

THE UPPER HUTT CONNECTION



A LOCAL NEWSPAPER - FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE COMMUNITY

GENERAL NEWS

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Millward Auto Electricians close after 50 years

James Posthuma is retiring, and Millward Auto Electricians is too when he closes the business today.

He started as an apprentice in the 1970's, then as an auto electrician, and then finally as its owner. In the late 1990's, James bought the business and out of respect for the original owner and his employer, Ian Millward, he kept the business name – Something which Millward's daughter, Sue Wylie, and her family appreciated.

Ian Millward was extremely intelligent, Sue Wylie and James Posthuma said – making a number of tools around the chop that are still used today. His mindset was to make everything himself, even when he could have just gone out and bought something.

James Posthuma plans to take home all his tools, including the ones made by Ian Millward, and possibly rent out the space.

Source: *New Zealand Herald*

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David Unwin – *New Zealand Herald*

Vonz Kaukau baking rēwana bread for Martin Street food bank

Local baker, Vonz Kaukau, who runs a rēwana bread business is now baking loaves for the Martin Street foodbank. He says that being able to contribute in this way means a great deal to him as he knows personally what it's like to struggle.

Local resident Anna McMartin offered her assistance after seeing the news about Vonz earlier this month, where he bakes the bread from home and then sells it from Kokiri marae in Seaview, Lower Hutt. Anna buys Vonz's bread and then transports it up to the foodbank in Upper Hutt. She put up a post on Facebook seeing if anyone wanted to help support the idea and in the first day she'd received about \$1000 which in turn would go to supporting the foodbank for weeks, if not months.

Source: *Radio New Zealand*

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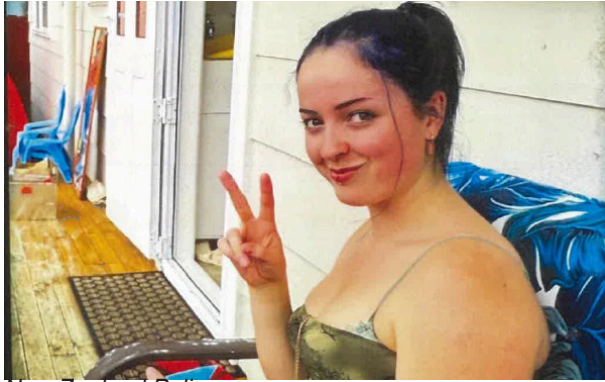
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New Zealand Police

Residents of Totara Park are asked to check their CCTV footage in attempt to find missing person, Maia Johnston

Upper Hutt residents who live in the Totara Park area who have CCTV cameras are asked to check for any sightings of missing woman Maia Johnston. She has no phone, no wallet, nothing. Just the black jeans shorts, green shoestring singlet and a black t-shirt she was carrying. Wearing Converse shoes.

The 19-year-old was last seen leaving a family home in Totara Park at around 8.30pm yesterday (Saturday 21 December).

Police are keen for anyone with CCTV cameras to check for sightings of Maia between 8pm and 9pm on Saturday.

If you have any information that could help our enquiries, please update us online now or call 105. Please use the reference number 241222/0237.

Source: New Zealand Police / RNZ (Radio New Zealand)

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Residents of Harcourt Park and Brown Owl area asked to keep an eye out for Maia Johnston

Residents of Harcourt Park and Brown Owl have been asked to keep an eye out for missing teen Maia Johnston, as well as those in Tōtara Park.

She went missing on Saturday night walking while intoxicated. A large search has been undertaken of Tōtara Park and the banks of the Hutt River, as well as the hills up behind Tōtara Park leading to Cannon Point. If you do see Maia or have seen her on your CCTV footage, then please contact the police, either online or call 105, using the reference number 241222/0237.

Source: New Zealand Herald

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NZCIS evacuated due to message containing bomb threat

New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport (NZCIS) has been evacuated due to a message containing a bomb threat. Police say that they do not believe there was any immediate safety risk but they do take these threats seriously.

Enquiries remain ongoing into the source of the message.

