional Strategy.

- The budget for 2007/08 includes the Council's final contribution of \$25,000 towards the Wairarapa Food and Wine Major Regional Initiative that has been managed by Go Wairarapa. Council had committed to grants for this project over a three year period.
- Council has budgeted for a \$7500 contribution to the new Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Trust which is working with Meridian Energy to further investigate the possibility of community irrigation schemes in the Wairarapa.
- As a member of the Communities for Climate Protection Programme, Council has completed work on the first three milestones of this five step programme and we are planning further work towards making Carterton a more sustainable district.
- A start has been made on the installation of the new RAPID property numbering system in rural areas and this work will continue next financial year.

The contents of this amended LTCCP will be thoroughly reviewed and revised in 2009 when a new LTCCP will be produced for the following ten year period. In addition, the indicative budgets in this LTCCP for the 2008/09 year will be reviewed during next year's annual plan process.



G H McPhee
Mayor



Colin Wright
Chief Executive

Cautionary Note

Over the 9 year period of this LTCCP, actual results are likely to be different from the forecast or prospective information prepared. Any such variations may be material. The LTCCP is a basis for a process of community consultation. It incorporates Council's intention to meet the four well beings identified in the Local Government Act: economic, social, cultural and environmental. However, the information presented as part of this process may not be appropriate for purposes other than community consultation.

What is a Long Term Council Community Plan?

The Local Government Act requires a local authority to:

- Assist the community to develop a long term vision for the future (called Community Outcomes) every six years;
- Every three years develop a “Long Term Council Community Plan” which shows what the Council will do to implement that vision;
- Report every three years on progress towards those outcomes.

Promoting Wellbeing

Under the Local Government Act 2002, the Council's role is to promote the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of the District.

The services provided by Council contribute to the four wellbeings. For example refuse collection, water supply, the provision of parks and reserves contribute to social wellbeing. Resource Management responsibilities contribute to environmental wellbeing.

The above examples are considered by many people to be core responsibilities of Council. Under the Local Government Act 2002, Council is now required to take a more deliberate and active role with the four wellbeings. Advocacy, support and development of partnerships around wellbeing are now as important as the actual provision of services.

What is a Community Outcome?

“Community Outcomes” are defined as those overall results that the community thinks are important for the district's wellbeing. They are not restricted to Council functions, but include anything that the community sees as a priority for the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of the community- now and in the future.

The Community Outcomes for the Carterton District can be found on the following page.

How the Community Outcomes were Identified

During the 2003/04 financial year, Council convened 12 public workshops to gain community and relevant third party organisations input into community outcomes for the District. The workshops were well attended and achieved the objectives of ratifying the Council Mission and Vision, and identifying community outcomes. The community outcomes were subsequently supported by the community in a later survey that was distributed to every letterbox in the District.

How Carterton District Council will contribute to the Community Outcomes

How Council will contribute in furthering the community outcomes can be varied. These include:

How Council can Contribute	Description
Service Provider	Funding and delivering services
Funder	Making a financial contribution to another organisations programme
Facilitator	Bringing groups and interested parties together to carry out an activity
Advocate	Promoting the interests of the community to try and persuade others to act.
Collaborator	Working with other parties in the interests of the District.
Regulator	Developing and enforcing rules.
Monitor	Gather information and report.

In some cases the Carterton District Council will be involved in contributing to furthering the community outcomes in more than one way. In other situations it will not have any specific role because of the functions of other parties.

Details are contained in each activity sections in Volume II of the LTCCP on how Council will contribute to the Community Outcomes.

Community Outcomes

Access to transport and communications systems which best meet the diverse needs of the district.

What does Council want to Achieve?

- Accessible and cost effective rail services for commuters and visitors.
- A safe roading network which enables the community to access services they require.
- Accessible and cost effective communications systems which enhance daily living.

How will Council Contribute to Achieving these Outcomes?

- Advocate for the community.
- Provide good quality roads and footpaths.

Other Organisations who might help us achieve the Outcome.

- Transit New Zealand
- Transport Operators
- Land Transport New Zealand
- Government Departments
- Media
- Regional and Neighbouring Councils

Clean land, water and air for present and future generations.

What does Council want to Achieve?

- An appropriate balance between development and protection of the environment which is sustainable and makes the Carterton district a great place to live, work and play in.
- Awareness amongst district residents of the need to live sustainably.

How will Council Contribute to Achieving these Outcomes?

- Develop policies and implement practices that promote sustainable development and practices within the district.
- Resource & Planning Management via the District Plan and consequential monitoring.
- Implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Membership on the Wellington Regional Environmental Agency.

