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Bill Tito: The Unread Story - A Local Book Doctor's Tale Heads to U.S. Film Festival

A fun and heartwarming documentary about Upper Hutt's very own "book doctor" is heading to the big screen in the U.S.! Bill Tito: The Unread Story, a short film by Indonesian filmmaker Dini Aristya, created as her final project at Victoria University of Wellington, has been selected to screen at the American Documentary and Animation Film Festival (AmDocs) in Palm Springs, California, on March 30.

Meet Bill Tito: The Book Doctor

Bill Tito isn't your ordinary craftsman—he's a book repair specialist who spends his days carefully restoring worn and damaged books, giving them a second chance at life. His striking roadside sign, proudly declaring him a "Book Repair Specialist," caught Dini's attention, inspiring her to capture his work on film.

Taking a Local Story Global

What started as a student project has now made its way onto an international stage. AmDocs, an Oscar-qualifying festival known for celebrating powerful storytelling, will showcase a little piece of Upper Hutt to the world—one carefully restored book at a time.

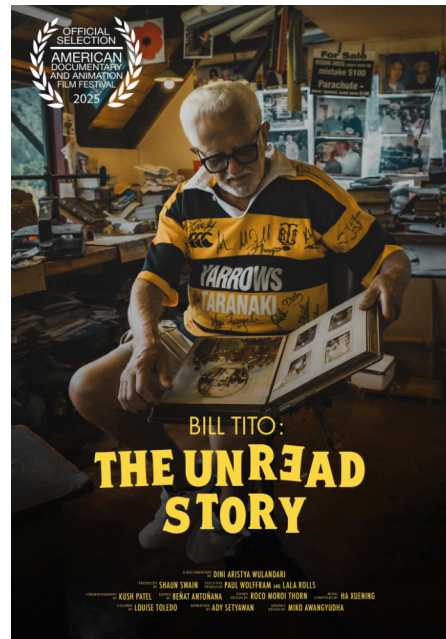
A "thank you" to Dini for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

13/02/25

Final days for feedback on Upper Hutt Bowling Club long-term lease

Just a reminder that the final day to get your submissions in on Upper Hutt Bowling Club's long-term lease of the land at Railway Avenue & Maidstone Terrace is this coming Tuesday, 24th of February.

Original article can be found at: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/community-events/upper-hutt-bowling-club-proposes-a-long-term-lease-of-land-at-maidstone-terrace-and-railway-ave-consultation-closes-24th-of-february/>



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A Night of Culture, Connection, and Legacy in Upper Hutt

As the golden hues of summer linger over New Zealand, a warm February evening on the 10th of February 2025 set the perfect stage for a night of diplomacy, cultural exchange, and heartfelt connections. The Nepalese Culture and Tourism Promotion Forum Nepal together with Tourism Board (NTB) reception, held in Upper Hutt, was more than just an elegant gathering—it was an intersection where tradition met modern aspirations, where alliances were forged over heartfelt conversations, and where the spirit of Nepal resonated through song, dance, and camaraderie.

Dr. Ramil Adhikary, President of the Nepal Culture and Tourism Promotion Forum, orchestrated a flawless evening that seamlessly blended elegance with purpose. Against a backdrop of twilight and the soulful sounds of a three-piece jazz band, dignitaries, community leaders, and cultural ambassadors shared more than pleasantries. This event was a carefully curated opportunity to strengthen international ties, foster city-to-city relationships, and celebrate the Nepalese heritage that continues to thrive in New Zealand. He embodies the spirit of service, whether officiating marriage ceremonies or championing the rights of ethnic minorities. But tonight's focus was not on his accolades but rather on the collective effort to ensure that heritage is not something left behind but carried forward into the future.



Voices That Echo Beyond Borders

Mayor Wayne Guppy, a stalwart leader with two decades of service, set the tone for the evening with his warm, inclusive address. His ability to bring diverse communities together was evident as he moved through the crowd, engaging in heartfelt conversations that reinforced his deep appreciation for multiculturalism. His presence underscored the strong relationship between Nepalese and Kiwi communities.



