



# COUNCIL

Important news and tips from Council

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## COUNCIL SERVICES CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

### COUNCIL OFFICES

The Council offices will be closed from 12.00pm Wednesday 24 December, re-opening 8.30am Monday 5 January.

For emergency services during this period refer to the Council's telephone listing of each service in the white pages of the telephone book, or ring (06) 379 4030 for assistance.

### LIBRARY AND INFO CENTRE

The Library and Information Centre will be closed from 12pm on 24 December. Normal hours resume Monday 5 January (Library - 9.30am-5pm weekdays, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Info Centre daily 10am-4pm).

### REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Refuse & Recycling will be carried out as normal Monday 22 December. The transfer station will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



## AVOIDING RATES PENALTIES

It's that time of year again when money is a little tight.

If you are behind in your rates, we encourage you to talk with us as soon as possible. Putting off payment of debt usually means the situation gets worse - it doesn't disappear. Contact Sue Fleet - Santa's little rates helper - on 379 4030 and we'll see what we can work out.

Direct debits are another way to help to spread rates payments into more manageable amounts.

A phone call now could save more penalties, or your account being sent to your bank for payment. Remember it is a condition of most mortgages that the rates and insurance are kept up-to-date at all times. Sorry, but if you missed your rates instalment on 20 November, a 10% penalty will have been applied.

## WATER BILLS - MANAGING WATER USE OVER CHRISTMAS

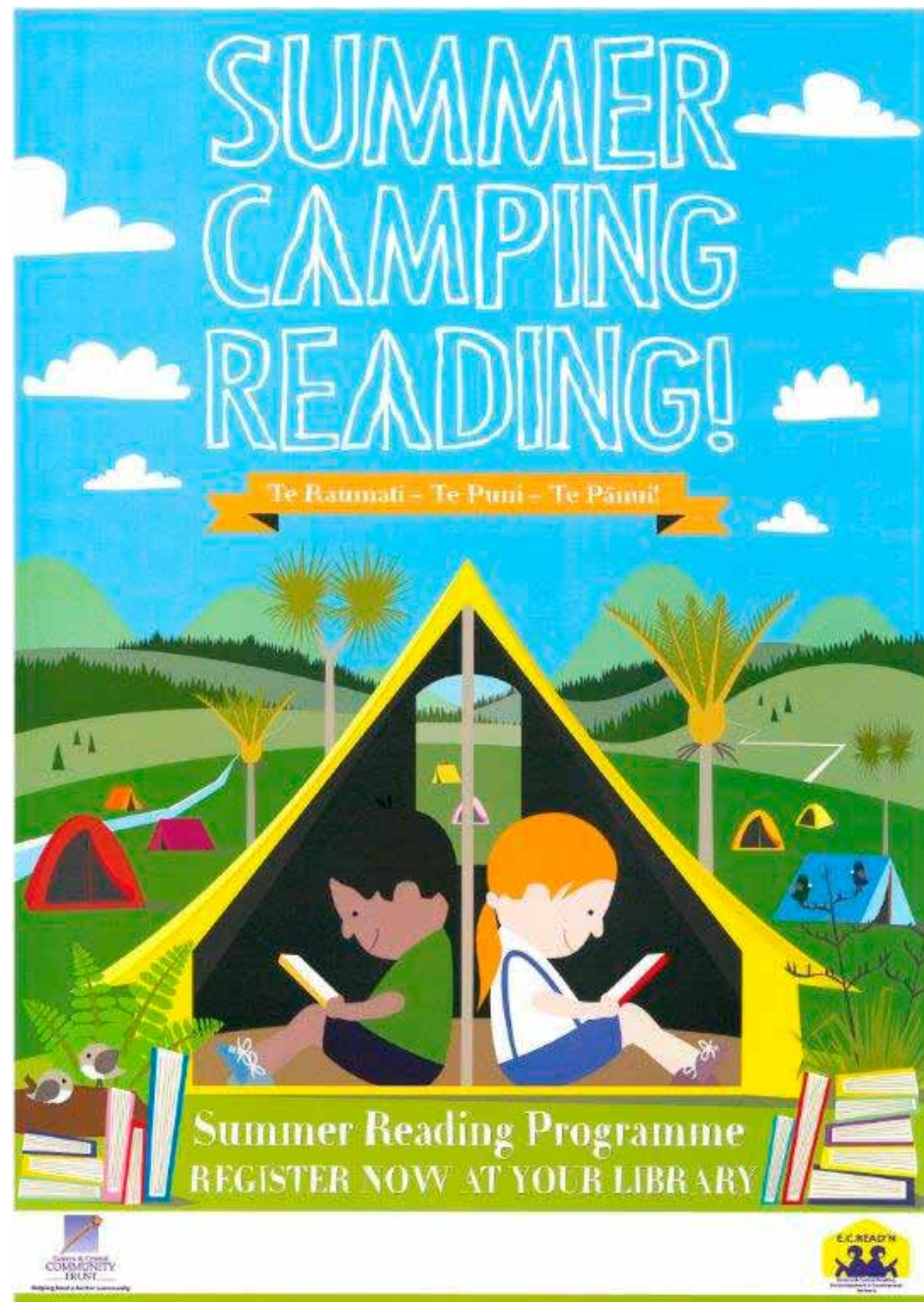
With the chance of more visitors over Christmas this is a good time to think about water conservation.

There are a number of ways you can cut down on water use at home:

- Only use the washing machine or dishwasher when you have a full load
- Fix leaking taps and toilets
- Don't leave the tap running unnecessarily when brushing your teeth, shaving or washing your face
- Use the plug when washing hands, vegetables or rinsing dishes rather than keeping the tap running

And, if you enjoy a long soak, a bath will use less water than a 30 minute shower, but a 5 minute shower will use much less water than a bath!

Water meters will be read in mid-January. If you've used more than your annual allowance, you'll receive an invoice. If you've used less but your usage is still high, we'll notify you so you can monitor how much you're using. If you think there might be a leak, turn off all your taps and see if the meter is still turning. If it is, you might need to get a plumber to have a look.



## NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOOD BANK PROVISION IN CARTERTON

In order to ensure effective and comprehensive access for Carterton residents to foodbank and other appropriate social service support, a new collaborative arrangement will be launched on Friday 12 December.

The Carterton District Council, the Carterton Community Food Collaborative (formerly the Carterton Foodbank) and the joint churches

will be working together to improve current foodbank services, identify gaps in service provision and develop solutions to problems that are identified.

The changes will ensure that everyone can get the right help and support when they need it.

Christmas hours and access points will be published in all local papers soon.

## UPDATE FROM THE CDBI

### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

For the first time one of the Business Group's popular social functions was moved out of the town when Gladstone Vineyard hosted members on November 6th. Attendees enjoyed a very convivial evening in lovely surroundings with, needless to say, excellent wine and food. Thanks to David Kernohan and his team.

The last social for the year will at Tarragon on Tuesday November 9 at 5.30.

### ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Carterton Business Group in association with WaiArt has engaged three local artists to showcase their work and demonstrate their expertise in the High Street on Saturday Mornings. This started with the Christmas Parade on November 29th but will continue through December. The artists will be in residence in Ross Black's shop (the old Snack Attack) next to Mirabelle Café. Thanks to Ross for the use of his building and also for letting Santa take up residence there.

The artists who are participating are:

Jane Sinclair who is primarily a landscape painter but is also well known for her water colours of birds.

Jacky Pearson who is a professional artist and art tutor who specialises in watercolours.

Anna-Marie Kingsley, a founder member of the Waiart trust and well known for her renderings of household objects, famously featuring taps.



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