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## GENERAL NEWS

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### Upper Hutt votes to continue collaboration on regional water services

Upper Hutt councillors gave their full support for working with other councils in the region on joint water services planning and delivery at yesterday's council meeting.

In December 2023, the Government announced a new direction for water services policy and legislation with Local Water Done Well.

Local Water Done Well recognises the importance of local decision making and flexibility for communities and councils to determine how water services will be delivered, while meeting economic, environmental and water quality regulatory requirements.

As part of this process and the new legislation, all councils must develop comprehensive water service delivery plans to be submitted for Government approval by September 2025.

Two important requirements of the legislation are that plans be financially sustainable and meet all regulatory compliance requirements for water services. A third bill is expected to be released in December 2024 setting out further legislative details.

Nine councils in the Wellington region, along with Horowhenua District Council, have been working together since March 2024 to respond to the new Local Water Done Well policy.

The group received a report in early October recommending a regional approach for a new joint council owned company.

The company could have a similar structure to a council-controlled organisation (CCO) and would also have access to significantly higher levels of debt funding than councils can currently access.

Mayor Wayne Guppy says yesterday's decision was the first step in continuing to work together with other councils in the region.

"We know the costs for future water services are likely to be significant, but we must get this right to overcome water infrastructure issues," he says.

"The aim is to develop a water service delivery plan that is workable, financially sustainable, and meets the needs of communities and the environment."



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The details of the proposed water service delivery model and options available to meet the Government requirements will be put to the community with a consultation planned for early 2025.

Mayor Guppy says the community and mana whenua will be asked for their views and their voices will be considered in the process.

“Councils working together, and with mana whenua, is likely the best way forward. By pooling our resources and tackling these issues together we can secure the future of our water infrastructure for generations to come,” he says.

“There is a lot of work still to do to develop the plan and collectively prepare to potentially establish a new water organisation.

“Significant investment is needed in our water infrastructure over the coming decades to make sure councils can enable growth, provide safe drinking water and be resilient to emergency and weather-related events.”

More information about Local Water Done Well is available on our website: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/Home/Tabs/Council/Your-Council/Plans-policies-bylaws-and-reports/Local-Water-Done-Well-Reform>

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

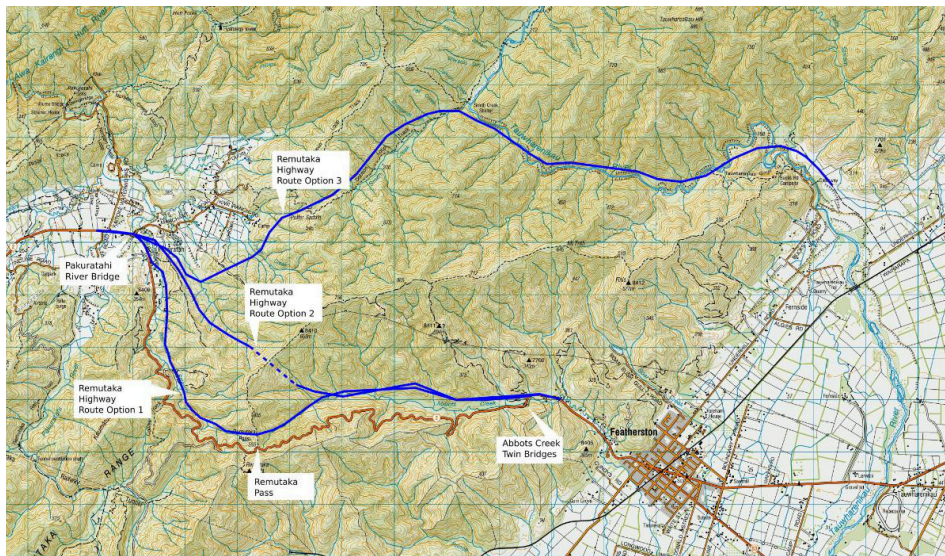
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## Remutaka Road Action Group calling for new toll road through Remutaka range

The Wairarapa group Remutaka Road Action Group (RRAG) has launched a campaign for a toll road to be built through the Remutaka ranges.

The main point for a new road being built is Wairarapa’s resilience. The Remutaka Hill Road is Wairarapa’s only direct link with Wellington, and it is one of the most dangerous roads in the country when it comes to accidents. There have been 382 crashes between 2014 and 2023, five were fatal. It’s also subject to frequent maintenance and repairs. When it comes to economic resilience, if a slip or natural disaster closed the road for 12 months, it has been estimated (very conservatively) that Wairarapa would lose \$300 million dollars of GDP.

As well as lobbying for the road to be recognised as one of national significance, they’ve identified three alternative routes either over, through, or around the Remutaka summit. The three routes can be seen on the map below.