Alexander E. Hillary, grandson of the legendary Sir Edmund Hillary, took to the podium with youthful energy and a deep reverence for Nepal. He spoke of the country's majestic landscapes and its welcoming people, sharing his plans to explore Nepal not as an heir to a legacy but as an adventurer drawn to its timeless charm. His words painted a vivid picture of the nation that had captivated his grandfather's heart.



Kamal Prasad Shrestha, a key figure in fostering Nepalese culture in New Zealand, recounted his journey since arriving in 1997 and the invaluable guidance he received from Sir Edmund Hillary and June Mulgrew. His dedication to promoting multicultural harmony shone through as he reflected on the enduring friendship between Nepal and New Zealand.

Legacy in Action: The Next Generation Steps Up

Beyond the speeches and formalities, the evening carried a deeper message—one of passing down values through generations. Dr. Adhikary's young son, Ansh, demonstrated the power of generosity, willingly sharing his savings to support children in need. His daughter, Prableen, continues to embrace both Nepali and English, understanding that language is a bridge to identity and belonging.



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Photo credit: Ramil Adhikari

The night was crowned with mesmerizing dance performances by Sampada and Sambridi Bhattarai, guided by their father, Laxman Bhattarai. Their movements, steeped in humility and pride, embodied the deep connection between heritage and modern identity.

As messages from NTB CEO Deepak Raj Joshi and Nepal's Deputy Head of Mission in Canberra, Kul Bahadur Magar, were read out, the evening came to a heartfelt conclusion. Dr. Adhikari expressed his sincere gratitude to Mayor Guppy, esteemed diplomats, and all attendees, reaffirming the power of culture to unite hearts across borders.

A Vibrant Tapestry of Multiculturalism

The event is a testament to the multicultural essence of New Zealand. Beyond the Nepalese heritage being celebrated, performances from diverse communities fill the evening with color and rhythm. Chinese cultural performances captivate with their grace and precision, the African Luo community adds their mesmerizing drumming and storytelling traditions, and Indian semi-classical dance weaves a tale of elegance and devotion. The fusion of cultures turns the evening into a true celebration of unity through diversity.

On this night, in this corner of the world, the Nepalese community stood tall—not just as immigrants but as proud carriers of a legacy that continues to grow, flourish, and inspire.

A “thank you” to Ramil Adhikari for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Photos credit: Ramil Adhikari

Upper Hutt's fantail sign will be lit up orange for Rare Disease Day

On Friday, 28 February, the fantail will light up orange for Rare Disease Day.

We're helping raise awareness for the 300 million people worldwide living with a rare disease, their families and carers.

Go here to find out more: <https://www.rarediseaseday.org/>

Or find out what other landmarks and buildings are lighting up here: <https://www.rarediseaseday.org/countries/new-zealand/>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

18/02/25



Upper Hutt City Council

H2O Xstream Marks Milestone with Karakia Waerea

This morning H2O celebrated a Karakia Waerea (Blessing), which was conducted by Mana Whenua and supported by whanau of Ōrongomai Marae.

A Karakia Waerea is used to mark the beginning of a new journey or to clear a path forward.

The concept resonates with this project, which has been an important journey for both the council and the community.

Staff, including lifeguards, will now occupy the building and familiarise themselves with critical areas of the facility. Additionally, this phase allows testing of the complete facility including the Hydroslices and ensuring the safety of all features before the public can enjoy them.

Upper Hutt Mayor Wayne Guppy said the blessing was enjoyed by all and marked a significant milestone for H2O Xstream.

"We're an important step closer to the official opening of the facility, which I'm sure everyone is eagerly awaiting," he says.

Once testing is complete, H2O will announce the official opening date. 'We want to ensure all systems are fully operational and safe before making any public announcements, allowing time for any adjustments that may be necessary,' says Mike Ryan, Group Manager Community Services.

