

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Brainstorming ideas were sorted in to a number of categories:

Sustainable Living

- Conserving or harvesting water
- Green infrastructure
- Street trees
- Storm water swales
- Indigenous plantings
- New subdivision design including water tanks & street service design to incorporate trees in street design ie cooling effect
- Affordable water tanks
- Roof water harvesting every household/building code
- Make eco-design houses cool/eco home contest
- Encourage as much solar energy as possible
- Community wind farm
- Green spaces throughout urban area, especially on new developments
- Instead of 'keeping up with the Jones' be 'more sustainable than the Jones'
- Chemical impacts on ecosystems and health
- At building and resource consent process encourage sustainable design features

- Support of youth education, employment prospects

Transport

- Free bicycle loan scheme
- Public bicycles
- Encourage everyone to cycle around town
- Get big trucks out of town centre for health

Youth

- Promote work ethic in our youth
- Kindy & Age concern match. "Surrogate grandparents"
- Community sponsorship of youth into apprenticeships, etc
- Vic & Massey student housing (up subsidised train)
- Students/aged care facilities – Netherlands

Sustainable Economics

- Community gardens/allotments
- Intergenerational stuff- build connections
- Work hubs here for govt depts. Instead of commuting
- Buy local products and services
- Garden surplus distribution system
- Buy from the farmers market
- Sharing of empty shops for good that are not currently sold in Carterton ie sharing of overheads
- Localisation of our needs where possible
- Explore and promote horticulture & replacement for beef/dairy/sheep land use
- Promotion of Carterton as thriving community
- Carterton self-sustaining with food

Plantings

- Plant loads of fruit trees
- Have a “plant a tree” day for everyone in Carterton
- Plant loads of natives because they are there forever
- Community vegetable garden
- Community nursery (native)
- Bird wildlife corridor between Fensham Reserve & Carterton

Waste

- Biodegradable packaging (plastic bags)
- Inventive solution for E-waste
- Practice the 3R's for waste
- Remove food waste from residual waste “Love food – hate waste”
- Sustainable waste management
- Encouraging composting to reduce green waste. Tip green waste turned into compost & sold
- Education on chemical impact on sewerage system/storm water
- Polystyrene recycling like Trash Palace in Porirua
- Encourage people to pick up litter
- Recycling all types of plastic, not only types 1 & 2
- Resource/sustainability hub providing info to public, as well as info on lots of things happening within Carterton

BE PREPARED

- Know your neighbours
- Know your neighbours strengths and contact details
- Work with WREMO
- Every street has a Neighbourhood Support coordinator
- CDC offices will be the hub
- Events centre will be communications and welfare
- Arrange neighbourhood social gathering
- Use media to get preparedness messages
- Know who the people are in the community with special needs and how you can help them

BUILD COMMUNITY

- Pictures from children showing people being happy in Carterton
- Know who the people with special needs are and how we can support them
- Support and promote ongoing activities
- Support what is already happening
- Fun events regularly
- A walking Arts Trail with
 - Exhibition in back streets of town and main street
 - APP developed – talks on art work by artists
 - Tourist attraction
 - Changed 4 times a year
 - (Building on Wai Arts work)
- Community gardens and orchards
- Mobile BBQ – bring people out of their homes
- Fruit trees at Sparks Park – new area
- Build a pizza oven
- Seeds and seedlings, donated pea straw, composting
- Enviro schools, cycle and walkways – connecting community
- Food forest, permaculture, biointensive food, organic, companion planting
- Go Carterton involvement
- Cycle and walkways
- Timebanking
- Create cooperation between families
- Organise groups to pool resources
- Street games, BBQS, Christmas parties
- Meet and greet sessions
- Bagging and giving away free produce
- Neighbourhood support
- Refreshing and regenerating Community Patrol

UNDERSTANDING SKILLS/RESOURCES/ASSETS

Brainstorming ideas were sorted into themed groups and listed as potential projects. Communication is an important aspect for all these potential projects.

Project 1 – Skills and Resources Database

- Community Resources Skills Directory
- Developing a community repository of community skills/resources on Carterton Facebook page
- Emergency Supplies
 - Food and water
 - Shelter
 - Medical
 - Accommodation
- Audit – community groups
- Audits of resources
 - Infrastructure
 - Food (fruit rescue)
 - Water
- Audit skills
- Audit equipment
- First Aiders
- # Privacy Challenges
- WREMO – Crisis Mapping System
 - Resources

Hazards/Risks

Project 2 – Education

- Promoting the Timebank
- Teaching skills (education)
- Skills exchange (Timebank)
- Link existing skills with ‘unskilled’ (Menz Shed, individuals)

Project 3 – Social

- How to encourage or inform new residents to share skills or contribute skills to the community
- Neighbourhood Groups (street/rural)
- Build trust
- Development of interconnects and relationships between groups