Other Organisations who might help us achieve the Outcome.

- Regional and Neighbouring Councils
- Department of Conservation
- Federated Farmers of NZ
- Ministry for the Environment
- Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries
- Other Environmental Agencies and Community Groups

A buoyant local economy.

What does Council want to Achieve?

- An environment that supports existing businesses and encourages new businesses and investment in the district and region.

How will Council Contribute to Achieving these Outcomes?

- Implement CBD Re-vitalisation Proposals.
- Continue with the development of the Carterton Holiday Park.
- Provision of attractive and clean public restrooms.
- Provide support and funding to Go Wairarapa.
- Advocate for the community.

Other Organisations who might help us achieve the Outcome.

- Go Wairarapa
- Wairarapa Chamber of Commerce
- Business Advisory Services
- Ministry of Economic Development

A safe, healthy and educated community.

What does Council want to Achieve?

- A safe and healthy environment with services and infrastructure to support good community health.
- Support for a community which values education and celebrates community and individuals' achievements.

How will Council Contribute to Achieving these Outcomes?

- Provide a supportive environment for health and education providers.
- Support the implementation of programmes which offer improved health and education opportunities to the residents of Carterton district.
- Continue to develop services at the Carterton Public Library.
- Continue to develop services at the Carterton Outdoor Swimming Complex.
- Provide support and funding to Sport Wairarapa.
- Advocate for the community.
- Provision of parks and reserves for leisure and physical activity.

Other Organisations who might help us Achieve the Outcome.

- UCOL
- REAP
- Wairarapa District Health Board & Primary Health Organisation
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health
- Sport Wairarapa

Carterton Community Outcome Indicators

Outcome	Indicator	Source & Date of Data	Where We Are Now	How Do We Compare to the Rest of NZ	Anticipated Future Progress
<i>Access to transport and communication systems that best meet the diverse needs of the district.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household with Access to a Motor Vehicle. Provision of Public Transport. Telephone Access in Homes Internet Access in Homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics 2001 Metlink Statistics 2001 Statistics 2001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 91.6% Carterton pop. have Access to a Vehicle 2006 Wairarapa Bus/Train Timetable. 2.8% Carterton pop. have no access. 31.1% have access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 89.9% of NZ pop. Have access to a Vehicle. 3.7% NZ pop. have no access. 37.4% NZ pop. have access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase Increase Reduce Increase
<i>Clean land, water and air for present and future generations.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Recycling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDC 2006 GWRC 2004 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2601 ha per 1000 people 89kg of waste recycled per person (Wai) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Increase
<i>A buoyant local economy.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment Income Building Activity Subdivision Activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Berl 2006 Statistics 2001 CDC 2004/05 CDC 2004/05 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FTE Employment Nos. total 2431 Median income people of Ctn \$17,200 383 consents issued with a value of \$17,019,519. 44 consents approved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Median income people of NZ \$18,500. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase Increase Increase Increase
<i>A safe, healthy and educated community.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Expectancy Physical Activity Library Registered Borrowers Educational Attainment Crime Total Offences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHB 2005 DHB 2005 WLS 31 Dec 2005 Statistics 2001 Statistics 2004 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 78.3 years (Wai) 76% of Wai people participate in regular physical activity. 13,068 28.6% people aged 15 years and over have a post-graduate school qualification. No. per 1000 pop. Wai. 105.4. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 78.7 years 32.2% 100.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase Increase Increase Increase Reduce

How will we Measure Progress?

Council has identified information that is currently collected by Department of Statistics and other government and local sources that is specific to Carterton or the Wairarapa region to measure progress towards achievement or otherwise of the community outcomes.

How will we Work with Others to Further Outcomes?

Council aims to work with the community, neighbouring local authorities, government agencies and other organisations to achieve positive outcomes for the community.

Council is currently working with Masterton and South Wairarapa District Councils', the Greater Wellington Regional Council, the Wairarapa District Health Board, REAP and Go Wairarapa to support projects that will contribute to the achievement of the outcomes.

How the Outcomes Relate to Other Key Documents

Key planning and policy documents for the Carterton District are:

- Operative Carterton District and Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plans
- Solid Waste Management Plan
- Infrastructural Asset Management Plans
- "Active Wairarapa" Physical Activity Plan
- Wairarapa Arts, Culture & Heritage Strategy
- Community Facility Focus Group Feasibility Study
- Wellington Regional Strategy

The District Plans through their controls assist to achieve sustainable environmental outcomes for the district.

The Solid Waste Management Plan also contributes to the environmental sustainability of the district by ensuring solid waste collection and disposal is carried out in an environmentally sensitive manner.