For any updates on H2O Xstream's development and opening dates, keep an eye out on Upper Hutt City Council's social media and website.

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

14/02/25



Contributor: A.McCormack



Upper Hutt City Council

Discover the Magic of Play at Wallaceville Playcentre!

Looking for a welcoming, fun, and enriching place for your child to learn through play? Wallaceville Playcentre is a vibrant, whānau-led early childhood centre where tamariki (children) aged 0-6 years can explore, create, and grow in a nurturing environment. Located at 52 Ward Street, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt, we invite you to join us for play, connection, and community.

What Makes Playcentre Special?

Wallaceville Playcentre is part of Playcentre Aotearoa, a unique early childhood organisation that believes parents are a child's best first teachers. We are run by whānau, for whānau, creating a space where caregivers and children learn together. Our sessions are facilitated by parents, supported by free training opportunities, ensuring that both adults and children thrive.

At Playcentre, we value:

- Whānau tūhonotanga – Building strong relationships within our community
- Ako – Learning together, with children leading their own play
- Manaakitanga – A welcoming, inclusive space for all families
- Kaitiakitanga – Caring for our environment and each other

We believe that play is essential for childhood development. That's why we offer a wide range of activities, from messy play and outdoor adventures to imaginative storytelling, water play, and creative arts.

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Why Join Wallaceville Playcentre?

- Whānau involvement: Be actively involved in your child's early learning journey
- Free adult education programme: Learn about child development, play-based learning, and more
- Small, supportive sessions: Two mornings a week, ensuring quality experiences
- Messy play, nature play, and child-led exploration

Messy Play Week – March 5 & 6 2025!

Join us for Messy Play Week on Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th March—two days of sensory, creative fun! Expect:

- Painting and water play
- Mud, sand, and clay exploration
- Foam, slime, and gloop activities

Let your child dive into the joys of messy play while developing fine motor skills, creativity, and confidence. Bring a change of clothes and get ready to have fun!

Come for a Visit!

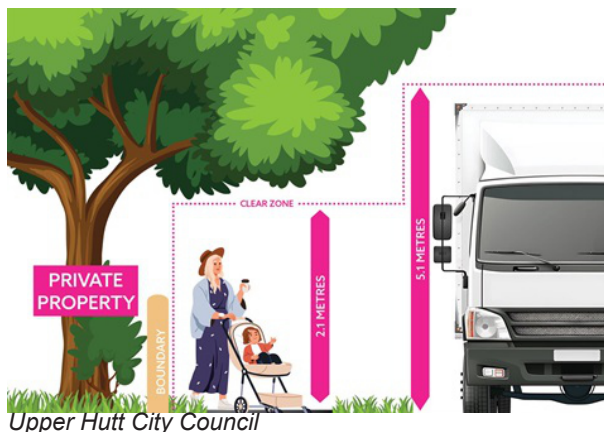
We'd love to welcome you to a session—whether you're a first-time parent, looking for a community, or wanting an alternative to traditional childcare. We are open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM.

- Visit us at Wallaceville Playcentre, 52 Ward Street, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt
- Find out more: Wallaceville Playcentre

Come along and experience the joy of learning through play! We can't wait to meet you.

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

12/02/25



All about overhanging vegetation – The Frequently Asked Questions

We usually check in with landowners about overhanging vegetation. This year, instead of an official assessment, we just want to take a moment to remind everyone how important it is to trim back shrubs, hedges, and trees.

Trimming your plants helps keep footpaths clear and safe for pedestrians and makes it easier for vehicles to move freely on the roads and reach properties without the risk of damage from low branches. When trucks or buses hit overhanging branches, it can cause harm to both the vehicle and the tree. A little maintenance goes a long way in keeping things running smoothly for everyone!

If you have any questions about overhanging vegetation that's not answered in the FAQ's below you can contact Customer Service on 04 527 2169 or email askus@uhcc.govt.nz

What is overhanging vegetation?