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## Opinions

When it comes to opinions on the road proposals, Upper Hutt mayor Wayne Guppy has given his support, as has Bruce McCallum, chairperson of Booth Logistics – a Christchurch firm that has branches in Wellington, Lower Hutt, and Masterton.

Local list MP, Kieran McNulty is “100% behind” getting the road recognised as a vital link, and commends RRAG’s call for a review into its long-term sustainability.

National MP for the region, Mike Butterick is open to “all options for a safe and reliable network which allows the people and freight to get to and from the Wairarapa”.

Local Green Party list MP Celia Wade-Brown would prefer the money be spent on improvements to State Highway 2 instead of on a new road, in respect of the environmental impacts.

*Source: The Post*

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## Upper Hutt’s Emergency Operations Centre Ready to Respond

Upper Hutt’s Emergency Operations Centre was activated last Thursday morning to respond to a region-wide emergency exercise, simulating a magnitude 8.2 earthquake along the Alpine Fault.

The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) located in the city centre’s Central Library became a central hub for coordinating information, managing resources, and leading emergency management efforts to support our community.

Council staff stepped into roles to assess and understand Upper Hutt’s needs and practice real-time communications and coordination with all other EOCs in the Wellington region.

The simulated exercise was supported by partners from Department of Corrections, Te Whatu Ora, New Zealand Defence Force, NZ Police, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, Wellington Region Emergency Management Office, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Upper Hutt Community Rescue, and Ministry of Primary Industries

It highlighted the importance of rapid impact assessments and effective communication with the public.

It also reinforced how crucial the Maidstone Sports Hub could be as an Emergency Assistance Centre if needed.

Under the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Act, councils have a legal responsibility to prepare for and manage emergency responses for their communities.

Councils play a unique role, with local knowledge and networks essential for effective decisions across all phases of emergency management: reduction, readiness, response, and recovery.

Regular exercises like this mean that our EOC team—both Council staff and external partners—remains ready to step up when an emergency arises.

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

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## Weaving the Harakeke hui – 18th of November / 2nd of December / 16th of December: 6.00 pm

**Purpose:** To korero as a community with representatives from Council kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) in a safe, collaborative space empowering actions leading to improved outcomes.

Upcoming hui’s are to be held on the 18th of December, 2nd of December, and the 16th of December – at 6pm in the tui Room at Orongomai Marae. We are running every fortnight and planning a daytime hui.

RSVP to determine room size. Agenda items to [nzempowered@gmail.com](mailto:nzempowered@gmail.com) by Thursday the week prior to hui.

Heather sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.



## Kaitoke pipe bridge officially opened

Although it has been open to the public as part of the Kaitoke Swingbridge Track for about a couple of weeks, the Kaitoke pipe bridge was officially opened earlier this week by regional councilor, Ros Connelly.

Source: *The Post*

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS - To view all current, coming, and regular community events, please visit: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/community-events/>**



**UPPER HUTT  
CITY OF SONG**

**Carols in Harcourt Park**  
14th December 2024  
5.30pm  
Food and Drink Vendors Onsite

- Santa Claus
- Schools
- Choir
- Bands
- and more



Featuring as M.C & Entertainer  
'Frankie Stevens'

Contributor: Rose



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Delorean? Check. Time-travel capabilities? Check. Mr-Fusion to power time circuits? Check. Gasoline to get there? Check. Gasoline to get back to 2024?... Not even a steam locomotive to push the Delorean up to 88 miles per hour?... whoops.

Save yourself the crisis of being stuck in the 1st century BC/AD, and just come to Heretaunga Community Church's "The Christmas Story" event next month instead. Experience what Bethlehem would've been like on that night when Jesus' was born. Meet Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus, see the stable animals, along with a choir of angels. Visit a leather worker, baker, weaver, explore a fishing boat on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and discover the true meaning of Christmas.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Fri/Sat: 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm / Sun 10:00 am - 12.00 pm

*The Upper Hutt Connection / Heretaunga Community Church*



## St. Hilda's Patronal Festival: Sunday 17th of November, 9.30 am

Come and help us celebrate. Anyone in the community with a connection to St. Hilda's, especially children and their families: are invited to join us for the service followed by cake and coffee. Photos on display. Church and hall will be open.

35 Cruickshank Road, Upper Hutt

Contributor: Sue

**Teina is in her hour of need with her cancer treatments – Can you help?: Fundraising Quiz Night next Saturday 16th of November at Upper Hutt Cossie Club, 6.00 pm**

Teina is a much-loved family member, wife and mum to two young beautiful children, colleague, teacher and friend to many. Early this year, Teina was diagnosed with a dermoid cyst. During surgery it was discovered it had turned into squamous cell carcinoma, a rare and very aggressive cancer. Teina underwent chemotherapy, however the cancer has doubled in size during her treatment. Surgery is not an option as it is now too attached to her bowels, bladder and other spots have appeared.

