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All about Pepper: Stolen, bought, then returned to Staglands

Pepper's been birdnapped! Sulphur Crested Cockatoo stolen from Staglands

Our precious Sulphur Crested Cockatoo 'Pepper' was stolen on Sunday afternoon 17th November 2024 from her home in the huge Toe Toe aviary at Staglands.

Distinguishable features of Pepper as follows:

- She is missing a few claws on her feet.
- Her favourite expressions are "hello pepper" and "hello darling".
- Pepper is very friendly and cuddly.
- Age is approximately 6 years old.

As you can imagine, staff at Staglands are very upset. She was much loved by everyone including our many visitors of all ages – children especially loved to hear her chatter.

Please be on the lookout if someone has recently acquired a cockatoo. It may just be our 'Pepper'!

A police report has been filed. If you have any information in relation to this incident that could help. Please phone police or online https://webforms.police.govt.nz/en/update-report and quote case #241119/4730 or contact us directly. Thanks.

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

Pepper is back home at Staglands

Staglands cockatoo "Pepper" has come back to Staglands after being stolen from the Toe Toe aviary there last weekend.

The thief sold her online to an unknowing buyer in Porirua last Monday for \$1,500. The buyer was in the gym at the time when he saw the article on 1news and recognised his new cockatoo as Pepper. He then handed it into the Porirua police station where she was taken care of until her keepers came and took her back home to Staglands. For extra security at this time, Pepper is in a separate aviary which isn't open to the public, people can still interact with her through the fence though.

The buyer has provided the police with a description of the person who sold him Pepper.

Sarah Purdy, the general manager at Staglands thanked the community for their support and the young man who brought Pepper to the police station.

Source: 1news

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Staglands Wild Life Reserve & Cafe



Pepper at Porirua police station - New Zealand Police

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Summer is almost here again so here's a reminder about the rules regarding permanent and temporary pools.

Thinking of buying a temporary pool?

Summer is nearly here and we know lots of people will be thinking of buying a temporary pool to cool off as the temperature rises

Did you know owners of temporary (and permanent) pools have legal obligations to make sure young children stay safe?

- A pool that can hold more than 40 cm of water must be registered with Council (at a 3-yearly cost of \$200—which includes an inspection).
- A pool that can hold more than 40 cm of water must also have a barrier and we need to inspect it every three years, so we know it's fit for purpose.
- Pool fencing can be expensive and needs a building consent from Council.
- Small paddling pools are exempt, as long as they can't hold more than 40 cm of water.

Find out everything you need to know about owning a temporary pool at https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/ Services/Health-and-safety/Swimming-pools

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

Reporter, Nicholas Boyack died last Sunday afternoon, aged 63

Hutt Valley reporter, Nicholas Boyack died suddenly on Sunday afternoon, 17th of November.

Lower Hutt mayor, Campbell Barry said Boyack "was a journalist with great integrity who cared deeply about the Hutt Valley and its people." "For more than 30 years Nicholas reported on local issues and held successive councils to account. He will be remembered for his dedication, no-nonsense approach and his eclectic taste in shirts,"

The flag at Hutt City Council was at half-mast to acknowledge his passing.

A "thank you" to Fabian for alerting me to this article / Source: The Post

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Greater Wellington Regional Council

An update on the stairs at Birchville Dam

Over the past couple of weeks, the construction crew have been making progress on replacing the old Birchville Dam Stairs.

The guard rails and grabrails are the next to be installed. Please remember that this is still an active worksite. We ask that you hold off visiting until the track is re-opened.

Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page; it won't be long until the track is re-opened for use.

Source: Greater Wellington Regional Council



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Silverstream Spur decision appealed

We have found out today (20th November 2024) that there has been an appeal lodged against the decision made by Upper Hutt City Council as part of Plan Change 49.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the endeavour to save the Silverstream Spur and ask for your support for those fighting once again.

From what we understand the council decision adopted the commissioners findings including the provision of a significant natural area and submitters had 30 working days to appeal the decision, which Guildford Timber Company have done today, the final day of the 30 days.