Overhanging vegetation happens when trees, shrubs, or plants from private properties grow out over a footpath or road. This can cause a few issues for pedestrians and drivers, from safety hazards to accessibility problems.

Why is it important to keep vegetation trimmed back?

When trees and shrubs hang over footpaths and roads, they can get in the way, making it harder for people to walk or drive safely. In Upper Hutt, we take pedestrian safety seriously, and we want everyone to be able to move around freely and without obstruction. That's why trimming overhanging vegetation is essential.

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What are the rules for trees and plants next to footpaths or roads?

- If have trees or plants near a footpath or road, it's your responsibility to make sure they don't block the way. Here are the key guidelines:
- Keep vegetation clear of footpaths and roads: If the footpath runs right next to your property, any trees, shrubs, or hedges should be trimmed back to your property boundary to ensure the entire footpath is clear.
- Height clearance: There should be at least 2.1 metres of space above the footpath or walkway and 5.1 metres above the road to allow trucks and buses to pass safely.
- Berm areas: Even if there's just a grassy berm (the area between the footpath and the road), overhanging vegetation must be cleared to ensure safe access for everyone.

What if I can't afford to do the work?

It's a reasonable expectation that property owners maintain their property, including keeping trees and shrubs in check. Regular upkeep is part of responsible property ownership.

What about my neighbour's tree overhanging my property?

If a neighbour's tree is hanging over your property, that's generally a private matter between you and your neighbour. We don't get involved in tree disputes unless the tree is protected by law. If you have concerns about a protected tree, contact the Upper Hutt City Council Planners or the Horticultural Officer. You could also contact Upper Hutt Citizens Advice on 04 528 9040 or seek legal advice.

What happens if I don't trim my vegetation?

If your trees or plants are overhanging public spaces and causing problems, the council may send you a notice under the Local Government Act 1974. Here's what could happen next:

1. Notification: You'll receive a notice asking you to trim your vegetation.
2. Deadline: You'll be given a reasonable amount of time to do the work.
3. Re-inspection: We'll check to see if the work has been done.
4. Council Action: If you don't take care of it, the council may hire a contractor to do the work, and you'll be billed for it.

What about the berm trees? Shouldn't the council trim those first?

Berm trees (the ones on council-owned land) are managed by the council's Parks and Reserves team. If you spot an issue with one of these trees, contact the Council Horticultural Officer. We regularly assess the health and safety of berm trees to make sure they meet the same clearance requirements as trees on private properties.

By keeping vegetation under control, we can all contribute to a safer, more accessible community for everyone. Need help or have questions? Don't hesitate to get in touch with us for advice!

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

15/02/25

SPORTS



Upper Hutt Petanque

6th Annual Hospice Charity Petanque Tournament raises over \$9000 for Te Omanga Hospice

The 6th Annual Hospice Charity Petanque Tournament was held at Maidstone Park on 6th February. The weather was brilliant and the full capacity of the terrain was used with 56 individual entries. Sadly Graeme Morris was unable to attend on the day but Michelle Maxwell kept in close contact with him with videos and photos of the occasion, whilst also assisting with collecting and entering scores, entrance fees and other tasks. Entrance fees, raffles, sausage sizzle, sale table, auctions and cash donations all contributed to a sizeable donation to Te Omanga Hospice from the UHPC, all helped by very generous donations by several companies who donated goods or money towards the occasion.

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We were able to hand out some good prizes to the top 15 places, one to the least lucky player, over 25 smaller spot prizes, and of course the prized trophy donated by Michelle Maxwell, to the overall winner Adrienne Gwerder. The melee consisted of five completely random games where the computer software selected who partners whom, and against which team, including which pistes to play on. The software also ensures that no-one plays with any partner more than once. This makes it a very social game, and the 60s/70s music provided by Seymour and Theresa Harawira had most players humming, singing and even dancing throughout the day, making it a very festive occasion.