The Wellington Phoenix and The Hurricanes were training at the facility at the time of the message and have made arrangements to continue training elsewhere.

Source: RNZ (Radio New Zealand)

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Bogus bomb threat at NZCIS

After police had swept the area, they confirmed that they found no items of this nature on the premises.

The Farmyard Preschool which is also on the premises was also affected by the lock-down. The staff and children are well versed in them, as they undertake a lock-down drill each term.

Source: New Zealand Herald

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Good news regarding Maia:

A police search and rescue team has found Maia injured, but alive, up on the Cannon Point track behind Tōtara Park. She has a broken leg and some ribs, but other than that, she is well.

She is being airlifted to Wellington Hospital.

Source: Radio New Zealand

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Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe

“Hello Darling” – Pepper the Cockatoo beats Christopher Luxon when it comes to Massey University’s Quote of the Year

Congratulations to Pepper the Cockatoo at Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe, who has won Massey University’s Quote of the Year competition for 2024 with her “Hello Darling”. Prime Minister Christopher Luxon coming second place for his response during a radio interview “Let me be clear: I’m wealthy, I’m – you know – sorted.”

Pepper was stolen from Staglands last month and was back home a week later, after being handed into the Porirua police station.

Christopher Luxon congratulated Pepper on winning the competition saying “I warmly congratulate Pepper the cockatoo on her win”.

“Her story just strengthens my resolve to restore law and order in this country.”

Massey University’s Quote of the Year competition has been running for the past 14 years. This is the first time that it has been won by an animal.

Source: 1news

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Wellington Water

An update regarding the water pipe renewals on Chatsworth Road

We’re well underway with the renewals of the drinking water pipes in Chatsworth Road, Upper Hutt

These pipes have a history of leaks and bursts, so they were prioritised for renewal – instead of fixing individual leaks.

Pipe renewals like this will reduce the risk of leaks in the future and any disruptions that come with that!

To reduce the impact on residents and increase available parking, the contractors will wrap up on site for Christmas on 20 December and restart works on 13 January.

- Some limited parking will be available outside number 11 Chatsworth Road between 16 December 24 until 13 January 25.

- The contractor’s site container will remain on Gloucester Street over the period break. Everything else will be removed off site. The crews will also ensure the site is safe for the duration of the holiday break.

In the New Year, works will focus on completing detailed pipe connection to support property laterals around 11 Chatsworth Road which is expected to be completed by the end of February. This will be followed by the final stretch of work near 9 Chatsworth Road.

A huge thank you to impacted residents for their continued patience and cooperation as we carry out this important work.

Want to find out more about this project? Head to <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/chatsworth-road-water-pipe-renewals>

Source: Wellington Water

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CBD green space brightens up

The CBD Green Space on the corner of Fergusson Drive and Main Street has had it's summer glow-up.

Our hardworking Parks and Reserves team have brought vibrancy into the entrance of the space using the built and natural environment and connecting it with our Open Space Strategy.

The space applies a vibrant concept to an urbanised area which can be seen when people enter the CBD.

Some of its new features include...

- A picnic table made from recycled plastic materials.
- Grand planter pots in orange, lime and lavender.
- Olive trees which can help air purification and stress reduction.
- The famous and vibrant pink seat.

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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The last article of The Upper Hutt Connection for 2024: Thank you's, Acknowledgements, and Holiday Plans

Hi everyone, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a lovely New Year's break. If you don't celebrate Christmas, I hope you can enjoy a pleasant holiday period – and if you do have to work over the holidays, I do hope you can at least enjoy a lighter workload.

I'd like to thank all of you for supporting The Upper Hutt Connection. Whether it's sending in articles, giving me permission to post up your articles, being on the mailing list and receiving the Wednesday Edition each week, or just by visiting the site on a regular basis.

