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*Hapai Club Building opened in 1966 – Upper Hutt Recollect*

## **Hapai wrapped for a reason: a step towards the future**

Come end of April, if you are walking down Fergusson Drive near Hapai building, you might notice scaffolding, safety wrap, and a little noise overhead.

And if you're wondering what's going on, we'd love to fill you in – we are re-roofing Hapai building.

This isn't just maintenance. It's preservation of a space that's quietly served generations of Upper Hutt residents.

When the Hapai Club building first opened its doors in 1966, it wasn't just a building – it was the result of years of community effort. From Main Street to Pine Avenue, Upper Hutt locals baked, sewed, raffled, and rallied. Their hard work, combined with a government subsidy, made it possible to open Hapai mortgage-free: a space built by the people, for the people.

While the use of the building has changed over time, its foundation remains the same—community spirit.

### **Why the building is wrapped**

After years of service, the roof of the Hapai Building has reached the end of its life. Time, weather, and internal guttering have taken their toll, and we've started to see leaks that – if left unattended – could damage the structure and make the space unsafe for future use.

To fix this properly and protect the building for years to come, we're re-roofing and relocating the gutters from the inside to the outside of the building. This is a futureproof solution that eliminates the risk of ongoing leaks and avoids short-term patchwork repairs.

What you would like to know

### **Key information:**

- Re-roofing starts late April (weather dependent)
- Work will take approximately 2–3 weeks
- New external gutters will replace internal ones

- The building will be wrapped to protect from the weather
- Contractor: Wellington Long Run Roofing Ltd
- Contact information: [askus@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:askus@uhcc.govt.nz)

### **This is about stewardship**

We know it's natural to ask: "Why are we spending money on this building?"

We understand that every dollar spent comes from our community, and we take that responsibility seriously. Letting it leak and deteriorate would mean greater costs down the line, not just financially, but culturally. We'd risk losing a part of our community fabric. We know its recent use as office space was a shift from its origins.

That's why this work is more than just maintenance.

This is about getting ahead of a bigger problem, protecting what we already own, and making sure the building continues to serve people well into the future.

While the building is currently under review for future use, we know one thing for sure: together we're protecting a community legacy so it can serve the next generation of Upper Hutt residents.

Have questions? Email: [askus@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:askus@uhcc.govt.nz)

Have a memory to share? Email: [heritage@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:heritage@uhcc.govt.nz)

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

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## Upper Hutt gets involved with the Caps and Lids Recycling Scheme

Did you know that one in 10 pieces of litter consists of caps and lids? To tackle this, the Caps and Lids Recycling Programme was launched in September 2024, with the goal of recovering these small items and helping protect the environment.

The good news? Upper Hutt is joining the effort!

If you've been saving your caps and lids, you can now drop off your plastic and metal caps and lids at Pak'nSave Upper Hutt on Gibbons Street. Look for the designated collection boxes (image below). The red label is for plastic caps and lids, while the grey label is for metal caps and lids.

In February 2024, the Ministry for the Environment introduced changes to the standardised material collection guidelines, which meant that despite being valuable materials, plastic and metal caps and lids were excluded from kerbside collection (Standard Materials for Kerbside Collections Notice 2023 – New Zealand Gazette, section 8).

The recycling programme is funded by organisations that are members of the programme and is managed by the Packaging Forum, which also oversees other initiatives like Soft Plastic Recycling Scheme, Food and Beverage Container Recycling Scheme, and the Glass Packaging Forum Scheme.

Plastic lids are sent to PACT Recycling in Auckland, where they are washed and dried before being shipped to Australia for sorting and recycling. These lids are then turned into new products such as wheelie bins, flowerpots, slipsheets, and cable covers.

Rob Langford, CEO of the Packaging Forum, notes, "Ideally, we would recycle these plastic lids in New Zealand, but we currently lack the infrastructure to separate the plastic types and fully recycle the caps locally. Our best option is to send them to our partner across the Tasman. However, we have full traceability of the material through our Australian recycling partner."

Please remember: Ensure your caps and lids are clean and dry. Coffee cup lids, lids made of glass, plastic bottles or containers, paper, glass containers, and metal containers are not recyclable through this programme.

For more information about the programme, what items can be recycled, or to find a drop-off location near you, visit: [capsandlidsrecycling.co.nz](https://capsandlidsrecycling.co.nz).

Source: Upper Hutt City Council 17/04/25

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## Stirling Sports opens in Upper Hutt

Stirling Sports opens for business in Upper Hutt, situated across the road from the ANZ Bank and Lion Court, where Lyn's Lingerie used to be on the corner of Geange Street and Main Street.

Stirling Sports Upper Hutt is operated by a local family who have lived in Upper Hutt for the past eight years.



Stirling Sports



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## Wallaceville Reserve Update

### PHASE TWO: ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND AND PLAY FEATURES UNDERWAY

The new adventure playground has now been installed, offering an exciting space for children and families to explore and enjoy. The careful design of the structure with its graduated challenges ensures children can safely "take risks" as they play and explore their capabilities in natural, outdoor space.

The playground also features play logs and feature rocks, creating a natural play environment that blends into the reserve's surroundings. The safety surfacing is currently being installed, ensuring that the area is safe and accessible for all users. This playground is a great addition to the area, giving families a dedicated, fun, and secure place to spend time together outdoors.

### PHASE THREE: PUMP TRACK UPDATE

Unfortunately, the pump track will be removed along with the removal of improvised jumps made by the community due to issues raised by some residents. It is possible that new pump track will be constructed in the future in a different location.

We are expecting to start on the removal of the pump track and jumps within the in a few weeks' time.