The top 15 winners were:

1. Adrienne Gwerder
2. Dave Gwerder
3. Debby Butler
4. Claire Bradburn
5. Cheryl Juno
6. Derek Worsley
7. Seyjay Harawira
8. Kevin McFagden
9. Julian Teni
10. Karen Muir
11. Bob Horton
12. Val Clark
13. Bruce Stephenson
14. Kathy Taylor / Judith Wood
15. Denise Bramwell

The total amount raised after all collections and pledges was over \$9000 and we would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the following businesses for their invaluable support in the way of donations.

In no particular order: Resene, McDonalds, Monterey Cinemas, Woolworths, Unichem Pharmacy, Lagan's Pharmacy, Queen St Pharmacy, Pertronic Industries, Mitre 10, The Warehouse, Southebys, Summerset, Dough Bakery, Super Liquor, Repco, Supercheap Auto, Columbus Café, Domino's Pizza, Tree Gifts, Menz Shed, All Secure Storage, Burgess Trust, Alison Zuppich, and lastly Flo Madgwick for her very generous donation of a large gift basket for the main raffle. Many other individuals assisted to make the day go smoothly and we thank them all for their efforts.

Graeme Morris is now looking for a club to volunteer to host next year's tournament, preferably outside the Hutt Valley since it has been here for the last two years.

Source: Upper Hutt Petanque

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Art Lab: Saturday 15th of February – Sunday 14th of September

For six months one of the galleries is transformed into a creative space for children and their families. Featuring hands-on activities and creative play challenges, you are invited to build, shape, make and play, with building blocks, Lego build tables and activities inspired by our collection. Entry is free, adult supervision is required.

Proudly supported by Heretaunga Book Fest Trust and Pelorus Trust

Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

The Upper Hutt Connection - Wednesday Edition: 19th of February, 2025



Sara Hughes, 2021.

Late Nite Sound Bite – Burgin, Kerr and Norman: Friday 21st of February, 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Location: Whirinaki Whare Taonga (Expressions)

Irishman Andrew Kerr (ex. Jacky Tar) and Alan Norman (The Warratahs, The Rag Poets) have been playing as a duo for many years. They have recently expanded to a trio and are joined by Paddy Burgin (The Wooden Box Band, The Zimmermans), and his magical guitars, on a more permanent basis. Paddy, a world-renowned luthier, was a member of The Scarborough Connection, who featured on Andrew and Alan's critically acclaimed 2023 release 'For the Record.'

A swampy melting pot of country, folk, Americana and blues, they combine a mutual love of story-telling and rhythmic grooves with narratives about the human experience. They perform predominantly original material, with contributions from each member, calling on a wide range of instrumentation including piano, acoustic and Weissenborn guitars, accordion, bodhran, and percussion.

Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

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Lion's Mini Market: Saturday 22nd of February, 8.00 am – 11.00 am

Location: King Lion Hall, King Street, Upper Hutt

Plants, Crafts, Quality clothing, Books, Toys, Jigsaws, Lemons, Household things and more.

Get there early for good parking.

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

10/02/25



Whirinaki Whare Taonga



Upper Hutt Toy Library's Post Stocktake Toy & Clothing Sale! Saturday 22nd of February, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Preloved toys, and kids clothing sizes from 3mts – 3 years.

Everything is a gold coin donation unless marked.

A "thank you" to Lydia, and the Upper Hutt Toy Library for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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**RACE Trentham Car Boot Sale:
Saturday 22nd of February, 10.00 am –
1.00 pm**

Get ready for a fantastic opportunity to declutter and turn your unwanted items into someone else's treasure.

The Car Boot Sale at RACE Trentham is the perfect event to have an after-Christmas clear out and earn some extra cash.

Join us on Saturday 22 February 2025 from 10am to 1pm for a fun-filled morning of buying and selling.

You know what they say, one man's trash is another man's treasure!

If you would like to register for a site please use the link below.

<https://membership.raceinc.co.nz/Vendors/22-02-2025>

Free entry to the public.

