

# THE UPPER HUTT CONNECTION



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## GENERAL NEWS

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### Plans to repair Upper Hutt's sewer pipe during April

Wellington Water has issued a warning for significant traffic disruption during April as they plan to undertake urgent repairs on the Western Hills main sewer, which carries all of Upper Hutt's sewerage. The sewer follows under the Western Hutt Road on State Highway 2 when passing through Lower Hutt.

Wellington Water says that the pipe has a high chance of failure due to corrosion – The sewer pipe has been in use for the past 60 years. Wellington Water is deciding to line the pipe rather than fully replace it as it would have less impact. The cost for the operation would be \$5.2 million dollars.

Wellington Water can't say how long the operation might take.

*Source: Radio New Zealand (RNZ)*

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### Wellington Region enters "restricted" fire season

From Tuesday morning (25<sup>th</sup> of February), all of the Wellington Region, including Wellington suburbs, Hutt Valley, Upper Hutt, Porirua, and Kapiti are all under a restricted fire season.

This means anyone who wants to light an outdoor fire first needs to apply for a permit.

*Source: Radio New Zealand*

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## H2O Xtream Vending Machine Expressions of Interest: Closes 7th of March

### Introduction

H2O Xtream is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced food and drink vendors to provide a variety of healthy delicious and diverse food and drink options that will enhance the experience of our visitors.

### Background Information

H2O Xtream is currently undergoing redevelopment, which includes the removal of the on-site café. As part of this redevelopment, we aim to continue meeting the needs of our visitors by providing food and drink vending machines that offer convenient, diverse, and healthy options.

We are seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced food and drink vendors to supply food and drinks that can cater to a wide range of tastes and dietary preferences. These vending solutions should enhance the overall visitor experience by offering something for everyone—from families and fitness enthusiasts to those simply enjoying a relaxing day at the center.

### Submission of responses

If you're interested, please email [Royce.williams@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:Royce.williams@uhcc.govt.nz).

Expressions of interest is open from 11 am Thursday 20 February – 5pm Friday 7 March 2025.

### Notification

Each EOI Respondent shall be notified in writing as to whether it has been selected as the preferred Respondent on completion of the assessment and Council decision-making process.

For more info please visit: <https://letskorero.upperhutt.govt.nz/vending-machine-eoi?preview=true>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

## Some staff at Elderslea and Heretaunga Care Centre face having working hours reduced by 25%

Staff at rest homes run by Oceania Healthcare are concerned for their ability to provide for their families when Oceania has announced that the hours of some rostered workers are to be cut by 25% due to restructuring.

Staff are concerned that these changes will compromise the safety of the residents, but Oceania has rejected these claims. Oceania Healthcare have given no indication of how many workers are going to be affected by the restructuring.

Oceania Healthcare facilities in Upper Hutt include the Elderslea Care Centre and Village, and the Heretaunga Care Centre.

Source: Radio New Zealand

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## 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>

NZ Empowered Team

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

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## DEATH NOTICES AND OBITUARIES

### Barry Cappleman passes away, aged 91

It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of Mr Barry Cappleman, aged 91.

- President of the Mana Kart Club 1977-1978
- Awarded the 26th Life membership of KartSport Wellington
- Patron of Kartsport Wellington 2006-2019

Barry was instrumental along with Bill Picard, Gary Davy, Ray Sparks, and several others in the move from Duck Creek in Mana to the current KartSport Wellington site in Kaitoke.

His passion was such that not only did he race. So did Alan and his brother, and later he was able to watch and support his two grandsons.

At the end of his racing career, he was a stalwart in the starters box at Wellington and started Super Kart races at Manfield as well.



KartSport Wellington

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His passion in later life was in vintage karts where he rebuilt and owned a Devil chassis along with others. Although his pride and joy, an Australian twin engine!

He spent numerous hours raiding Stu Parks' stock of old rotary parts to get the Komets and Parrillas running.

Barry had great life and did so many things, now is his time to have a well deserved rest.

*Source: KartSport Wellington*

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## COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

### City Services Committee meeting: 5th of February, 2025

Topics for discussion included:

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

City Services Committee agenda – 5th of February, 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2025/cycle-1/city-services-agenda-20250205.pdf>

City Services Committee minutes – 5th of February, 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/2/yourcouncil/meetings/2025/cycle-1/city-services-minutes-20250205.pdf>

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

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### Extraordinary Council Meeting: 12th of February, 2025

Extraordinary Council Meeting agenda, 12th of February 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2025/cycle-1/extraordinary-council-agenda-20250212.pdf>

Extraordinary Council Meeting resolutions, 12th of February 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2025/cycle-1/resolutions-passed-at-extraordinary-council-meeting-20250212.pdf>

Extraordinary Council Meeting minutes, 12th of February 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2025/cycle-1/extraordinary-council-meeting-minutes-20250212.pdf>

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

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## Policy Committee: 12th of February, 2025

Topics discussed were:

- An update from the Engagement, Strategy and Planning Group Manager.