I'd like to acknowledge the following people and groups who have helped out a lot this past year. These are:

- Hellen Swales and Tracey Ultra at Upper Hutt City Council. They helped prompt me to create the new look of the Wednesday Edition. The original version of it was far too large, and they asked if I could make it a more manageable size.
- Affinity. Strange to credit a software company, I know, but they are the ones who develop the desktop publishing software I use – Thanks Affinity!
- Upper Hutt City Football, Upper Hutt Hockey Club, Upper Hutt Petanque, and the Upper Hutt Rams. I'm always glad to put up articles for you, you do help make the Sports section much more interesting. :)
- Upper Hutt Toy Library – Always happy to advertise your events, and thanks for keeping me in mind.
- Fabian, Heather Blissett, and everyone involved with Weaving the Harakeke, thanks for keeping me informed on the issues.
- Friends of Silverstream School and your centenary gala which you held earlier this year. I was very happy to be able to help.

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- And everyone else who is involved with The Upper Hutt Connection, no matter how big or small your part is, you are all appreciated.

Hopes for next year:

In 2025, I'll be contacting local businesses again asking if they'd like to advertise on The Upper Hutt Connection at very affordable prices. No contracts – as long as payment is made, the business will be advertised. If they opt out, it will be taken down.

I also hope that more of Upper Hutt will get involved with The Upper Hutt Connection. I've always found the most difficult thing is simply trying to encourage people to get involved, so if anyone has any suggestions of what I might be overlooking, please let me know. I value your suggestions. :)

My plans for the holidays, and my three week break:

After sending out the Christmas Eve Edition tomorrow morning, I'll consider myself done for the year. I'll then be attending the Christmas Eve service at Heretaunga Community Church (my church), in the evening, and then a relatively quiet evening watching The Muppet Christmas Carol. I plan on Christmas Day being a relatively simple affair.

For my three week break, I generally plan on it being filled with baking – I have a new recipe which I'd like to try out (does anyone remember "Sammies" from the 90's? They were kind of like a savoury biscuit with a cheese spread kind of filling – I'd like to see if I can make something like them myself)

I'll also be spending more time than usual with my "digital people" in The Sims. And also possibly making a trip down to Wellington, just for a change of scenery. No films this time round, nothing really appeals to me at the moment.

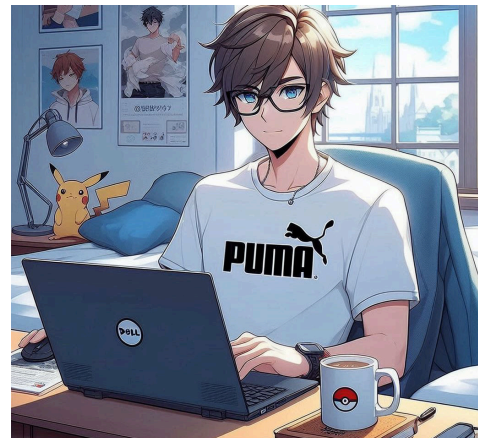
Anyway, that's me signing off for now. Keep an eye out for the first Wednesday Edition of 2025 on the 15th of January.

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

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The Sims 4 - Electronic Arts



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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

Ordinary Council: 11th of December 2024

Topics for discussion included:

- an update on the implementation of Local Water Done Well policy
- additional funding request for water supply and storm water activities
- Wallaceville Hill Road Closure application
- the proposed use of land adjacent to Maidstone Park
- roading requests
- the 2025 Council meeting schedule
- and the confirmation and adoption of Committee records and recommendations.

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Council Agenda – 11th December, 2024

<https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2024/cycle-7/council-agenda-20241211.pdf>

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<https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2024/cycle-7/finance-committee-meeting-minutes-20241204.pdf>

Council Minutes – 11th December, 2024

<https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2024/cycle-7/council-meeting-minutes-20241211.pdf>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The Salvation Army Upper Hutt
Christmas Eve Carol Service**



Tuesday 24th December 2024
6.30-7.30 pm
695 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, all welcome.
Followed by a hot drink for those who wish to stay.



