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GENERAL NEWS

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Mastering email and scam-savviness: our digital learning classes 2025

Following the success of our free digital learning classes in 2024, we are excited to host another round of in-person courses at our Central Library this year.

Email, apps, mobile devices. From online banking to identifying scams and phishing tactics, our Better Digital Futures courses are **the perfect way to step into using the internet with confidence.**

To register your interest and get notified about upcoming classes, fill in the form at the link below, or call our team on (04) 527 2117.

What is Better Digital Futures?

Better Digital Futures classes are designed specifically for older adults and seniors (ages 65 plus) who would like to build their confidence using the internet and online services.

We are delivering the courses in partnership with the Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa (DIAA).

What can participants expect from the course?

- a small, in-person class at Central Library hosted by Upper Hutt Libraries staff
- hands-on practice using digital devices with step-by-step help and support
- takeaway printed resources to revise and continue learning at home

We encourage participants to bring their own mobile device. If you don't have one, you can borrow a Library Chromebook for free during each class.

Let's connect, learn, and stay safe online

Digital technology has gifted us the opportunity to stay connected with family, whānau, and friends across the country and overseas.

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Better Digital Futures is here to provide a space to learn practical skills you can use every day – from staying in touch with the important people in your life to catching up on the news or ordering your groceries online.

Register your expression of interest

Due to how popular Better Digital Futures has been with our community in the past, we have opened an expression of interest form below.

Please fill in the form or call us on (04) 527 2117, and we will notify you when registrations for the next course are open.

The form can be found at: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/News/Better-Digital-Futures-2025>

Source: Upper Hutt Libraries

30/01/25



Google Maps

Youths that robbed the Akatarawa Dairy, crash at Silverstream Bridge

Four youths who robbed the Akatarawa Dairy yesterday (Tuesday, 28th of January) crashed into another car at Silverstream Bridge just before 9.00 am. Police had been pursuing the vehicle for some time and they were taken into custody at the scene.

Source: Stuff

29/01/25

Who is Ansh Adhikari? A Young Heart of Kindness Amid Rising Inflation

At just six years old, Ansh Adhikari has already shown a level of compassion and generosity that many adults aspire to. On the eve of his seventh birthday, instead of thinking about gifts and celebrations, Ansh was thinking about others—especially children in need.

With inflation soaring and the cost of groceries rising, many families are struggling to afford even basic necessities. Essentials like milk, bread, and fresh food have become increasingly expensive, leaving many parents worried about how to feed their children.

A heartbreaking plea for help appeared on social media from a woman in Upper Hutt, a mother of four, who was struggling to afford milk for her children until the following Tuesday. When Ansh's father shared this with him, his response was immediate. Without hesitation, he ran to his piggy bank, took out \$20 of his savings, and said, "Kids should never be out of milk, Daddy. Let's help!"

His words were simple, but they carried a deep understanding of kindness and empathy. At an age when most children are eagerly awaiting presents and cake, Ansh chose to give instead of receiving.

Ansh's selfless act highlights the growing struggles many families face. With the rising cost of living, food insecurity is becoming more common across Aotearoa New Zealand. More and more parents are being forced to make tough choices between rent, bills, and food for their children.

For a six-year-old to recognize this hardship and respond with generosity is a powerful reminder of the goodness that still exists in the world. His actions show that kindness has no age limit and that even small gestures can make a huge difference.

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(Ansh during Delivery of food) - Contributor: Ramil Adhikari

As his father, I couldn't be prouder of Ansh. His instinct to help without expecting anything in return is truly inspiring. Seeing his concern for others at such a young age fills me with hope for the future.

Tomorrow, Ansh turns seven. While he will surely receive love, gifts, and birthday wishes, I hope his story also serves as a reminder that even the smallest hands can make a big impact.

Ansh's story is more than just an act of kindness—it is a lesson for all of us. In times of hardship, a little generosity goes a long way. Whether it's helping a neighbor, supporting a struggling family, or simply being kind, we all have the power to make the world a better place.

As we celebrate Ansh's birthday, let's also celebrate the values he represents empathy, compassion, and the belief that no child should go without. Because in the end, it is not how much we have, but how much we give, that truly defines us.

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

31/01/25

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

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>

NZ Empowered Team

nzempowered@gmail.com

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

13/01/25

SPORTS

Cricket Weekend Review: Sam Morgan sets UHUCC's highest score at 226, and Premiere Men's holds the Cook Shield

A massive weekend for the club and one of our favourite club members – Sam Morgan. Sam scored the highest score for UHUCC at 226* against Eastern Suburbs in the first 2 day round. Sam went past the previous record of 224 held by Callum McLachlan. Sam only faced a 162 balls and his knock included 24*4s and 8*6s. We are extremely proud of Sam's efforts and we wish him the best as he pushes for higher honours.