This means that the Plan Change now heads to the Environment Court. This is where it will be decided if Guildford Timber Companies appeal, seeking to have the commissioners recommendations overturned and the Plan Change put in place as originally notified (with special "bespoke" provisions for a road and infrastructure corridor) including any specific changes they seek, will be upheld.

So far the plan change has cost rate payers \$188,000 with an additional \$23,000 spent on ensuring that the risk of appeal was reduced. Undoubtedly this amount will continue to balloon for Upper Hutt Council on legal expenses in the Environment Court.

An Upper Hutt Councillor has suggested, There's the plan change 49 v1 and the appeal process, and also the fast track legislation in play. Anyone wanting to make their voice heard on these could do so on all processes. For the fast track, you could write to the ministers responsible (Simeon Brown, Chris Bishop and Shane Jones) and the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment. There will not be a chance for public input now but there is nothing to stop anyone emailing the ministers their views.

If you wish to, maybe a few emails to Council, Mayor, the CEO and CC in all other Councillors supporting the decision they made.

Also emails/messages to the Environment Court maybe the course of action.

We hope to update with more information as it becomes available.

For more information (including contact information) and to read this article in full, please visit: https://www.nzempowered.com/post/silverstream-spur-decision-appealed

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

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Silverstream Spur - Unknown

Greater Wellington Regional Council show their appreciation to the region's bus drivers

Last week, we celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Week

Bus Driver Appreciation Week is our way of publicly thanking our drivers while letting you guys get to know them just a little better.

Alongside our public stories, we sent a few goodie bags to all our operators, including a few treats and compliments we've received about them.

When you are on board, remember to say 'thank you driver' nice and loud. Read all the stories over at the Metlink Facebook page.

Source: Greater Wellington Regional Council



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A successful day for the Upper Hutt Foodbank's Food Appeal

Upper Hutt Foodbank would like to thank all those who supported their Food Appeal outside the supermarkets in Upper Hutt today.

Prior to today our shelves were virtually empty, but they are now looking healthy and will be able to support those in need in Upper Hutt leading up to Christmas.

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

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Ethereal Moss, Oil on Canvas – Jason Moss

Jason Moss wins the People's Choice Award from the 2024 Wellington Regional Arts Review

We are thrilled to announce the winner of the People's Choice Award for the 2024 Wellington Region Arts Review. The people have voted and the winner is.... Jason Moss, for Ethereal Moss, Oil on Canvas. Congratulations Jason! Inspired by the Orakei Korako geothermal park, this work features a wondrous play of light and nature.

Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

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Upper Hutt City Council and NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, with Monterey Cinemas, thanks the school traffic safety teams for all their work this year.

A big thank you to our Upper Hutt Road Patrollers!

We recently held our annual celebration to say a big thanks to students, teachers and parents who volunteer during the school year on the school traffic safety teams.

Along side Monterey Cinemas Upper Hutt and NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi – Wellington, we were able to treat around 350 volunteers to a movie and popcorn.

We appreciate all you do in helping our tamariki get safely to and from school everyday.

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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Do you have something you'd like up on The Upper Hutt Connection?

I have a form available for almost any kind of article or event you'd like posted*. Check out the different forms at: http://uhconnection.co.nz/send-an-article-to-the-upper-hutt-connection/

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

*Let me know if there's something I haven't covered on The Upper Hutt Connection. :)

Roadworks on the Remutaka Hill this week: Saturday 23rd of November – Friday 29th of November

Looking ahead, the following roadworks may impact your journeys on the State Highway network.

- Remutaka Hill. Overnight CLOSURES from Sunday to Thursday for ongoing underslip repairs
- Remutaka Hill. Day/night STOP/GOs on the Featherston-side of the hill for ongoing underslip repairs

Plan ahead to avoid delays and travel safely. Please note, roadworks are weather dependent and may change at short notice.

Full list of roadworks available here: <u>journeys.nzta.govt.nz/wellington/roadworks</u>

Source: NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi - Wellington

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NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi - Wellington

Changes made to the Akatārawa Cemetery expansion project

As we move into the detailed design phase of the Akatārawa Cemetery expansion, we're making key adjustments to ensure the project meets future demand while minimising environmental impact.

What's new?

