

THE UPPER HUTT CONNECTION



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GENERAL NEWS



Google Maps - Martin Noakes

Body of Terrence Jameson found in waters at Eastbourne – Police seeking information

Attributable to Detective Senior Sergeant Hamish Blackburn:

Police can now confirm the identity of the man whose body was recovered from the water in Eastbourne yesterday.

A formal identification process has now been completed, and has determined it is the body of missing man Terrence Jameson.

The circumstances of Terrence's death remain unexplained, and as part of our ongoing inquiries Police are still seeking information from the public.

Terrence was last seen on a track behind Harcourt Park in Upper Hutt on Friday 25 October, and Police are asking anyone who may have seen Terrence that day to come forward.

He had his electric one-wheel scooter with him, however could have been carrying it, which would give the appearance of him carrying a black box.

Terrence may also have been wearing, or carrying, distinctive red basketball boots.

Anyone who may have information which could help Police piece together what happened is asked to please get in touch via 105 and quote file number 241025/6976.

Source: *New Zealand Police*

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Website: uhconnection.co.nz

Facebook: The Upper Hutt Connection

Contact the editor at: editor@uhconnection.co.nz



Google Maps

Serious two-car crash in Kaitoke

The crash happened around 5.00 am. State Highway 2 has been closed in the short distance between Gilbert Road and Waterworks Road.

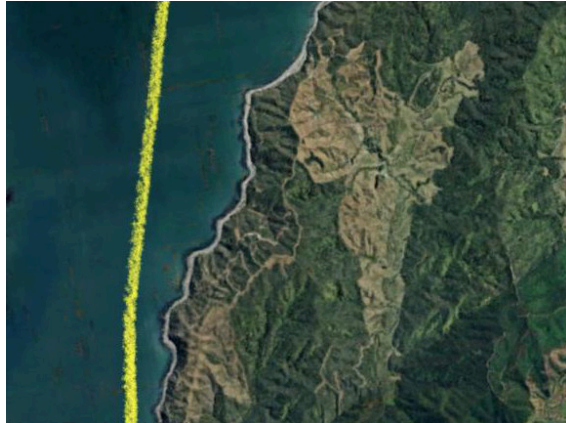
It's expected to be closed for several hours while the crash is cleared, and a police serious crash unit investigation is carried out.

Source: *RNZ (Radio New Zealand)*

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New Zealand Police

Rāhui placed near Eastbourne coast following the recovery of the body of Terrence Jameson

A rāhui has been placed near Eastbourne, Lower Hutt, after the recovery of Terrence Jameson's body from the water on Monday.

Yesterday evening Te Āti Awa representative Kura Moeahu (Chairman of Waiwhetū Marae and Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa) performed karakia where Mr Terrence Jameson was located the previous day at Point Arthur.

The rāhui has been laid down which takes effect immediately from Lion's Rock heading out to Mākaro (Ward Island) then diagonally south towards the point closest to Lake Kōhangapiripiri.

Out of respect for Mr Jameson's whānau, Te Āti Awa iwi asks that kaimoana not be taken and recreational activities not take place in this area until the rāhui is lifted on Saturday 2 November at 7am.

Source: New Zealand Police

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QUIZ

Sorry, no quiz this week. If anyone feels like submitting a quiz along with answers, please email it to editor@uhconnection.co.nz - I'll always welcome them.



Source: Upper Hutt City Council >



Upper Hutt City Council

Upper Hutt City Council positively addressing credit rating change

The recent decision by S&P Global to downgrade Upper Hutt City Council from 'A+' credit rating to 'A' was not a surprise to the council. In Feb 2024, and the previous S&P report indicated that the council was on 'negative watch'.

S&P have now indicated that UHCC's outlook has moved from 'negative watch' to 'stable'. This is pleasing and a direct reflection of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 financial strategy.

Chief Executive Geoff Swainson says that during the recent Long Term Plan process Council set out its financial position and a number of issues impacting this. The financial strategy and subsequent decisions and changes in the Long Term Plan 2024 -2034 were made to address these financial constraints and work towards a balanced budget.

