

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
HELD AT THE WAIRARAPA EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Steve Cretney, Deputy Mayor Grace Ayling, Cr Brian Deller, Cr Lou Newman, Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Steve Gallon, Cr Jane Burns, Cr Simon Casey, Cr Rachel Round

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff

Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Solitaire Robertson (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory), Marc Ferguson (Chief Financial Officer), Lawrence Stephenson (Group Manager Infrastructure), Geri Brooking (Group Manager People and Corporate), Glenda Seville (Group Manager Community and Facilities), Marcus Anselm (Communications and Engagement Manager), Sara Renall (Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor), Anna Tulloch (Communications and Engagement Advisor), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer), Serah Pettigrew (Democratic Services Officer)

Other

Bruno Marques and Jacqueline McIntosh (Victoria University School of Architecture)

1 REPORTS

4.1 WORKSHOP - VICTORIA UNIVERSITY - CARTERTON LANDSCAPE PATTERN LANGUAGE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

1. PURPOSE

To discuss the project - Designing Place Identity in Rural and Small-Town Aotearoa: A Local Vocabulary for Architecture, Interiors, and Landscape – for which Victoria University Wellington (VUW) has received a research grant.

Discussion

- **Overview of the Landscape Pattern Language Project:** Bruno Marques and Jacqueline McIntosh from VUW School of Architecture presented the Landscape Pattern Language project to the elected members, outlining its aims to identify and preserve Carterton's unique landscape identity through research and community engagement.
- **Research Methodology and Community Engagement:** Bruno Marquez and Jacqueline detailed the research approach, which includes landscape and ecological surveys, historical research, and extensive community consultation.
- **Application of Findings to Carterton's Development:** The project aims to provide Carterton with actionable design guidelines and strategies to maintain its unique identity in both residential and commercial areas, with examples discussed for infill housing, subdivision design, and integration with ongoing projects like park upgrades.
- **Next Steps and Council Commitments:** The council agreed to proceed with the project, with Glenda Seville and Solitaire Robertson identified as primary contacts.

Next steps

- **Project Approval and Initiation:** CDC to sign and return the Memorandum of Understanding to enable the project to officially commence.
- **Iwi Engagement:** Provide contact details or nominate representatives for Iwi engagement to facilitate initial discussions with mana whenua.
- **Council Input on Place Identity:** CDC staff to provide advice to VUW on the qualities of Carterton that must not be lost, and what the biggest pressures facing Carterton are.