Policy Agenda, 12th of February 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2025/cycle-1/policy-agenda-20250212.pdf>

Policy Committee Minutes, 12th of February 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/yourcouncil/meetings/2025/cycle-1/policy-minutes-20250212.pdf>

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS:** To view all regular, and upcoming community events, please visit <https://uhconnection.co.nz/community-events/>

### New Zealand Police drop-in sessions at The Mall: 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm each Wednesday

Starting Wednesday, 26th February, the NZ Police will be hosting weekly drop-in sessions at The Mall Upper Hutt.

In partnership with the NZ Police, we're bringing these sessions to provide a welcoming space where you can ask questions, share feedback, or simply have a chat with the Community Policing Team.

- When: Every Wednesday
- Time: 1 PM – 3 PM
- Where: 207 Main Street, Upper Hutt

Come along and connect with your local police team—we're here to listen and support our community!

Source: The Mall Upper Hutt

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New Zealand Police

### 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. 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.



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## Children's Day at Upper Hutt Library: Sunday 2nd of March, 9.30 am

Explore, create, have fun!

Join us for a fizzing all-day programme of free activities to celebrate Children's Day together.

Free colouring-in sheets, crafts to keep the tamariki and kids busy, plus an extra special scavenger hunt in our children's area at Central Library.

To find out more, visit our website: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Events/Childrens-Day-2025>

Source: Upper Hutt Libraries

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Upper Hutt Libraries

**Plateau School Car boot sale!**

FREE ENTRY 9-1PM

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH

CLOTHES - TOYS - BRICK-A-BRACK - BAKE SALE  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE - AND MORE!

Plateau School, Molloy's Road, Upper Hutt

If you would like a stall or a car boot, please email [hands@plateau.school.nz](mailto:hands@plateau.school.nz)

Plateau Home and School Association

Plateau School are hosting another car boot sale to kick off 2025. Come and see us in Molloy's Road and check out the array of items for sale. We will also have a bake sale, sausage sizzle and more!

If you would like to have a car boot or stall this year, please email [hands@plateau.school.nz](mailto:hands@plateau.school.nz) for more information.

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

**UPPER HUTT SCHOOL**

**Community Outdoor BIG SCREEN**  
Movie Matinée + Family Picnic

**SUNDAY 2 MARCH**  
Wet weather postponement date TBC, Term 4

Gates open at 12.00pm  
Entertainment from 12.30pm  
Movie starts at 1.00pm

Entry by Koha

Food & Drink Stalls available on the day or BYO picnic

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Kia ora! Upper Hutt School is very excited to invite you to join our outdoor movie matinee.

There will be sausages, bacon butties, coffee, candyfloss and other delicious treats or feel free to bring a picnic.

Bringing cash means you avoid the eftpos line.

Koha entry at the gate, come down from midday. Entertainment from 12:30 and movie begins at 1.00 pm

See you there on Sunday!

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



Come along to a community BBQ hosted by Mayoral Candidate Peri Zee this Sunday March 2nd between 11am – 1pm. We'll be located at Trentham Memorial Park by the playground. There will be free sausages, ice blocks and activities for kids.

Peri would love to hear about the kind of future you want for Upper Hutt so bring your big ideas and your questions!

*A “thank you” to Peri Zee for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.*

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### **The Gardians & Community Gardens – Seed Saving Workshop: Tuesday 4th of March, 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm**

Join us for our upcoming workshop in collaboration with some of the good people involved in our local community gardens.

On this short course we'll guide you through the essential skills and techniques needed to save seeds from your favourite fruits and vegetables. Whether you're looking to become more self-sufficient, save money, or simply preserve the diversity of plant varieties.

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

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*Upper Hutt City Council*



## 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!

Examples of the AI images I can provide can be found here: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/send-an-article-to-the-upper-hutt-connection/the-upper-hutt-connection-ai-image-gallery/>



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The Upper Hutt Connection is always looking for:

- General news articles
- Community events
- Letters to the Editor / Opinion (Community Commentary)
- 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.

## CHEAP BUSINESS ADVERTISING

The Upper Hutt Connection also offers very cheap business advertising at only \$1 a day (billed at \$30 a month). There are no contracts, pay by the end of each month and your business will continue to be advertised.

Include everything you want in your advertisement, and it will still only cost you \$1 a day!