Source: RACE Trentham Events

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Upper Hutt Repair Café

**Upper Hutt Repair Café: Saturday 22nd
of February, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm**

Located in the main hall of Whirinaki Whare Taonga (previously Expressions). Parking at the rear of the building.

Upper Hutt Repair Cafe is running an event coming up on 22 February. Anyone can bring in their broken household items to be repaired for free or koha by volunteers, to help reduce landfill waste and poverty. Think the Repair Shop tv show. Poster with all the information attached. More info can be found on our facebook page @uhrepaircafe.

A "thank you" to Catherine for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection / Source: Upper Hutt Repair Cafe

25/01/25



RACE Trentham Events



BK Patterson Builders

Bill Moffatt Memorial Super Saloon Champs & Midgets: Saturday 22nd of February, 6.00 pm

The Super Saloons are back at Wellington! See the door-to-door action of the big horsepower Super Saloons as they fight it out in the Bill Moffatt Memorial Champs and the Black Sheep Construction Wellington Super Saloon Champs. With a big field expected after the success of last season its time to set the dirt alight as they lay down the rubber. Add to this the return of Midgets to Wellington! These rockets will be set to set the track alight with a full field from around the North Island making their first trip to Wellington.

See your favourite drivers from:

- Super Saloons
- Midgets
- AV Kiwi Production Saloons
- Prowash Streetstocks
- Black Sheep Construction Ministocks



Ticket Prices:

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

Prices are as follows:

- Adult: \$25.00
- 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): \$60.00

Book at Eventbrite.co.nz: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/bill-moffat-memorial-super-saloon-champs-midgets-tickets-1108876452319?aff=efbevent>

Source: Wellington Family Speedway

04/02/25

My Walk in Wardrobe – Sustainable Fashion Market: Sunday 23rd of February, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Location: Brewtown, Upper Hutt

NZ's biggest preloved clothing markets!

Buy directly from closet clearouts to professional thrifters and talented makers!

We're back at Brewtown from 10-2 pm.

To check out what the stallholders are bringing (including their sizes), have a scroll under the "discussion" tab here on our Facebook event.

https://www.facebook.com/events/496256136159876?active_tab=about

GOLD COIN ENTRY

Come at 10 – be prepared to line up

Come after 12 – for fewer crowds

Come after 1 – for more bargains

CASH IS KING All stalls accept cash, some accept bank transfers and few will have Eftpos

For our FAQs or to be a stallholder:

www.mywalkinwardrobe.co.nz

Source: My Walk in Wardrobe

09/02/25

MOVIE FUNDRAISER For Marine Reach Fiji - April 2025 Medical Outreach



Sunday 23rd of February
Monterey Cinemas - 4pm
Please arrive around 3:30pm
\$20 per ticket

Bring extra cash for raffles and hand made crafts
Snacks and drinks can be bought from Cinema

To book tickets contact
Jan (027 430 2020) or Hanneke (022 198 2189)

Contributor: Jan



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

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

Wednesday mornings during term time. First day
for 2025, 12th of February.

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.

07/11/24

MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS 4th Annual Outdoor Music Festival SAT 22ND FEB 2025 4 Avian Cres Blue Mountains

LIVE MUSIC Featuring

Glenn Barclay
Thomas Johnson
& Sam Saffery



& Special Guests



3 - 7pm • Koha Entry
Raffles • Selection of Food & Drinks • Family Friendly



Contact
bmra@outlook.com



Contributor: John & Wendy

Learn to Roller Skate: Eight week course – starts 25th of February

Are you ready to try something new, meet an awesome bunch of people, and do something for YOU?!

Have we got the course for you!

Learn the basics of Roller Skating in this 8 week course. No skating experience is necessary!

We've got all the skates and protective gear to get you rolling, and we'll teach you the foundations of skating while focusing on how to stay safe and have fun on skates.