- Updated site surveys revealed differences in topography and ecology, prompting adjustments to the original 2017 plan.
- The access road has been rerouted to reduce environmental impact, thanks to the discovery of an existing road.
- Some development areas have been reduced based on the new ecological insights.
- The project will extend capacity for burials and ashes interments by 42 more years.

What's next?

- Resource consent will be lodged late November 2024.
- We're ensuring the expansion fits the needs of our communities, including space for natural burials and cultural requirements.

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

City Services Committee: 13th November, 2024

Topics for discussion included:

- Updates on the city's major projects, assets, planning and regulatory services
- Updates on community development and economic development
- Updates on the city's marketing and promotions.

City Services Committee Agenda - 13th November, 2024



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https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2024/cycle-7/city-servicesagenda-20241113.pdf

City Services Committee Minutes - 13th November, 2024

https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2024/cycle-7/city-servicesminutes-20241113.pdf

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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Creative Communities NZ Arts Funding Assessment Committee: 14th November, 2024

Creative New Zealand, is a Crown entity and works with local city and district councils to deliver the Creative Communities Scheme (CCS). The CCS is a funding scheme to support local arts administered by Upper Hutt City Council. You can find out more about this scheme under the 'Related Information' below.

Creative Communities Committee Agenda - 14th November, 2024

https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/2/yourcouncil/ meetings/2024/cycle-7/creative-communities-committee-agenda-20241114 pdf

Creative Communities Committee Minutes - 14 November 2024

https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/ meetings/2024/cycle-7/creative-communities-minutes-20241114.pdf

Related Information:

https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/Community/Grants-and-funding/Creative-Communities

Source: Upper Hutt City Council



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SPORTS

Jack and Mike Byrne / Josh and Sally Murphy win the Parent / Child tournament at Pinehaven Tennis Club

The annual Parent/Child tournament took place on Sunday 17th November.

The weather was perfect for some great tennis with many Juniors participating (possibly coaching!) their parental partners!

Alas there had to be a winner!

So congratulations to Jack Byrne and his dad, Mike (competitive) – and Josh Murphy and his mum , Sally (noncompetitive).

Special mention to Freya Morgan who, despite being in the beginner coaching sessions, proved she could hold her own against some more experienced players!!

A big shout out to Marshall for organising everything!!

And a big thank you to all those who participated.

Source: Pinehaven Tennis Club

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- 1. FH Group \$5,000 Superstock Shootout WINNER 156p Trent James
- 2. 94p William Humphries
- 3. 9g Jamie Hamilton

Congratulations to our podium placers, and all those who made the Top 10 Shootout that will take home a share of the other \$5,000 prize money!

Massive thank you to all of the competitors that made an effort to attend the meeting and make it a success!

Source: Wellington Family Speedway



Matthew Turner - pexels.com



Tyler Hill Photography

COMMUNITY EVENTS: To view all upcoming events, and those which occur on a regular basis, please visit: https://theupperhuttconnection.wordpress.com/community-events/

The Little, the Big, and the Even Bigger Read summer reading challenge: Starts 1st of December 2024 – ends 31st of January 2025

We are very excited to be once again joining with Hutt City Libraries to offer an amazing summer reading challenge to encourage tamariki to get excited about reading this summer, have fun playing, and be in to win cool prizes!

Tamariki of all ages can pick up an age-appropriate journal for FREE from any of the eleven libraries in Upper Hutt or Lower Hutt from 1 December 2024.

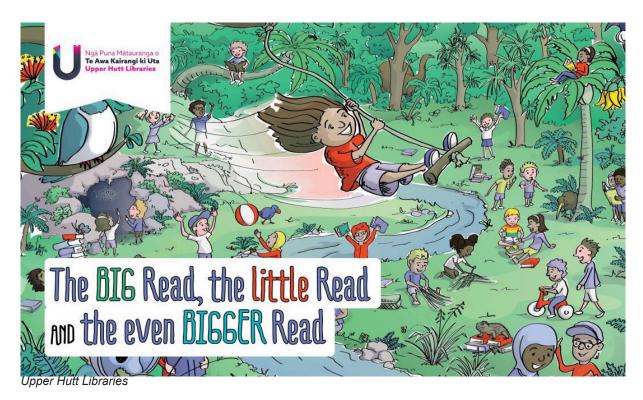
We have three challenges, one for under 5s (The Little Read), one for primary-aged tamariki aged 5-12 (The Big Read), and one for teens (The Even Bigger Read).