The last remaining treatment is immunotherapy. Immunotherapy for this cancer type is unfunded and not covered by medical insurance. The drug, Keytruda costs \$10,000 per treatment. The total cost of initial therapy will be approximately \$100,000.

Her compassion and generosity to others over the years highlight the amazing person she is. Teina, her husband Jayden and the children need your support. Every donation counts, no matter how big or small, and will be gratefully received.

Update: Teina's Doctor wrote to PHARMAC for a special exemption and they will fund four rounds. This is not something they normally do.

We have started a Givealittle.co.nz page.  
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-needed-to-fund-teinas-treatment>

Her amazing colleagues are organizing a quiz night fundraiser but have low numbers at this point.

*A "thank you" to Kat for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.*

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**Back to the 90's with Teina's**

**SPICE**

**up Quiz Night**

**HELP TEINA KICK CANCER'S BUTT**

**Saturday 16th November 2024 @ 6 pm**

Tickets available from the St Joseph's School office between the hours of 8:30 - 9:30 & 2:30 - 3:30 OR email [kylie@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:kylie@stjosephsuh.school.nz)

**Cossie Club Upper Hutt,**  
11 Logan Street Ebdentown

**\$10 per person with a maximum of 10 people per table**

**Great prizes, raffles, games and auctions**

**Hosted by Racing commentator Tony Lee**

Food and drink available for purchase with light nibbles supplied

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE NIGHT GO DIRECTLY TO HELPING TEINA FUND HER LIFE SAVING TREATMENT**

**Playgroup at St. Hilda's: Wednesday mornings during term time, 9.30 am – 11.00 am**

Location: St. Hilda's Anglican Church, 35 Cruickshank Road, Clouston Park

Wednesday mornings during term time. Final day for 2024, 11th of December.

Ages from babies to school age are welcome, depending on the circumstances.

*A "thank you" to Jocelyn for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.*

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## **Gardening 101 Workshop: Tuesday 19th of November, 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm**

**Location:** Upper Hutt Library

Join us for our upcoming workshop in collaboration with some of the good people involved in our local community gardens.

On this short course we'll help you learn about your own garden, and your soil, what will grow well and how to make a garden bed simply with what is around you.

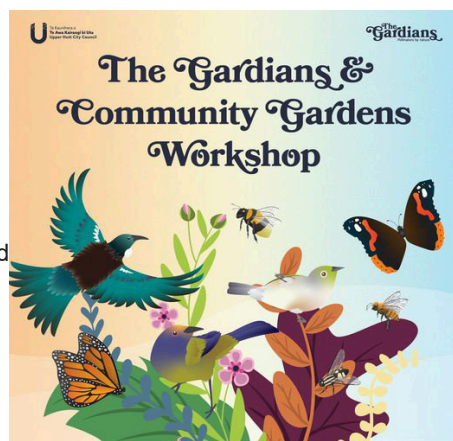
We will show you how to plant seeds, take cuttings and feed your plants to look after them through the summer months. We will show you what you can grow in pots including herbs.

It is easier than you think!

All you have to do is turn up and maybe bring a friend or two!

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

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## **County Lane Fair @ Brewtown: Saturday 23rd of November, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm**

We can't wait to see you on Saturday 23 November at the County Lane Fair – the Hutt Valley's premiere festive shopping event!

The County Lane Fair is a fantastic family outing and shopping experience – with heaps of quality craft, art, artisan food, home decor stalls, food trucks and family-friendly activities.

See you between between 9am – 2pm on Saturday 23 November, at Brewtown, Upper Hutt.

*Source: Brewtown Upper Hutt*

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Brewtown / Silverstream Lions Club

**RECIPES** - To send a recipe go to <http://uhconnection.co.nz/send-a-recipe/>



## Curried cauliflower and eggs

Original recipe: Alison Holst

Serves 4

### Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 1 medium-sized onion, sliced
- 2 medium-sized potatoes (200g)
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 tsp garlic, crushed
- 1 tsp root ginger, crushed (or 1/2 tsp ground ginger)
- 1 tbsp curry powder
- 4 cloves
- 1/2 tsp ground cardamom
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 3/4 cup coconut cream
- 250g cauliflower
- 1/2 cup frozen peas
- 1/2 tsp salt

### Method

1. Put the eggs in a small pot, cover with cold water, and bring to the boil. (Adding a little vinegar can help prevent cracking)
2. Slice the onions and cut the potatoes into 1 cm cubes. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, then add the onion, potatoes, garlic and ginger. Cook without browning, for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, then add the curry powder, cardamom and cloves (if using). Continue to cook, stirring frequently, for 1 minute longer, then add the tomatoes.
3. Cover the mixture and simmer gently until the potatoes are tender, about 5-10 minutes. Drain the eggs, and pour cold water on them to cool them down.
4. Add the coconut cream and cauliflower and simmer uncovered for another 5 minutes, or until the cauliflower is tender.
5. Stir in the peas and salt, and cook for 1-2 minutes longer before adding the quartered or roughly chopped hard-boiled eggs.