- 25 February -15 April 8.30 -10pm
- \$40 per person
- Gender inclusive, ages 16+

This course (or equivalent skating experience) is a pre-requisite for our Learn to play Roller Derby course.

Source: Remutaka Roller Derby

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The Upper Hutt Connection

RECIPES

Greek Salad

Ingredients:

- 6 large tomatoes, chopped
- 2 telegraph cucumbers, quartered and thinly sliced
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup of pitted olives
- 200g feta cheese
- 1/2 cup olive oil (optional)
- dried oregano

Method:

1. Mix the tomatoes, cucumber, red onion, and olives in a salad bowl.
2. Crumble the feta cheese into large pieces and scatter over the top of the salad.
3. Sprinkle with a little dried oregano
4. If desired, drizzle 1/2 cup of olive oil over the salad as the salad dressing. Otherwise (and un-authentically), serve mayonnaise with the salad and diners can add some to their salad as they wish.

Original recipe: Raumati South Kindergarten Cookbook

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.

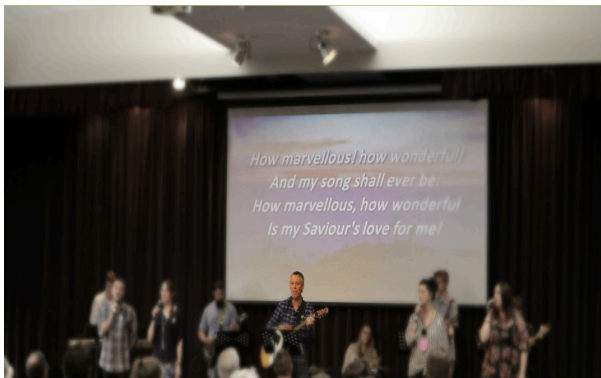
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

Services are live-streamed on YouTube: Heretaunga Community Church

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

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>



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.

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.

11/12/24



St. Hilda's Anglican Church

St. Hilda's Anglican Church

Location: 35 Cruickshank Road, Clouston Park, Upper Hutt

Email Church Office: sthildasuh@gmail.com

Who we are:

A congregation of faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, who draw on the Anglican tradition to support a lively expression of our faith.

Our recently unanimously agreed vision statement is: St Hilda's – a vibrant, faith-based presence within our community.

What we do:

- We are a community of people who come together to worship God, to grow in relationship with one another and with the wider community.
- We offer loving service to God, one another, the people of Upper Hutt and the world.
- We are disciples of Jesus, the Lord of Love.
- We believe in the Christian Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life. We are inspired and guided by the Holy Bible. We seek to grow in faith.
- We welcome newcomers to our parish family with warm hospitality. We provide a wide range of activities, both spiritual and secular. We encourage all to develop their relationship with Christ through our worshipping community.
- In recent years we have turned our focus outwards to serving our community.

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Weekly services:

Sunday 9.30am: Traditional NZ Anglican Worship

This is a comfortable, family-friendly feeling service, although it follows the traditional liturgical format. The service order alternates between the three ANZPB Eucharistic (communion) liturgies. There is always a sermon with a liturgical assistant leading the worship; when a priest is not available. The communion is led by one of our leaders licenced for reserved sacrament.

Thursday 10.00am: Traditional Communion Service

The service order follows ANZPB with the Sunday sermon being repeated here. Our services are supported by a good tech suite, including two large monitors installed at the front of the church, and a quality sound system.

Prayer books remain available in the pews for anyone who prefers to use them.

Sue sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection / Source: St Hilda's Anglican Church Upper Hutt

ENTERTAINMENT

What's new at Monterey Cinemas? Week starting 20/02/25

10 LIVES

Running time: 87 minutes

Rated: G

A pampered cat takes for granted the lucky hand he has been dealt after he is rescued and loved by Rose, a kind-hearted and passionate student. When he loses his ninth life, fate steps in to set him on a transformative journey.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/10-lives>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7959138/videooplayer/vi3264136729/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_10%2520Lives



10 Lives

BIRD

Running time: 119 minutes

Rated: R16 (Violence, domestic violence & offensive language)

Bailey lives with his brother Hunter and his father Bug, who raises them alone in a squat in northern Kent. Bug doesn't have much time to devote to them. Bailey looks for attention and adventure elsewhere.