Council's Infrastructural Asset Management Plans ensure that maintenance, renewal or the construction of new assets is carried out in a cost effective and timely manner and provide an appropriate level of service to meet the needs of present and future generations of the district.

These plans contribute to the health and economic wellbeing of the district.

The "Active Wairarapa" Physical Activity Plan and Wairarapa Arts, Culture & Heritage Strategy contribute to the health and cultural wellbeing of the district's residents.

The CBD Re-Vitalisation Proposal contributes to vibrancy and unique identity of the Carterton district.

The Wellington Regional Strategy contributes to the economic wellbeing of the region.

Relationships with Maori

The Carterton District Council does not have any formal agreements with local Iwi. However, when matters come before Council that may affect local Iwi, for example, resource management issues, relevant information is forwarded to the relevant Iwi or Hapu in the region for comment and where desired dialogue is entered into.

Council representatives also attend meeting of RIF (Regional Intersectorial Fora), a group which includes representatives from Iwi and Hapu together with Government agencies.

The Council is committed to fostering positive relationships with local Iwi and Hapu and to actively engage with Maori on matters that affect or concern them.

History of Carterton District



Carterton was originally known as Three Mile Bush and was founded in 1857 to provide a base for men working on the road between Greytown and Masterton,

When settlers sought to name the township they submitted to the Provincial Council an assortment of choices, namely Victoria, Alma, Unity, Hope, Clifton and Roxburgh. However, none of these names were taken up and it was not until 1859 that a further petition was presented to the Provincial Council seeking to re-name Three Mile Bush, 'Cartervale' and the village in the Three Mile Bush 'Carterville'. On 26 July 1859, the Provincial Council in Wellington declared that "the Three Mile Bush and adjacent lands on the east side of the main road consist hence forth as a township to be known as Carterton".

Settlers had chosen the name in recognition of Charles Rooking Carter who was a strong advocate for Wairarapa settlers and was a member of the Small Farm Association on the Provincial Council and General Assembly.

During his association with Carterton, Carter built the Black Bridge over the Waiohine River, was instrumental in opening the first public school and was a major benefactor of the Carterton Public Library. He bequeathed 2500 pounds for the establishment of a home, where free board and lodgings were available for the poor elderly men of the district who had come to the end of their working lives and would otherwise be forced to take to the road as 'swaggers'. Carter donated the land on which Carter's

Reserve is situated and donated 2240 pounds to start a fund for the erection of an astronomical observatory.

Carter died on July 22, 1896 in Wellington. His body was brought back to Carterton and he is buried at the Clareville Cemetery.

During 2007 Carterton is celebrating its 150th Jubilee with a programme of community events. The weekend of 6 – 8 July 2007 being the official recognition of the anniversary.

The previous local authorities of Carterton Borough Council and the Wairarapa South County Council were amalgamated during the 1989 Local Government Reforms to form the Carterton District Council.

Carterton Today

Carterton District is bounded by the Ruamahanga River to the north and the Waiohine River to the south and stretches from the Tararua Ranges in the west to the Pacific Ocean in the east.

At the 2006 census Carterton district has a recorded population of 7098 people with 2976 of those people residing in rural Carterton and 4122 in urban Carterton.

Over the 10 year period from 1996 to 2006, Carterton's rural population has steadily grown by 333 people while the urban population has remained relatively static. Although the 2006 census recorded a small increase in the urban population, it is still a little below the 1996 level.

Carterton is fortunate in that it is only a 75 minute drive by car or train to Wellington and the railway station is near the centre of town. This has attracted an influx of new arrivals to the district who continue to work in metropolitan Wellington but live in Carterton for its relaxed and pleasant lifestyle.

This in turn has fuelled subdivision of land for rural lifestyle blocks and more recently in the confines of the urban boundary.

The 10 years since 1996 have seen the construction or relocation of 520 dwellings. It is notable that while the number of dwellings in urban Carterton is increasing, the population is remaining relatively static.

Carterton is fortunate that the newcomers to the district have slowed the population decline being experienced in many rural districts similar to Carterton.

Past residents of Carterton who have not returned for some years will see a definite change in the visual landscape of the district.

At the time of writing this profile the Carterton CBD is experiencing a renaissance with the first stage of the CBD Re-Vitalisation completed and funding for the second stage included in the Proposed LTCCP for the 2007/08 year.

The private sector is also contributing to this with a number of buildings at the southern end of the CBD changing hands to create room for an expanded supermarket, a new petrol station and bigger premises for a farming supply merchant.