As a result, S&P also noted that UHCC's robust liquidity and wealthy economy in a global context continue to support its credit quality. It says "the stable outlook reflects our view that as Upper Hutt's capex tails off and the council implements above average increases in property rates, its cash deficits should narrow and debt stabilise in the last two years of our forecast horizon".

"Like many councils Long Term Plan involved some very challenging and difficult decisions. Ultimately Council made decisions that, despite being unpopular, were necessary to address our financial position, maintain core levels of service and deliver on our capital plan. The new operating environment brought with it a reorganisation of the council operations and structure to achieve further savings, including a reduction of 24 staff positions," says Swainson.

"As we signalled in the plan, it will take time for our financial position to reset and the resulting financial improvements to take effect. This new financial strategy is currently reflected in this latest credit rating moving to a stable position, from the previous negative watch."



Greater Wellington Regional Council

Birchville Dam track to be closed until early December for construction of new stairs.

Birchville Dam is closing for construction beginning Monday 4 November so the team can construct new stairs. There will be no access to the dam during this time.

We expect the work to be completed throughout November and re-opened in time for summer (early December 2024).

We've highlighted the closure on the attached map and included a couple of photos to help jog the memory of the dam.

A "Thank You" to Julie for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection / Source: Greater Wellington Regional Council.

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Staglands Wildlife Reserve and Café

Catherine Andrew the winner of Staglands Photo Competition.

Congratulations to our latest Photo Competition winner Catherine Andrew, who captured this sweet pic of lucky visitor, Mark receiving a very special pamper from some of our Toetoe Aviary resident groomers...

If you have taken any awesome photos whilst here, why not enter them in our competition which will be judged again in January. Simply email your photo to wildlife@staglands.co.nz together with the name and contact details of the photographer and name(s) of anyone featured

Winners receive a Staglander family pass valued at \$220 to enjoy unlimited visits for a year!

Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Café sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Great turnout for St. Margaret's annual fair

A huge thank you to our amazing community for all your support with our annual fair! What an awesome day! Thank you for your donations, your smiling faces, your offers of help and for coming and making it such a great day. For those that were wondering, we try hard to have as little waste as possible with only rubbish being tipped. Everything else is donated to other charities and groups or recycled. Thank you again, we hope you enjoyed some delicious treats and picked up some great bargains! See you next time.

The annual St. Margaret's fair is held the Saturday after Labour Weekend.

St. Margaret's Church Silverstream sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS - AGENDAS AND MINUTES

Ordinary Council: 30th October, 2024

The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the Annual Report 2023- 2024 and discuss updates to the Delegations Register.

Council Agenda – 30 October 2024

<https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2024/cycle-6/council-agenda-20241030.pdf>

Supplementary Agenda | Item 4 (Attachment 1 and 2) and Item 5

<https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2024/cycle-6/supplementary-agenda-paper-council-agenda-20241030.pdf>

To be tabled – Wellington Water DRAFT Annual Report for the year ended

https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2024/cycle-6/taled-item-4.3-attachment-3-draft-annual-report-fy24_1.pdf

Council Minutes – 30 October 2024

<https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2024/cycle-6/council-minutes-with-attachments-20241030.pdf>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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SPORTS

Upper Hutt Petanque celebrates 30th anniversary

UHPC Celebrates 30th Anniversary. On Sunday 27th October UHPC marked its 30th anniversary with an afternoon tea, following an earlier start to Club day. Founding member, Brian Smith, was on-hand to cut the celebratory cake. The first Club Captain was Graeme Millard, Secretary/Treasurer Brian Smith, Tournament Coordinator Linda Millard, with Marie Knight, Don Pettit and Gerrard Pinquet completing the first committee. The Club membership is strong, but we welcome new members to enjoy this great sport, whether for social or competitive play. Come along on any Club Day and try it for yourself.

Source: Upper Hutt Petanque

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Upper Hutt Petanque

COMMUNITY COMMENTARY (OPINION) - Send your opinions by filling out the form at <https://uhconnection.co.nz/post-your-opinion-community-commentary/>

The right to vote

The Upper Hutt City council voted not to provide the opportunity for electors to vote in the 2025 local body elections for a Māori ward which will give Māori representation on council as of right. The decision was made as Upper Hutt does not at this time have a Māori ward although there had been the intention by council to include one. This was before central government changed the process and made it mandatory that a vote to establish a Māori ward on council would be required by all councils that already had one in the coming local body election. Upper Hutt does not have to have this decided by electors as the council has already decided for us not to give us the chance to vote on establishing a Māori ward, this is undemocratic and plays into the growing interference of central government into local body affairs.