Salvation Army Upper Hutt

**CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE**

24TH DECEMBER, 7-8PM
AT HERETAUNGA COMMUNITY CHURCH,
51 LANE STREET UPPER HUTT.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS &
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE,
FOLLOWED BY
TEA, COFFEE
& FELLOWSHIP



Heretaunga Community Church

Boxing Day Phoenix Metalman Demo Derby & A&K Plumbing Wellington Saloons: Thursday 26th of December, 6.00 pm -10.00 pm

It's time to wreck some metal! Boxing Day is our first Phoenix Metalman Demolition Derby of the season and we will leave no car unwrecked! The total annihilation of the Demolition Derby is the ultimate way to spend your Boxing day at the Value Motors Wellington Family Speedway. Backing the massive first derby we have the horsepower and dirt-slinging action from the A&K Plumbing and Draigage Saloons as they go wheel to wheel to take home the Wellington Championship.

Pack up the family, grab the leftovers or take a night off cooking by visiting one of our awesome food trucks and be trackside this boxing day. Gates open at 5pm Green flag at 6pm.

Rain Out Date: 27/12/24

See your favourite drivers from:

- Phoenix Metalman Demolition Derby
- Capital Pools Stockcars
- A&K Plumbing Saloons
- Prowash Streetstocks
- AV Kiwi Production Saloons
- Black Sheep Construction Ministocks



Ticket Prices – Book at eventbrite.co.nz: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/boxing-day-phoenix-metalman-demo-derby-ak-plumbing-wellington-saloons-tickets-1039852897007>

Student/Senior discounts and family concessions are available again this year.

Prices are as follows:

- Adult: \$30.00
- Child: 10-16 y/o: \$10.00
- Child Under 10: FREE
- Students & Seniors (With ID or Gold Card): \$15.00 (available at the gate only)
- Family (2 adults & up to 4 children): \$70.00

Source: Wellington Family Speedway / Eventbrite

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Open Day 2025

THE FUNNEST FAMILY DAY IN TOWN!

BOUNCE CASTLE,	FACE PAINTING,
BIG PLAY TOYS,	HOT DRINKS
BAKED FOOD ITEMS	ICE CREAMS
ICE BLOCKS	2 TICKETS EACH
1 TICKET EACH	

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 10AM-1PM

18A LOGAN ST, UPPER HUTT

Tickets \$2
Cash or Eftpos available

Upper Hutt Toy Library



Business Advertising on the Upper Hutt Connection at only \$1 a day!

Advertise on the Upper Hutt Connection at only \$1 a day. For \$1 a day you get a full page to yourself on the website, with text, images, and anything else you'd like. Get the ball rolling by contacting me at editor@uhconnection.co.nz

MG Golf New Player Programme

2025 Golf Programmes commencing January 9th

@ Trentham Golf Course | Thursdays 5pm and 6.30pm



Trentham Golf Club – 2 Dante Rd – Trentham – Upper Hutt – 5018



12 week package \$257 includes:

- 8 weeks coaching followed by
- 4 weeks supported play on The Golf Course (flexible times)
(Catch-up coaching sessions available throughout the programme)

Contact: Mary Gard'ner marydg8@gmail.com 021 129 7599 to register or enquire



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Summer U-Play! School Holiday Events: 6th – 26th of January 2025

How many sleeps until U-PLAY starts?

The answer is: not that many! We'll leave the actual counting to you.

Our awesome team has put together a fun-packed, boredom-busting, imagination-inspiring programme to keep you busy during the summer holidays. We can't wait to see you there!

Fill your summer with play – Check out all the events which will be happening at <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/Community/Events> and then search "U-Play"!

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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RECIPES



The Upper Hutt Connection

Enchiladas

Ingredients:

- 6 tortillas/wraps of your preference
- pre-cooked chicken (left overs are great for this)
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
- 1 tsp of garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp of salt
- 2-3 jalapeno chilis / 1/2 tsp of chili powder / 1 tbsp of sweet chili sauce (depending on the spice level you prefer)
- 1/2 cup of sour cream
- 3/4 cup grated tasty cheese

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Place the chicken and onion along the middle of each tortilla/wrap and roll them up, placing them in a large casserole dish.
3. Combine the tinned tomatoes, garlic salt, salt, jalapenos/chili powder/sweet chili sauce in a saucepan, and bring to the boil over a medium heat.
4. Bring the saucepan off the heat, and stir in the sour cream.
5. Pour the sauce over the tortillas/wraps and then scatter the grated cheese over the sauce.
6. Bake for 10 minutes
7. Garnish with chopped parsley.