To top it off, our premier men's team won the game outright courtesy of a 5fer by Lachie Bailey and now are proud holders of the COOK SHIELD. This is the first time our club has held the shield and will be on the line for our 2 remaining home two games this season. Well done to all the players and support staff involved!

Source: Upper Hutt United Cricket Club - 03/02/25



Upper Hutt United Cricket Club

Upper Hutt's Nicole Regnaud heads to Canterbury to defend her 5th place title in darts

Nicole Regnaud who ranks fifth in the world when it comes to women's darts, is heading down to the Canterbury Classic this weekend to defend her title.

Darts runs strong in the Regnaud family with her father Jason, mother Yolande, and older sister Ashlee all heavily involved in the sport.

Nicole has attributed her recent success from playing against the best of New Zealand's male dart players, as she says that they don't give any chances and there is no room for error, so this has improved her game.



New Zealand Herald

Source: New Zealand Herald

04/02/25

TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TRIALS

Week 1- Sun 2nd, Mon 3rd & Wed 5th of Feb
Week 2- Sun 9th, Mon 10th & Wed 12th of Feb
Week 3- Sun 16th, Mon 17th & Wed 19th of Feb

Ages 2008-2012
Times: 6:00-7:30 pm (Sundays 9:00-10:30 am)
Location: Heretaunga College

For any queries email
jonathan@upperhuttcityfootball.org.nz

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UPPER HUTT CITY FOOTBALL

UPPER HUTT RAMS

NETBALL



NETBALL TRIALS 2025

Are you interested in being part of the Upper Hutt Rams and looking to play competitive netball then come down to the netball Trials.

These trials are for the Premier 1 & 2 Netball teams

Who: Anyone is welcome to attend.

Bring: Water bottle, sweat towel, \$10.00 towards court hireage & energy.

When: Saturday 15th February 2025
10am - 12pm

Where: Walter Nash Event Centre
22-24 Taine Street, Taita, Lower Hutt, Wellington

Please rsvp to our Upper Hutt Rams Netball Facebook page or email netball@uhramsrugby.co.nz to register your interest before 02/02/2025.

Please note: We will have court 2 available for any mums with kiddies who would like to run around the court whilst the trials are happening.



Contributor: Jessie

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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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 Cruickshank Road, Clouston Park

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

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

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


07/11/24

6th Annual Hospice Charity Petanque Tournament: Thursday 6th of February

The UHPC is proud to announce that our Club will be hosting the 6th Annual Hospice Charity Petanque Tournament on Thursday 6th February 2025. This is an open tournament. You do not need to belong to a Club. All proceeds will go to Te Omanga Hospice. If you know how to play, then you are welcome to enter. The tournament format is a 'melee', meaning that teams are made up of random mixes of players for each game. Spectators are also welcome. If entering please do so by emailing Graeme Morris graememorris@xtra.co.nz. Entry fee of \$15 is payable in cash on registration at the Maidstone Park Petanque Terrain. See photo for further details.

6th Annual Hospice Charity Petanque Tournament
Thursday 6th February 2025

Hosted by Upper Hutt Petanque Club
Maidstone Park, Park Street Upper Hutt
9.30 for a 10 am Start
5 x 50-minute games
All proceeds go to Te Omanga Hospice

 **Te Omanga Hospice**
Te Whare Mānaki Tangata

Note: Entrants do not need to belong to a petanque club

Please support this worthy cause.
Play for the Hospice Charity Trophy.
Spot Prizes / Raffles

Entry fee \$15.00 per player. Entries close Monday 3rd February 2025
Enter by emailing Graeme Morris graememorris@xtra.co.nz
or phone 0272479370 with the following details
Name, contact details (Phone or email)

- Entry fee-pay on the day when you register.
- Note: Two players may share one entry if they feel 5 games is too many to play but any prizes won must be shared.

Sales table, raffles and auctions.

Source: Upper Hutt Petanque

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CIRCLE OF SONG starts again on Tuesday 11th Feb at Rimutaka Baptist Church at 1 - 2.30pm. Uplifting & inspiring songs to sing, along with a cuppa. Open to everyone.

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



Arctic Adventure – Fiero Code Challenge: Ends 31st of March 2025

Calling all young coders: the first Fiero Code Challenge of 2025 is here!