Going on holiday or can't make it into the library? Download and print one of the journals below from 1 December, and let us know what you've been up to by emailing thebigread@uhcc.govt.nz

The Little, Big and Even Bigger Read runs from 1 December 2024 to 31 January 2025. Entries into our prize draw close at 6PM on 31 January 2025.

For all the information, visit: https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Programmes/Summer-Reading-Challenge

Source: Upper Hutt Libraries



Lions Mini Market: Saturday 30th of November, 8.00 am - 11.00



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Location: King Lion Hall, King St, Upper Hutt

Christmas decorations and present ideas, including Indoor and outdoor plants, quality clothing, books, toys household stuff, lemons and more. Come early for plenty of parking spaces before town gets busy.

Tables may be available - enquiries 5264059

Brian sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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21 Artists: 21 Small Works From 21 Upper Hutt Artists – Saturday 21 September – Sunday 1 December



Jo Kreyl, 2023.

21 Artists is a celebration of the diversity, creativity, and unique perspectives of 21 Upper Hutt artists for our 21st birthday. Featuring a broad spectrum of mediums reflecting the artistic depth and individual viewpoints this exhibition puts a spotlight on the wealth of talent in Upper Hutt.

Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

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Japanese Pottery: Sunday 1st of December, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm



Whirinaki Whare Taonga

A talk by Kumiko Jacolin, a maker of ceramics and PhD student in Victoria University of Wellington about the ancient technique of Yakishime.

Free event | No bookings required

Whirinaki Whare Taonga submitted this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Distinction Dance Academy 2024 concert: Sunday 1st of December, 3.00 pm – 5.15 pm, St. Patrick's College, Silverstream

Do you have a child interested in doing a Ballet class next year?

Come check out our Distinction Dance Academy 2024 concert

Act 1: Beatrix Potter

Step into the whimsical world of Beatrix Potter, where childhood favourites like Peter Rabbit, Jemima Puddle-Duck, and Jeremy Fisher come to life through the elegance of Ballet. Each grade performs a unique piece inspired by the beloved characters and timeless stories, capturing the charm, mischief, and magic of the famous Beatrix Potter farm.

Act 2: Showcase - A Celebration of Talent

Experience the skill and creativity of our competition soloists, duos, and group dances as they take the stage in a variety of styles including Ballet, Lyrical, and Contemporary. This act also features special guest performers from Birdy's HipHop, adding a fresh, highenergy twist to the evening.

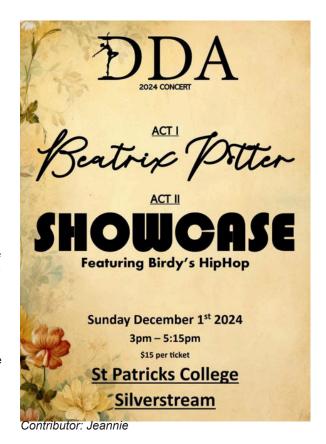
Tickets for sale at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/distinction-dance-academy-2024-concert-tickets-1070159318329

Jeannie sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Carols in Harcourt Park: Saturday 14th of December, 5.30 pm





Holiday notice for LIM (Land Information Memorandum) applications: Get your application in before the 9th of December if you need it processed before Christmas / New Year

Please get your LIM application in by 9 December 2024 if you'd like it processed before our Christmas and New Year break. Our processing clock officially pauses from 20 December to 10 January as per the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

If you apply after 9 December, we'll do our best to complete your LIM before the break. However, there's a chance it might not be ready. About LIM applications

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

RECIPES



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Curried Sausages

Original Recipe: Edmonds

A very basic recipe, but you can jazz it up with your own additions. Ingredients in italics aren't critical, but they are what I've added to mine.