Electoral Commission – Te Kaitiaki
Take Kōwhiri – <https://vote.nz>

A Māori ward will not only benefit Māori in Upper Hutt, but all citizens will enjoy the benefit of a Māori oversight of things that affect Upper Hutt especially environmental protection of our natural taonga. A petition to require council to give the electors in Upper Hutt's local body election has been started it can be found and signed online or there will be paper copies available in the community soon. If you want to help with distribution of this petition please contact Teresa Homan tshoman@kinect.co.nz or phone 0223127259. Please find a petition and sign it.

https://www.petitions.nz/that_the_upper_hutt_upper_hutt_city_hold_a_referendum_in_2025_local_body_to_establish_a_mori_ward

A "Thank You" to Teresa for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS - [View all community events on The Upper Hutt Connection](#)



Summerset at the Course Village Fair

Come along to our Village Fair where we will showcase lots of wonderful talent in our community to raise money for the Wellington Free Ambulance and Te Omanga Hospice.

We'll have fabulous artwork, knitted crafts, plants and book stalls, to delicious home-made treats and pre-loved treasures, there's something for everyone.

It is a perfect opportunity to purchase some unique gifts for your family and friends to enjoy.

Whilst you're here, why not grab a freshly brewed barista coffee or a bite to eat at our Divine Café.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Summerset at the Course
04 527 2980 | summerset.co.nz/trentham

Village Fair
Saturday 9 November
9am - 1pm
Summerset at the Course
20 Racecourse Road,
Trentham, Upper Hutt

Summerset
RETIREMENT VILLAGES

Summerset at the Course Village Fair: Saturday 9th of November, 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Artwork, knitted crafts, plants, books, home baking, and pre-loved treasures.

Coffee and food are available at Divine Café.

Funds being raised for Wellington Free Ambulance and Te Omanga Hospice.

Summerset at the Course: 20 Racecourse Road, Trentham, Upper Hutt.

Toy Collectors Fair: Sunday 10th of November, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

Location: St. Brendan's School Hall – 56 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga, Upper Hutt

Buy / Sell / Swap

Including railways, tinplate toys, figures, literature, cards, vehicles and much more. Admission Free.

RECIPES

Deluxe Jaffa Slice

Inspiration for this one came from the British biscuits, Jaffa Cakes. The sweetness in the base can be reduced by using plain sugar instead of caster sugar.

Ingredients:

Base:

- 100g butter
- 1/8 cup caster sugar (I know that 1/8 cup measures don't exist, just do half a 1/4 cup)
- 1 cup flour

Filling:

- 100g butter
- 1/2 a 400g can sweetened condensed milk
- pack of orange jelly crystals

Icing:

- 200g milk or dark chocolate
- 50g butter

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 170°C
2. Cream butter and caster sugar, then sift in the flour and stir to combine. Then knead to ensure all ingredients are properly mixed.
3. Press mixture into a greased slice tin. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes.
4. While the base is cooling, combine the butter and condensed milk in a small saucepan and heat over a low heat until the butter has melted, stirring often.
5. Add the orange jelly crystals and stir into the mixture. Spread the mixture over the cooked base.
6. Return the slice to the oven and cook for 10 minutes to set the filling.
7. Put the slice on a wire rack to cool.
8. Place the chocolate in a microwave-safe jug or container and heat gently on low power, do it in about 20 second bursts, stirring in between each burst. Microwaved chocolate holds its shape until it's stirred.
8. Add the 50g butter to the chocolate, the heat of melted chocolate will melt the butter as you stir it in. If it needs it, perform another 20 second burst on low power, to help the butter melt in.
9. Spread the chocolate over the baked jelly layer.
10. Wait for the chocolate to harden and then cut into squares.