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Lemon Creams

Original Recipe: Edmonds (inspired from Griffin's "Lemon Treats")

Ingredients:

- 125g butter, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tsp finely grated lemon zest
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup icing sugar
- 50g butter, softened
- 1 tsp finely grated lemon zest
- 1/2 tbsp milk

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Cream butter, sugar, and lemon zest together until light and fluffy. Add egg and continue beating until well combined.
3. Sift the flour and baking powder together and stir into the mixture. Knead with hands to ensure everything is properly mixed together.
4. Roll out thinly on a floured surface and then cut into squares (or other shapes) using biscuit cutters.
5. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes. Let the biscuits sit on the baking tray for 2 minutes afterwards, and then transfer to a wire rack.

Icing:

When biscuits have cooled to room temperature, sandwich them together with the following butter cream icing.

Cream the softened butter with a 1/2 cup of the icing sugar, the lemon zest, and milk. Add the remaining icing sugar and beat into the mixture.

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.

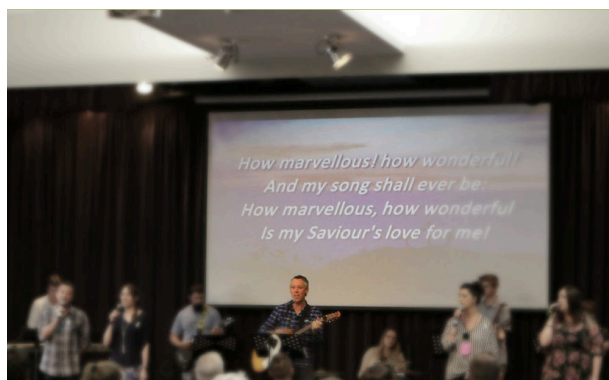
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

Services are live-streamed on YouTube: Heretaunga Christian Centre

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

Email: admin@heretaunga.com

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



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 rodneyransay62@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>



St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream

Silverstream Reformed Church

Location: 8 Blue Mountains Road, Silverstream

What we Believe:

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour and the Sovereign Lord over all of life. We are fully committed to the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God. We believe that theology is important, it is vital for the health of the church, and without sound doctrine the church decays. Throughout history, the church has confessed what it believes by faithfully summarising the truths of the Bible in written forms known as creeds and confessions. These confessions do not hold the same authority as the Bible, but they help to summarise the Bible's teaching. Ultimately, the Bible remains our only rule for faith and life.



Silverstream Reformed Church

Who we Are:

Our Church is a family church, with a mixture of young families, retirees, couples, single people and youth. We have approximately 200 members, from different backgrounds, meeting together because we share a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

Service Times:

Our worship services are on Sunday at 10 AM and 4 PM, and we would love to see you there. Our friendly greeters will meet you at the door and answer any questions you have.

Like to know more? Visit our website at: <https://silverstreamrcnz.co.nz/>

Silverstream Reformed Church sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Kids need a distraction during the holidays? Check out these free video games

As you may or may not know, I make the occasional video game as a hobby using the Rpg Maker development system. These games are appropriate for most players aged 12+, any objectionable content is just low level animated violence, and the very occasional and very mild coarse language (only like 1 or 2 instances). Each game probably takes about 12 hours to complete, though A Grim Tale is a significantly shorter adventure.

If you are interested in developing your own games like these, you should check out Steam as they have their winter sale on right now, up until the 2nd of January 2025. Rpg Maker MV is 85% off – \$17.24 instead of the usual \$115 which makes it excellent value for money. https://store.steampowered.com/app/363890/RPG_Maker_MV/. Note that these games of mine were developed using the most recent version, RPG Maker MZ.