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

View trailer here: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt28277817/videooplayer/vi2311047449/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_2_tt_6_nm_1_in_0_q_Bird



Bird

THE MONKEY

Running time: 98 minutes

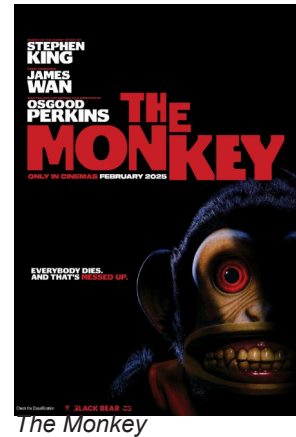
Rated: R16 (Horror, graphic violence, offensive language)

In *The Monkey*, when twin brothers Hal and Bill discover their father's old monkey toy in the attic, a series of gruesome deaths starts occurring all around them. The brothers decide to throw the monkey away and move on with their lives, growing apart over the years. But when the mysterious deaths begin again, the brothers must reunite to find a way to destroy the monkey for good before it takes the lives of everyone close to them.

THE MONKEY is based on the short story by Stephen King, written and directed by Osgood Perkins and stars Theo James.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/the-monkey>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt27714946/videooplayer/vi2468464921/?ref=nm_sr_srsq_2_tt_6_nm_1_in_0_q_The%2520Monkey



The Monkey

WILLIAM TELL

Running time: 133 minutes

Rated: M (Violence)

As the nations of medieval Europe struggle for power, the ruthless Austrian Empire invades neighbouring Switzerland, and a peaceful huntsman, William Tell, is thrust into the heart of their resistance.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/william-tell>

Source: Monterey Cinemas Upper Hutt

18/02/25



William Tell

THE UPPER HUTT CONNECTION IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR ARTICLES

Hi everyone, did you know that it costs nothing to put up an article on The Upper Hutt Connection? It doesn't matter if you're a professional journalist or not (I'm certainly not!), any and all articles are welcome on The Upper Hutt Connection.

Schools and groups are most certainly invited too. Where privacy is a concern, I can create high quality AI images for you, protecting the students privacy. Please check out the images to see what I can do for you! The AI loves details - The more info you put in, the more detailed your image will be!

The Upper Hutt Connection is always looking for:

- General news articles
- Community events
- Recipes
- Sports articles
- Garage Sales
- Book, film, or restaurant reviews
- Promoting the worship services here in Upper Hutt
- And anything else you might think of - I'm always open to suggestions.

Please visit <https://uhconnection.co.nz/send-an-article-to-the-upper-hutt-connection/> to find my easy-to-fill-out forms, which make sending in articles a breeze.

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Please contact me at editor@uhconnection.co.nz if you're interested. I'd love to hear from you. :)

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



Local Water Done Well, Decisions made in 2025 will affect YOU!!!

To those who might be questioning why this article is being reproduced multiple times, I've been asked if I could run this until the end of March. Cheers, Ben Knowles - Editor / Operator @ The Upper Hutt Connection.

We would like to make people as informed as possible over an issue which will affect all residents and future generations in Upper Hutt and across the country.

With decisions that need to be made in 2025, we have been told by the Upper Hutt Council that they will consult with the community in Mar/Apr 2025 on our preferred water delivery method. Water is a very precious resource and is vital to each and every one of us.

We have collated on a webpage as much information as we can and tried to present it as neutrally and hopefully as informative as possible.

We have included a recent email of questions we have sent to councils and others to ask for information and voice our views. We would encourage others to do similar with their views, concerns and questions.

Visit this site to know more. <https://www.nzempowered.com/post/local-water-done-well>

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

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