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Chicken with Orange

Original Recipe: Edmonds

The amount of chicken isn't stated. Allow about 1 drumstick per person, plus one extra.

Ingredients:

- Pre-cooked chicken (I use drumsticks which I've boiled, and then taken the meat off)
- 50g butter
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 2-4 stalks of celery, sliced
- Juice of 2 oranges
- Rind of 2 oranges
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 tbsp cornflour
- 2 tbsp white vinegar

Method:

1. Melt the butter in a large frying pan, and then fry up the onions and celery.
2. Add the chicken stock, orange juice, orange rind, cinnamon, and ginger, and stir to combine.
3. Add the chicken and simmer for 20 minutes.
4. Combine the cornflour and white vinegar in a mug, and then pour into the chicken mixture. Stir it in until the sauce thickens.

Serve with rice.



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Send an article to The Upper Hutt Connection:

I'm always receptive of community content in The Upper Hutt Connection. If you have anything you'd like shared on The Upper Hutt Connection, then please fill out the appropriate form at the link below. :)

Cheers, Ben Knowles - Editor / Operator @ The Upper Hutt Connection.

<https://uhconnection.co.nz/send-an-article-to-the-upper-hutt-connection/>

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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



Heretaunga Community Church

St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church – Silverstream

We seek to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Community

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 rodneyramsay62@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 McInnarney at 027 278 0010 or send an email to 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

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 07/11/2024

RED ONE

Running time: 123 minutes

Rated: PG (Violence & coarse language)

After Santa Claus – Code Name: RED ONE – is kidnapped, the North Pole's Head of Security (Dwayne Johnson) must team up with the world's most infamous bounty hunter (Chris Evans) in a globe-trotting, action-packed mission to save Christmas.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/red-one>

[View trailer at IMDB.com](#)

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St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream



SATURDAY NIGHT

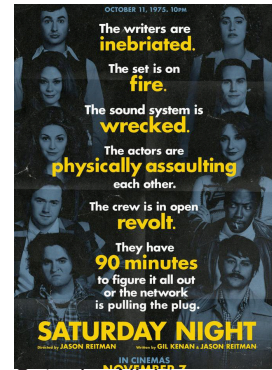
Running time: 109 minutes

Rated: M (Offensive language, nudity, drug use & sexual references)

At 11:30pm on October 11th, 1975, a ferocious troupe of young comedians and writers changed television forever. Find out what happened behind the scenes in the 90 minutes leading up to the first broadcast of Saturday Night Live.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/saturday-night>

View trailer at IMDB.com https://www.imdb.com/title/tt27657135/videooplayer/vi7128601/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_Saturday%2520Night



Saturday Night

Veer-Zaara

Running time: 197 minutes

Rated: PG (Sexual references)

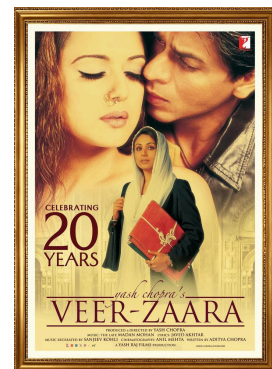
Squadron Leader Veer Pratap Singh (Shah Rukh Khan) is a rescue pilot with the Indian Air Force. In the line of duty he comes across a stranded Zaara (Preity Zinta) – a girl from Pakistan who has come to India to fulfill her surrogate mother's dying wish. Veer saves her life and his life is never the same again. Twenty two years later Saamia Siddiqui (Rani Mukerji), a Pakistani human rights lawyer on her first case, finds herself face to face with an ageing Veer Pratap Singh. He has languished in a Pakistan jail cell for 22 years and has not spoken to anyone all these years. And no one knows why. Her mission is to discover the truth about Veer and see to it that justice is served. VEER-ZAARA is a saga of love, separation, courage and sacrifice. A love that is divine, a love that is whole-hearted, a love that is completely consuming, a love that grows with separation and deepens with sacrifice. A love that is an inspiration – and will remain a legend forever.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/veer-zaara>

View trailer at IMDB.com https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0420332/videooplayer/vi3209279257/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_2_nm_1_in_0_q_Veer-Zaara

Source: Monterey Cinemas Upper Hutt

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Veer-Zaara