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Cheers, Ben Knowles – Editor / Operator @ The Upper Hutt Connection
AKA MoonWolfV

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A Celestial Weapon: MZ Edition

Soldaria, a militaristic nation which has been at war with it's peace-loving neighbour Senecia for the last 30 years.

One night, the resident skeptic of the Soldarian capital city of Canaburg, Sophie, sees an object fall out of the night sky. The official government reports say that this was simply a meteor, but naturally, Sophie doesn't believe a word of that. With her friend and fellow skeptic, James, and their new friend who just happens to work for the government, Vincent – they soon find in the government archives that this was indeed no meteor. This was a sabotage act by Soldarian agents!



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With this knowledge, and the designs for the information obtained from such an act, Sophie and her friends make their way to Senecia as quick as they can. Can they warn the Senecian government of what is to come, before the beautiful, but equally cruel General Felchers can turn her sun-gun or heliobeam upon Senecia? Destroying them for nothing but her cruel satisfaction?

Free download at: <https://moonwolfv.itch.io/a-celestial-weapon-mz-edition>

Every Vote Counts (a “kind of a” sequel to A Celestial Weapon)

Amonena, a country with a very strange constitution.

Due to a strange loophole in Amonena's constitution, a cat has been elected as their head of state. When that law was passed, nobody ever thought that someone would nominate an animal as Prime Minister, and when the cat was sworn in, nobody seemed to care. However, things have now gone downhill in the corridors of parliament.



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Now nobody can see the Prime Minister, they can only see it's deputy, Weston. The person who nominated the cat in a moment of apathy has also realised their mistake, and decides to head to parliament to talk with the leader of the opposition, Penny Bradelgast. Simply to offer their services... of course, they'd never tell Miss. Bradelgast that THEY were the one who nominated that cat in the first place!

Free download at: <https://moonwolfv.itch.io/every-vote-counts>

Saving the Planet: 90's Style

Earth! Fire! Wind! Water! Ice!... Lightning...? Wait a minute, that doesn't seem right. I'm sure there were only five, Heart was in there somewhere, and isn't there supposed to be a Captain in all this?

Six young adults have been entrusted with six elemental rings from the planet. These six have great concern for the planet when the rest of the world has become largely blasé to the whole idea. While most are just going about living their normal lives, there are a few out there who only see the world, and those that they can exploit, as things for their own financial gain.



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These villains include:

- Forest Laisey: An elderly man who runs a carbon offsets business but for some reason every tree he plants only withers and dies.
- Lassaye Faire: An architect who's notorious for doing her buildings on the cheap, cutting corners and then pocketing the difference.
- Looten... er, Fraude Shakedown: Owns the electric vehicle company, Shakedown Motors. The rich all over the world want to buy his electric cars, but these profits never help the workers. His workers are lucky to live to see their first pay check.
- Crypticia Feede: A skilled business woman who has acquired all but the most independent of the food and apparel industries on the planet.
- Faik Doubledeal: The world's most famous spokesman. Tells lesser developed countries what to do, when his country isn't doing it.
- Deceitia Greene: Runs the company DG Petrochemicals. She has a love for the environment but something really seems to be bothering her lately. And that has been impacting her ability to keep any oil spills which come from her wells and refineries under control.

Saving the Planet: 90's Style

A tribute to Captain Planet and the Planeteers, Created by Ted Turner and Barbara Pyle.

Free download at: <https://moonwolfv.itch.io/saving-the-planet-90s-style>

A Grim Tale

Is your kingdom running low in the money department? Take a leaf out of Queen Amanda's book and begin rounding up all the adventurers. Paying those rewards is a big drain which can be easily fixed by simply making the trade of being an adventurer a crime worth a life sentence in the royal dungeons.

Being rudely awakened by the guards in the royal city of Berylustyr, the white mage, Gary, is issued a quest by her highness, Queen Amanda, to help a mentally disturbed man in a far away village. Along the way, he finds a talkative black mage, and shortly after, a knight and warrior monk join the fray, having taken up a post to find a missing prince, from a notice board at a pub... If this guy is royalty, then why didn't the Queen announce this publicly?