Traditionally, primary production of dairying, lamb, beef and wool growing along with some cropping have been the mainstay of rural Carterton. However, with the advent of smaller blocks of land boutique animal farming is becoming more prevalent. Vineyards and olive groves are also increasing in number. Forestry continues to be a significant industry for the district.

Processing of much of the region's forestry harvest is undertaken at plants located in the Waingawa Industrial area. Waingawa has also become a base for trucking firms

specialising in the transport of logs. In addition to the forestry based industries Waingawa is attracting other businesses which support the region's economy.

Carterton and the Wairarapa in general is increasingly becoming a weekend get away destination for city dwellers which is creating boutique businesses to cater for these visitors needs.

Rates 2007/08

Council will collect \$5,384,158 in rate revenue in the 2007/08 financial year. This is an increase of \$501,742 on the current financial year and equates to an overall increase of 10.2%.

The main reasons for this increase in rates, in addition to the effects of inflation on many of the Council's costs, are as follows.

The Council is now budgeting to fully fund the operating and maintenance costs for its activities and in particular the expenditure associated with the district's infrastructure. Asset management plans have been prepared for the roading, water supply, stormwater, and wastewater assets and these plans indicate an increase in the budgets are required to keep these assets properly maintained and operational.

Council is now funding capital expenditure items correctly. Previously, the subsidy for capital expenditure on roading was being applied against the operating expenditure. The effect of this was that Council's general funds were being run down to fund roading asset renewals and improvements and this situation could not continue without Council running out of operating funds.

Your Property Value has an Effect on Your Rates

Property values are one of the tools for calculating rates. In 2006 properties in the Carterton District were revalued by Quotable Value and the new values will be used for the 2007/08 rates. There have been large changes in property values and when applied to rates will mean that some properties will pay more in rates and other will pay less than last year.

The revaluation has seen the total capital value for the district increase by 42% and corresponding land value increase by 63%. The largest increases have occurred in the residential sector where land values have increased on average 164% in the three years since 2003. Residential capital values have also increased sharply with most properties increasing between 35 – 80%.

Pastoral property has increased by up to 75% on 2003 values with both capital and land value being affected. Lifestyle blocks have generally increased in the region of 30-50%.

Good quality commercial and industrial properties have generally shown good growth since 2003 with land values showing a similar trend to residential value increases.

Hereunder is a revaluation summary by sector showing movements since 2003?

Sector	No. Assets	2006 CV (\$000)	% Change	2006 LV (\$000)	% Change
Farming	537	773,918	40%	653,667	45%
Crop & Specialist	38	40,021	13%	22,450	20%
Forestry	44	24,365	48%	20,390	59%
Lifestyle	802	311,465	40%	165,645	92%
Residential	2138	444,869	52%	174,637	164%
Commercial	96	35,171	85%	6,677	232%
Industrial	88	40,666	36%	9,817	105%
Other	189	63,704	22%	20,709	77%
Total	3932	1,734,179	42%	1,073,992	64%

Uniform Annual General Charge

The Uniform Annual General Charge is a fixed amount charged per property irrespective of the value of the property. It is used to counter the inequity arising from rates calculated on property value.

Carterton District Council's Uniform Annual General Charge equates to 29.96% of the 30% maximum prescribed in the Local Government Rating Act and is made up of the following activities:

- Governance 100%
- Economic, Cultural & Community Development 100%
- Park & Reserves 90%
- Cemetery 100%

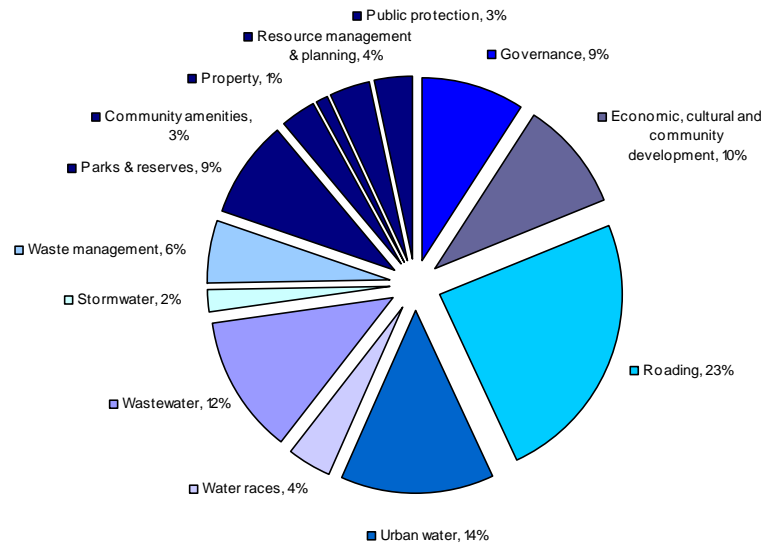
The reason that Council has included these activities into the Uniform Annual General Charge is that every resident is equally able to share in the benefit of these services.