Your mission brief: design a fun maze game using Code Blocks (similar to Scratch).

Your reward: be in to win some seriously cool tech prizes like drones, code-able robots, and more!

Projects are due 31 March 2025.

Open for ages 8 to 18.

Read more and sign up through our website:
<https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Programmes/Arctic-Adventure>

Source: Upper Hutt Libraries

04/02/25



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**Shaun Preston – Summer Serenade @ Brewtown:
Thursday 6th of February, 1.00 pm – 6.00 pm**

Location: Brewtown greenspace

Admission: FREE

What are you up to this Thursday?

The correct answer is 'hanging out with all the best people at the Brewtown Greenspace, listening to awesome tunes from the incredibly talented Shaun Preston at Summer Serenade!'

Excellent, now that's settled we'll see you all on Thursday!

Source: *Brewtown Upper Hutt*

03/02/25



Late Nite Sound Bite – Lisa Tomlins and Wade Reeve Duo: Friday 7th of February, 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Location: Whirinaki Whare Taonga (Expressions)

Admission: Koha

Over the last three and a half decades, Lisa Tomlins (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Toa) has established herself as one of the most respected, in demand, and versatile vocalists in the local music scene.

In that time, the Upper Hutt-based stage singer, studio recording artist, mentor, and vocal coach has sung with a who's who of Aotearoa's popular music bands, including L.A.B, Fat Freddy's Drop, TrinityRoots, Little Bushman, The Recloose Live Band, Lord Echo, and fronting the Wellington disco-house-dub trio Ebb.

Lisa will be accompanied by Wade Reeve – one of Wellington's most accomplished and sought after guitarists.

Source: *Whirinaki Whare Taonga*

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Whirinaki Whare taonga

GARAGE SALES

**Garage Sale: 21 Sandford Street,
Trentham | Saturday 8th of February,
8.30 am – 11.00 am**

Moving House Everything has to go.

Wayne gave permission for this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

4/02/25



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Mainly Acoustic MUSIC CLUB
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Krissy & Peter Jackson

Mayfair Café Doors: 7 pm
 Show: 7.30
 116 Main Street

TWO MAIN ACTS

Hanne

TUES 11 Feb 2025

Americana in 3-part harmony

Skiffy Rivets

Photo by Vince Cabrera

Photo by Gerard Hudson For Music Haven Image

Happy New Year all.

A great concert to kick start our year !

Looking forward to the 11th of Feb .

Source: Mainly Acoustic Music Club – Upper Hutt

20/01/25

PC GAMING

EA celebrates the 25th Anniversary of The Sims™ by re-releasing The Sims™ and The Sims™ 2 – Now able to run on Windows 10 and 11

On Saturday, EA (Electronic Arts) re-released The Sims™ and The Sims™ 2 as part of The Sims™ 25th anniversary.

The Sims™

The Sims™ Legacy Collection is available on Steam for \$35. This includes the base game and all the expansion packs that were released:

- Livin' Large
- House Party
- Hot Date
- Vacation
- Unleashed
- Superstar
- and Makin' Magic

https://store.steampowered.com/app/3314060/The_Sims_Legacy_Collection/

Please note that the only real downside is that the User Interface is “very” small due to the modern resolution. Hopefully this may be updated in the future.

The Sims™ 2

The Sims™ 2 Legacy Edition is available for \$50 on Steam, it includes all of the expansion and stuff packs minus the IKEA Stuff pack. Not a thing to split hairs over in my opinion – this is still great value for money.

https://store.steampowered.com/app/3314070/The_Sims_2_Legacy_Collection/

The packs include:

- University
- Nightlife
- Open for Business
- Pets
- Bon Voyage
- Seasons
- Free Time
- Apartment Life
- Holiday Party Pack



The Sims™ – Maxis / Electronic Arts



The Sims™ 2 – Maxis / Electronic Arts

- Family Fun Stuff
- Glamour Life Stuff
- Happy Holiday Stuff
- Celebration! Stuff
- H&M Fashion Stuff
- Teen Style Stuff
- Kitchen and Bathroom Interior Design Stuff
- Mansion & Garden Stuff

The only issue I've found with the Sims 2™ Legacy Edition is that it does have a tendency to crash occasionally. Bear in mind that this could be considered an old game now, it did come out in 2004 – 21 years ago!

My advice is to simply save on a regular basis, like maybe once a day in-game time. That way, if it does crash, you haven't lost too much progress.

I'll close this with the most memorable line from the manual of the original game. It's final line being "And before you know it, it's 3.00 am YOUR TIME, and you don't even have your teeth brushed."