Free download at: <https://moonwolfv.itch.io/a-grim-tale>

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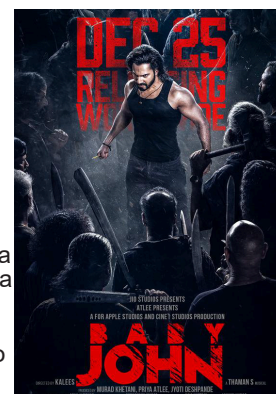
What's new at Monterey Cinemas? Wednesday 25th of December – Thursday 9th of January

BABY JOHN

Running time: 190 minutes

Rated: R16 (Violence & sexual violence, R16 themes)

In a scenic location, John lives peacefully with his beautiful daughter. His life gets disrupted when his daughter Khushi's teacher, Tara and him come across a dangerous sex-trafficking gang who abduct minor girls from India and sell them off as slaves to foreign countries. One day when the gang tries to kill Khushi for whom John was living a peaceful life, John turns into Satya and kills everyone. Six years ago, Satya worked as a Deputy Commissioner of Police of Mumbai. He lives happily with his mom and stands up against the injustices he comes across which leads him to meet Meera and fall in love with her. As he lives a beautiful life, he investigates a minor girl's missing case who studies in 10th grade and finds out that she was abducted, raped and murdered by the Ashwin, son of Nanaji known as the 'king maker'. Since the law can't punish Ashwin, Satya kills him like he killed the minor girl. Years pass by, Satya gets married to Meera and has a daughter, Khushi, and lives at the peak of happiness in his life. That's when, in order to take revenge, Nanaji kills Satya's whole family. Satya somehow saves himself and his daughter and lives a peaceful life for her thereafter with his confidante Jacky. After six years, on finding out that Satya is alive, Nanaji comes to kill him. Satya comes back to his old self, becomes a vigilante and destroys Nanaji's entire gang and saves the minor girls in India. He instils fear in everyone's heart that Satya punishes those who commit crimes. Then, he leaves with his daughter, Tara and Jacky with a new identity to live his next adventure.



Baby John

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/baby-john>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt27757805/videooplayer/vi2163460377/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_2_tt_4_nm_4_in_0_q_Baby%2520John

BARROZ: GUARDIAN OF TREASURES

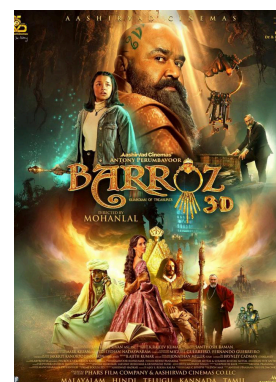
Running time: 150 minutes

Rated: PG

A 400-year-old spirit, Barroz, assigned to guard D'Gama's treasure is waiting to hand it over only to a true descendant of D'Gama.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/barroz>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10345546/videooplayer/vi245025049/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_2_nm_6_in_0_q_Barroz



Barroz: Guardian of Treasures

A REAL PAIN

Running time: 90 minutes

Rated: R13 (Drug use & offensive language)

Mismatched cousins David and Benji reunite for a tour through Poland to honor their beloved grandmother. The adventure takes a turn when the odd-couple's old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/a-real-pain>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt21823606/videooplayer/vi2556282393/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_A%2520real%2520pain



A Real Pain

ANORA

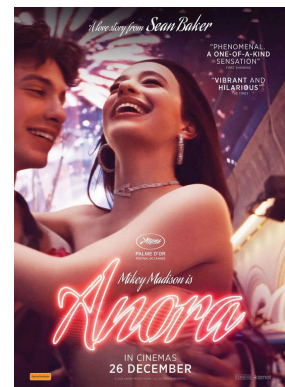
Running time: 139 minutes

Rated: R16 (Sex scenes, nudity, drug use & offensive language)

Anora, a sex worker from Brooklyn, gets her chance at a Cinderella story when she meets and marries the son of an oligarch. Once the news reaches Russia, her fairytale is threatened as the parents set out for New York to get the marriage annulled.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/anora>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt28607951/videooplayer/vi944621081/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_2_tt_3_nm_4_in_0_q_Anora



Anora

BETTER MAN

Running time: 135 minutes

Rated: R13 (Drug use, offensive language & mental health themes)

Better Man is based on the true story of the meteoric rise, dramatic fall, and remarkable resurgence of British pop superstar Robbie Williams, one of the greatest entertainers of all time.