Ingredients:

- 450 500g sausages
- 1 tbsp canola or sunflower oil
- 2 onions, finely chopped or finely sliced1 tsp garlic salt
- 1 tsp curry power, mild or hot to suit preference 1 1/2 cups of chicken stock

- Tin chopped tomatoes 1 Zucchini, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, sliced into rings
- 3-4 mushrooms, sliced

Method

- 1. Cook the sausages in a frying pan. Once cooked, drain away any fat which has come out and dispose of it thoughtfully. Then add some fresh oil to the pan (olive oil can be used)
- 2. Add the onion, zuchinni, carrot, and mushrooms to the mixture (if using), and cook over a medium heat until the vegetables are lightly cooked.
- 3. Add the garlic salt and curry powder, and stir them in.
- 4. Add the tin of chopped tomatoes (if using)
- 5. Add the chicken stock and cook until heated through. Serve with rice.

This article was provided by Ben Knowles - Editor / Operator @ The Upper Hutt Connection

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Coffee Slice

Ingredients:

- 100g butter
- 1/8 cup sugar (do half 1/4 cup measure)
- 1 cup flour
- 2 tbsp instant coffee

Buttercream icing:

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 50g butter, softened
- 1/4 tsp vanilla essence
- 1 tsp milk
- 2 tbsp instant coffee



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Method:

- 1. Cream the butter, sugar and instant coffee, then stir in the flour. Knead with your hands to make sure the ingredients are well mixed.
- 2. Press into a greased slice tin, and bake for 10 minutes at 170°C
- 3. Place slice tin on a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the buttercream icing:

- 1. In a measuring jug, cream the butter with half the icing sugar. Add the vanilla, milk, and the instant coffee, beating until smooth.
- 2. Beat in the remaining icing sugar, and spread butter cream icing over the cold slice.

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





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The Upper Hutt Connection Christmas Cookbook – Let's share our recipes! | Last date for entries, Wednesday 4th of December

Hi everyone,

I've had an idea for a Christmassy thing this year. It's completely free apart from having a few minutes to submit a Christmas recipe you have.

I'm thinking of making an Christmas Recipe Cookbook (in PDF form of course), and emailing a copy of it to everyone who submits a recipe.

- All you have to do is send a Christmas related recipe you have, it can be a meal, baked items, or a dessert Or something else for that matter, as long as it's edible its' all good.
- Include your name or how you'd like to be credited, be it first name, surname, initials, etc it's entirely up to you.
- And a photo of the recipe if you can, otherwise I'll get an image off a recipe website like the BBC or something like that.

The cut-off date for recipes is Wednesday the 4th of December. I'll then begin compiling the cookbook.

Please note that the cookbook won't be printed – I don't have the finances for this!

Hope to hear back with many recipe ideas. Please send your emails to editor@uhconnection.co.nz.

Ben Knowles – Editor / Operator @ The Upper Hutt Connection.

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GARAGE SALES





GARAGE SALE

Score amazing deals this Saturday from 7am – 2pm! – everything must go!

See you there!

Contributor: Dayna

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



Heretaunga Community Church



St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream

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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 28/11/2024

HERETIC

Running time: 110 minutes

Rated: R16 (Bloody Violence & content that may disturb)

HERETIC, a spine-chilling psychological horror from Scott Beck & Bryan Woods starring Hugh Grant, Sophie Thatcher and Chloe East. Coming only to cinemas from November 21.

Book Here: https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/heretic

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt28015403/videoplayer/vi2504771097/?ref =nv sr srsg 1 tt 8 nm 0 in 0 q Heretic

HERETIC ONLY IN CINEMAS NOW

Heretic

MOANA 2

Running time: 100 minutes

Rated: PG

Opening only in cinemas on November 28, 2024, "Moana 2" reunites Moana and Maui three years later for an expansive new voyage alongside a crew of unlikely seafarers. After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced. Directed by David Derrick Jr., Jason Hand and Dana Ledoux Miller, and produced by Christina Chen and Yvett Merino, "Moana 2" features music by Grammy® winners Abigail Barlow and Emily Bear, Grammy nominee Opetaia Foa'i, and three-time Grammy winner Mark Mancina.

Book Here: https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/moana-2

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt13622970/videoplayer/vi3932079641/?ref =nv sr srsg 2 tt 7 nm 0 in 0 q Moana%25202

Monterey Cinemas Upper Hutt sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.



Moana 2