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RECIPES



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Fish Cakes

Please note that apart from the egg, garlic salt, and the tinned salmon, all other quantities vary with the amount of mashed potato you have on hand and the sloppiness of the mixture.

Ingredients:

- Mashed potato
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 210g tin of pink salmon
- small handful of grated cheese
- 1/2 cup – 1 cup of bread crumbs

Method:

1. Set oven to "bake" and preheat to 75°C
2. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Using your hands works well to make sure everything is evenly mixed.
3. Using your hands, pack the mixture into balls. Flatten the balls with your hands.
4. Cook the fish cakes in a small amount of oil in a large heavy-based frying pan, cooking them on a medium heat, and five minutes on each side.
5. The cooking of the fish cakes takes a while, as it needs to be done in multiple batches. Put cooked fish cakes on a baking tray and keep them warm in the oven.

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.

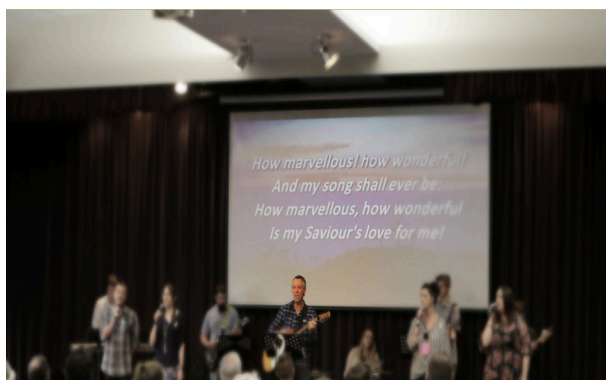
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

Services are live-streamed on YouTube: Heretaunga 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 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.

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 6/02/25

SEPTEMBER 5

Running time: 92 minutes

Rated: M (Offensive language)

"September 5" unveils the decisive moment that forever changed media coverage and continues to impact live news today. Set during the 1972 Munich Summer Olympics, the film follows an American Sports broadcasting team that quickly adapted from sports reporting to live coverage of the Israeli athletes taken hostage. Through this lens, "September 5" provides a fresh perspective on the live broadcast seen globally by an estimated one billion people at the time.

At the heart of the story is Geoff (John Magaro), a young and ambitious producer striving to prove himself to his boss, the legendary TV executive Roone Arledge (Peter Sarsgaard). Together with German interpreter Marianne (Leonie Benesch) and his mentor Marvin Bader (Ben Chaplin), Geoff unexpectedly takes the helm of the live coverage. As narratives shift, time ticks away, and conflicting rumors spread, with the hostages' lives hanging in the balance, Geoff grapples with tough decisions while confronting his own moral compass.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/september-5>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt28082769/videooplayer/vi1253886233/?ref=nm_sr_srsq_2_tt_7_nm_0_in_0_q_September%25205

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September 5

WIDOW CLICQUOT

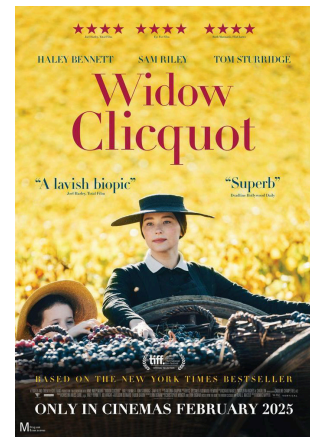
Running time: 91 minutes

Rated: M (Drug use & sex scenes)

The pic chronicles the gritty journey in the early years of the Veuve Clicquot vineyard in 19th century France and brings to life the fascinating young woman behind the iconic orange label. The feature is based on the novel *The Widow Clicquot: The Story of a Champagne Empire and the Woman Who Ruled It* by Tilar J. Mazzeo

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/widow-clicquot>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3234122/videooplayer/vi181323289/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_Widow%2520Cli



Widow Clicquot

HOSHIAR SINGH

Running time: 132 minutes

Rated: PG (Violence)

The film follows the journey of Hoshiar Singh, a unique and vibrant individual who was denied formal education for being deemed unfit for the system. But once he's ready to knock on the system's doors again, he decides to be a teacher and do his bit for the society. But what follows is even more entertaining and interesting as this traditional education system makes him do everything except teach. All this leads to Hoshiar standing up and creating an innovative system of teaching and living life!

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/hoshiar-singh>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt35065315/videooplayer/vi2585970969/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_1_nm_7_in_0_q_Hoshiah%2520Singh



Hoshiar Singh

Source: Monterey Cinemas Upper Hutt

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