Under the visionary direction of Michael Gracey (The Greatest Showman), the film is uniquely told from Williams' perspective, capturing his signature wit and indomitable spirit.

It follows Robbie's journey from childhood, to being the youngest member of chart-topping boyband Take That, through to his unparalleled achievements as a record-breaking solo artist – all the while confronting the challenges that stratospheric fame and success can bring.

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View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14260836/videooplayer/vi311675161/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_Better%2520Man



Better Man

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3

Running time: 109 minutes

Rated: PG (Violence & coarse language)

Sonic the Hedgehog returns to the big screen this holiday season in his most thrilling adventure yet. Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before. With their abilities outmatched in every way, Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance in hopes of stopping Shadow and protecting the planet.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/sonic-the-hedgehog-3>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt18259086/videooplayer/vi780060185/?ref=nm_sr_srsq_3_tt_5_nm_2_in_0_q_Sonic%2520the%2520hedgehog%25203



Sonic the Hedgehog 3

WICKED: SING-ALONG VERSION

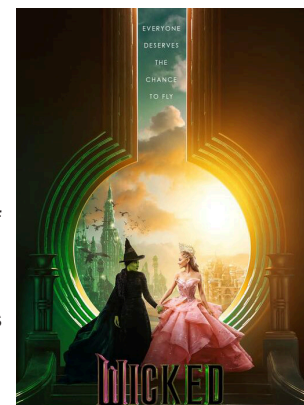
Running time: 160 minutes

Rated: PG

So much happened before Dorothy dropped in. Wicked, the feature-film adaptation of the musical phenomenon seen by more than 50 million fans around the world, arrives in theaters for the TBC holiday season. The unforgettable characters and gravity-defying songs of the beloved hit The New York Times called “the defining musical of the decade” come to the big screen as the untold story of the Witches of Oz becomes the movie event that will change audiences for good.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/wicked-sing-along-version>

View trailer at IMDB.com: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1262426/videooplayer/>



Wicked

NOSFERATU

Running time: 132 minutes

Rated: R16 (Violence, horror, sex scenes & content that may disturb)

Robert Eggers' NOSFERATU is a gothic tale of obsession between a haunted young woman and the terrifying vampire infatuated with her, causing untold horror in its wake.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/nosferatu>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5040012/videooplayer/vi1732429337/?ref=nm_sr_srsq_1_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_Nosferatu



Nosferatu

PADDINGTON IN PERU

Running time: 105 minutes

Rated: PG

Follows Paddington and the Brown family as they visit Aunt Lucy in Peru, but a mystery sends them to the Amazon rainforest and up Peruvian mountains.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/paddington-in-peru>

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Paddington in Peru

CONCLAVE

Running time: 120 minutes

Rated: M (sexual references)

Conclave is set in the secretive Vatican meeting of Catholic cardinals who gather in Rome to pick a new Pope. Fiennes plays Cardinal Lomeli, tasked with overseeing the Cardinals arriving from across the globe to join the Conclave. But as the political machinations inside the Vatican intensify, Lomeli realizes that the departed Pope had kept a secret from them that he must uncover before a new Pope has been chosen.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/conclave>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt20215234/videooplayer/vi659473945/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_2_tt_7_nm_0_in_0_q_Conclave



Conclave

DEN OF THIEVES 2: PANTERA

Running time: 130 minutes

Rated: M (Violence, offensive language, drug use & sexual references)

Butler returns as Big Nick (Butler), this time on the hunt in Europe for Donnie (Jackson Jr.) who is embroiled in the dangerous world of diamond thieves and the infamous Panther mafia as they plot a massive heist of the world's biggest diamond exchange.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/den-of-thieves-2-pantera>

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Den of Thieves 2: Pantera

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