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

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



## RECIPES



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### Green Chicken Curry

#### Ingredients:

- 2 Chicken Breasts (or left-over cooked chicken)
- 150g snow peas, cut into thirds or halved depending on length.
- 1 tbsp mild curry powder
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp ground cardamom
- 120g baby spinach
- 1 bunch of spring onions, chopped (include two of the leaves)
- 425g tin baby corn, drained.
- 400ml tin coconut milk
- 70g pine nuts

#### Method:

NOTE – IF USING COOKED CHICKEN, START FROM STEP 2.

1. Thinly slice the chicken breasts and fry in a little oil in frying pan. Use canola, rice bran, or similar oil to fry the chicken breasts in, as the oil will have to be discarded once the chicken breasts are cooked. Once the chicken is seared on all sides, check that the chicken is cooked by cutting through the thickest piece – if it is all white and no pinkness remains, it is cooked.
2. Remove the chicken with a slotted spoon and place in a bowl. Drain the oil into another container to be disposed of thoughtfully, then put some fresh oil into the frying pan. Return the chicken to the pan.
3. Add the curry powder, garlic salt, ginger, and cardamom to the chicken. Stir until the chicken is coated with the spices.
4. Add the spinach, stir carefully at first to avoid spilling the spinach. The heat from the pan will wilt the spinach making it easier to stir. Continuing gently stirring the mixture until all the spinach is wilted.
5. Then stir in the spring onions, and the baby corn.
6. Add the coconut milk and mix together. Let the mixture simmer for five minutes to allow the mixture to be heated through.
7. Stir the pine nuts through the mixture and serve with rice.

## 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.

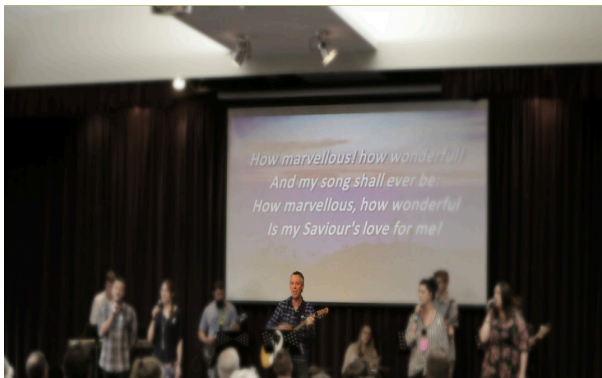
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

Services are live-streamed on YouTube: Heretaunga Community Church

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

Email: [admin@heretaunga.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

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*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 27/02/25

All movies coming out this week can be found at <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/coming-soon>

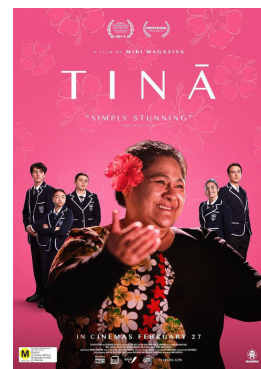
#### TINĀ

**Running time:** 125 minutes

**Rated:** M (Violence, offensive language & suicide references)

Tinā is the story of Samoan teacher Mareta Percival. Struggling after the death of her daughter in the Christchurch earthquakes, Mareta reluctantly takes on the role of substitute teacher at an elite, wealthy private school and is surprised to find children crying out for guidance, inspiration, and love. Using the symphony of her culture to empower her students, she forms a choir, bringing them together while unexpectedly rediscovering her passion for being a teacher and mother.

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



Tinā

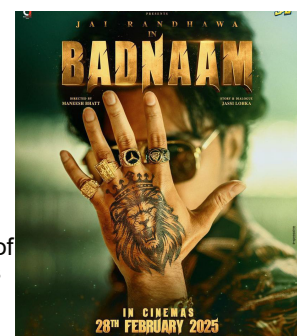
#### BADNAAM

**Running time:** 167 minutes

**Rated:** M (Violence)

Baadshah, haunted by a childhood trauma that tarnished his family's honor, is a man of few words. He is on a mission to restore the lost dignity of his family. His father carries the guilt of several deaths caused by the consumption of his locally produced liquor.

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Badnaam



As fate would have it, Baadshah falls in love with a spirited woman who runs an anti-alcohol NGO. Their love story is filled with humor, romance, and numerous challenges. As the story unfolds, it is revealed that she is intricately connected to his ultimate goal.

Baadshah rarely fails to achieve what he sets out to do, but success always comes at a price. Standing in his way is his arch-nemesis, Zoravar, who proves to be a constant obstacle on his path to redemption.

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

*Source: Monterey Cinemas Upper Hutt*

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