To ascertain the overall effect on your rates you will need to complete the following Rates Calculation Sheet. If you require assistance calculating your rates please contact the Rates Officer at the Council Office on 06 379 6626.

How your Rates will be Spent

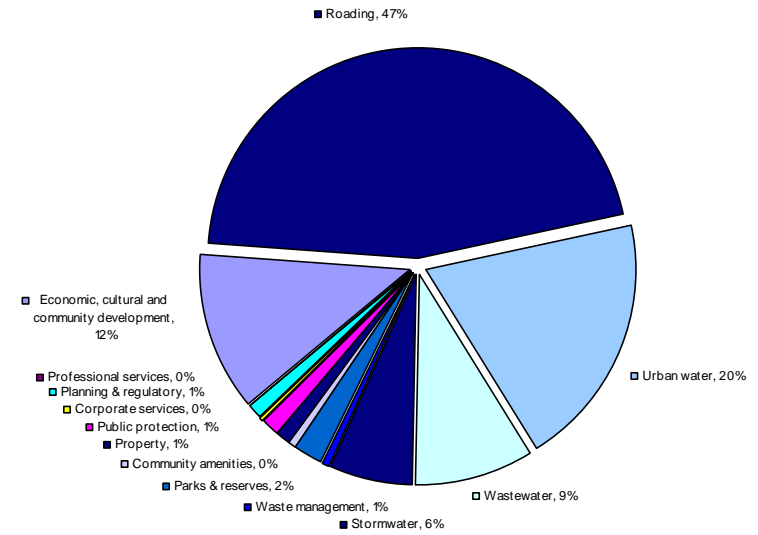
The total rates to be collected for the 2007/08 year is \$5,384,158.

Breakdown per activity is as displayed in the following graph.



Total capital expenditure for the 2007/08 year is \$3,765,795.

Breakdown per activity is as displayed in the following graph.



Interesting Carterton Statistics

The following information has been sourced from the Department of Statistics

Population

Ward	1996 Census Usually Resident Population Count	2001 Census Usually Resident Population Count	2006 Census Usually Resident Population Count
Rural	2643	2751	2976
Urban	4167	4104	4122
Total	6813	6849	7098

Occupied Dwelling Count

Ward	1996 Occupied Dwelling Count	2001 Occupied Dwelling Count	2006 Occupied Dwelling Count
Rural	912	1011	1095
Urban	1599	1632	1701
Total	2514	2643	2796

Personal Income for the Census Usually Resident Population Count Aged 15 Years and Over

Income Range	Number of People
Loss or Zero Income	240
\$1.00 to \$25,000	2595
\$25,001 to \$50,000	1641
\$50,001 to \$100,000	552
\$101,000 or More	114
Not Stated	456

Qualifications for Usually Resident Population Count Aged 15 Years and Over

Qualification	Number of People
No Qualifications	1620
Level 1 to 4 Certificates Gained at School	1473
Overseas Secondary School Qualification	168
Level 1 to 4 Certificate Gained Post-School	846
Level 5 and 6 Diploma's	477
Batchelor Degree and Level 7 Qualification	369
Post Graduate and Honours Degree	69
Masters Degree	54
Doctorate Degree	12
Not Elsewhere Included	510

Access to Telecommunication systems for Households in Private Occupied Dwellings

Type of Telecommunication Systems	Number of Households
Access to a Cellphone/Mobile Phone	1917
Access to a Telephone	2464
Access to a Fax Machine	774
Access to the Internet	1533
No Access to Telecommunication Systems	42

Access to Motor Vehicles for Households in Private Occupied Dwellings

Number of Motor Vehicles	Number of Households
No Motor Vehicle	165
One Motor Vehicle	966
Two Motor Vehicles	1053
Three or More Motor Vehicles	477
Not Elsewhere Included	99

Birthplace for the Census Usually Resident Population Count

Birth Place	Number of People
New Zealand	5997
Australia	81
Pacific Islands	42
UK and Ireland	477
Europe (excl. United Kingdom & Ireland)	123
North America	33
Asia	54
Other	42

Ethnic Group for the Census Usually Resident Population Count

Ethnic Group	Number of People
European	5703
Maori	678
Pacific Peoples	108
Asian	78
Middle Eastern, Latin, American & African	18
New Zealander	828
Other Ethnicity	3

