

# RESILIENT CARTERTON

**Project Wairarapa** is a group of enthusiastic Carterton residents who want to help build a more resilient Carterton. A resilient community can adapt to changes without losing the essential qualities that define what it is and what it does. A resilient community is highly interconnected, where people support and trust each other, are there for each other in times of need and a community that is prepared for the unexpected.

## Why Resilience?

Carterton is a great place. That's why we live here and care about it. We know that Carterton faces a number of potential future challenges including climate change, water stress and social and economic inequity. We have faced floods and earthquakes and will do again. Whatever the challenge we, as a community, need to be able to bounce back in the face of challenging circumstances.

## How Can We Create a More Resilient Carterton?

One of Carterton's main strengths is that we have many people and organisations already participating in resilience enhancing work within the community. What Project Wairarapa would like to do is help link up those people and organisations and work together, collaborating with each other, to create a stronger more resilient community. By working together and knowing what each other are doing we can support one another, but also we can identify gaps and create new initiatives to develop positive community ventures as well as help plug any perceived vulnerabilities.

## Workshops

Project Wairarapa is facilitating a series of Workshops to help kick-off the progression toward a more resilient Carterton. This will begin with a workshop in late March. We'll genuinely consult with the community about what a resilient Carterton might look like and what resilient activities the participants are already engaged in. The second workshop will follow on from that, working on asset and skills mapping to help get a more detailed picture of what resources we already have within Carterton.

## Community action makes the difference in our district.

This is an opportunity for interested individuals and organisations to participate in helping to strengthen our community and create a more resilient Carterton.

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***Remember! If none of these resiliency challenges ever eventuate -***

***We'll still end up with a stronger, safer, more connected community to live in.***