Serve with rice.



## Jelly Tip Slice

### Ingredients:

#### Base:

- 100g butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp cocoa
- raspberry jam (other berry jam can be used if you don't have raspberry).

#### Topping:

- 100g butter
- 100g icing sugar
- 1 tsp gelatin
- 3 tbsp hot water

#### Chocolate Icing:

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 tsp butter
- 1/2 tsp vanilla essence
- boiling water

### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Cream the butter and sugar, then mix in the egg and the other ingredients.
3. Spread into a sponge-roll tin, and bake for 25 minutes.
4. While still hot, spread with raspberry jam.
5. Leave to cool.

#### Topping:

1. Cream butter and icing sugar. Dissolve the gelatin in hot water and add to the mixture. Using an electric beater, beat until thick and creamy.
2. Pour onto base, spreading if needed, and place in fridge to set.

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## Icing:

1. Once the topping is fully set, ice with chocolate icing.
2. Mix all the icing sugar, cocoa, butter, and vanilla essence with a very small amount of boiling water. Only add about half a teaspoon at a time, then beat. Repeat the process until the icing has reached the consistency desired.
3. Note that the icing never sets hard.

*This article was provided by Ben Knowles – Editor / Operator @ The Upper Hutt Connection.*

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**WORSHIP SERVICES** - To promote your place of worship: <http://uhconnection.co.nz/promote-your-church-or-place-of-worship/>

## Heretaunga Community Church

*Live for Jesus, Share his Love*

Our Sunday morning service is at 10am and everyone is welcome.

We would love you to stay afterwards for fellowship over morning tea.

Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

Services are live-streamed on YouTube: Heretaunga Christian Centre

Address: 51 Lane St, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt 5018, New Zealand

Email: [admin@heretaunga.com](mailto:admin@heretaunga.com)

Website: <https://www.heretaunga.com>



Heretaunga Community Church



St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream

## St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream

**You will find us at:** 4-6 Dunns St, Silverstream, Upper Hutt

**The Minister:** The minister at St Margaret's is Rev Rodney Ramsay. Rodney is on-site most days from Tuesday to Friday and anyone is welcome to drop in for a chat over a cup of coffee/tea.

If you have any need to contact Rodney he can be reached at the office number 5279604, on his mobile 0211259835 or via email at [rodneymarsh62@gmail.com](mailto:rodneymarsh62@gmail.com)

**Worship services:** Our worship services take place on Sundays at 10.00am.

The First Sunday of each month is a Communion Service and the second Sunday is a Family Service.

Our services are fairly traditional, and we have a very warm and welcoming congregation. All are welcome.

Our services are live streamed on Zoom. If you wish to receive the link, please text Lynley McInnarnay at 027 278 0010 or send an email to [mcinnarneys@gmail.com](mailto:mcinnarneys@gmail.com)

We offer children's church for primary school age that happens during the main church service.

St Margaret's runs a teenage youth group on Friday night in the church hall and lounge. Youth group runs from 6.30pm to around 8.00pm.

**Other contact details:** The Lay leader (Session Clerk) at St Margaret's is Chris Rosanowski and he can be contacted at [rosanowskic@gmail.com](mailto:rosanowskic@gmail.com)

Please visit our website for further information including the hire of our facilities.

<https://stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz>



## ENTERTAINMENT

### What's new at Monterey Cinemas? Week starting 14/11/2024

#### Gladiator 2

**Running time:** 150 minutes

**Rated:** M (Bloody violence, animal cruelty & content that may disturb)

From legendary director Ridley Scott, *Gladiator II* continues the epic saga of power, intrigue, and vengeance set in Ancient Rome. Years after witnessing the death of the revered hero Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius (Paul Mescal) is forced to enter the Colosseum after his home is conquered by the tyrannical Emperors who now lead Rome with an iron fist. With rage in his heart and the future of the Empire at stake, Lucius must look to his past to find strength and honor to return the glory of Rome to its people.

**Book Here:** <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/gladiator-2>

**View trailer at IMDB.com:** [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9218128/videooplayer/vi3814376985/?ref=nm\\_sr\\_srsq\\_2\\_tt\\_5\\_nm\\_2\\_in\\_0\\_q\\_Gladi](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9218128/videooplayer/vi3814376985/?ref=nm_sr_srsq_2_tt_5_nm_2_in_0_q_Gladi)



Gladiator 2

Check out the other films coming out this week at: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/coming-soon>

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