### COST SAVINGS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

To continue with the cost savings that were expected to be made by not having to remove the soil from the playground dugout, we are going to use the surplus material to make a feature seating mound adjacent to the play space to enhance and separate it from the general area.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

We are excited about the progress made so far and look forward to completing the remaining elements of the project by mid-May 2025.

Related article: Play and recreation at the heart of new Wallaceville Reserve <https://uhconnection.co.nz/general-news/play-and-recreation-at-the-heart-of-new-wallaceville-reserve/>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council 17/04/25

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## Helping the mental health of youth in Upper Hutt: Upper Hutt local Kim Hina, is recognised on 1news' Good Sorts

Kim Hina operates Hangout, a safe place for youth to hang out each Thursday night at the Salvation Army on Fergusson Drive. The rules are simple: no vaping, no smokes, no drugs, and no alcohol.

Kim started Hangout eight years ago when her daughter was struggling with mental health, and a close friend of her daughter's was struggling even worse. The main problem is, when it comes to mental health counseling is how long the wait list is, the wait is around eight weeks.

It was a social worker's advice that inspired her to set up Hangout: Listening and caring is crucial to helping. Hang Out provides just that.

Source: 1news

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## Have you seen a mobility scooter around Upper Hutt? One has been stolen in Wallaceville

Stolen from 19 Lane St, on the 19th of April between the hours of 10.00 pm and 7.00 pm. If anyone has security cameras in the area, could you please check them in case there is footage.

If seen, please report to the police. Reference number is 250418/5840

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/mobility-scooter-1>

Source: Give a Little

22/04/25

**Water connection starting at around \$7 Per day/\$50 Per Week!**

**Note: This article has been republished at the request of NZ Empowered**

It is time for Councils to be upfront over the Scott report and the indicative cost of \$7 PER DAY / \$50 PER WEEK for water per household in the near future.

Our community was hit hard over the Rates increase in 2024. It hit rate payers/renters/businesses and our Community. We are concerned that indicative Water Done Well

Costs for our community are not being shared transparently.

As with the rates we believe people may again be hit from left field with massive cost increases and not have had time to budget for these costs.

We have been to quite a few “Annual Plan” meetings and spoken to people where a common theme is that people would like to know what the indicative prices would/could be.

The answers we have heard amount to, no we don't have that information at present.

We believe there is a better understanding known by councils than they are sharing.

- In the Annual Plan there are graphs showing indicative Rates Revenue, a graph showing Indicative Average Water Charges per connection, these graphs must come from base figures. Pg 29-30. [https://c29daf59-758a-4029-be4e-3a751893ecad.usrfiles.com/ugd/c29daf\\_eac15d79e33d442a97a477dd048e808d.pdf#page=31](https://c29daf59-758a-4029-be4e-3a751893ecad.usrfiles.com/ugd/c29daf_eac15d79e33d442a97a477dd048e808d.pdf#page=31)
- There is a report from Scott Consulting from October 2024 which highlights indicative costs. [https://c29daf59-758a-4029-be4e-3a751893ecad.usrfiles.com/ugd/c29daf\\_4001563263194a5587662b2eda916619.pdf](https://c29daf59-758a-4029-be4e-3a751893ecad.usrfiles.com/ugd/c29daf_4001563263194a5587662b2eda916619.pdf)

We are going to share a few, we think, relevant pieces of information we have taken from the Oct 2024 Scott Consulting report. If you want to know more, we have linked the report or alternatively we have 2 council members who sit on the water committees who you can direct questions too. (Wayne Guppy and Dylan Bentley)

1. Average price per connection: <https://c29daf59-758a-4029-be4e-3a751893ecad.usrfiles.com/ugd/c29daf4001563263194a5587662b2eda916619.pdf#page=76>
- Currently the average price per connection across the Wellington Region in 2024 is \$1,711. (\$32.90 per week)
- Could be up to twice current prices or a peak of about \$3,000 to \$4,000. (\$57.70- \$76.90 per week)
- Sustainable price is estimated at about \$2,596 (\$49.90 per week)
- Price rises could be up to 9% per annum on average
- What are the actual lending limits for the new Water Organisation?

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2. What are the actual lending limits for the new Water Organisation?: <https://c29daf59-758a-4029-be4e-3a751893ecad.usrfiles.com/ugd/c29daf4001563263194a5587662b2eda916619.pdf#page=78>

- Up to a level equivalent to 500% of operating revenues, however depending on operational funds this could be less.

3. With Upper Hutt Council handing over water assets to the new CCO (Council Controlled Organisation) is any associated debt also being handed to the new CCO?: <https://c29daf59-758a-4029-be4e-3a751893ecad.usrfiles.com/ugd/c29daf4001563263194a5587662b2eda916619.pdf#page=78>

- It has been assumed that the CCO will inherit about \$2.3 billion of debt in 2027 from the councils. This is because when water assets transfer, so would the associated revenue collection powers and associated debt.

#### As Reference

Here is what we have found on how it works in Auckland, probably closely aligns with how it might work down here also.

<https://www.watercare.co.nz/residents/accounts/how-residential-charges-work>

<https://www.watercare.co.nz/landlords-and-property-managers/accounts/our-charges>

Community Information Page – [www.nzempowered.com/ci](http://www.nzempowered.com/ci)

Community Information Sheet – <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiRvWJcR8iJcJKMsZ974iVpGJhUGcg?e=zZ55E2>

A “thank you” to NZ Empowered for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

## SPORTS



*The photo wall at the 2025 Wellington Community Cricket Prize giving at the Basin Reserve on Tuesday the 15th of April 2025. Photo by Marty Melville/Lintott Photography*

### Upper Hutt United Cricket Club take home a record number of trophies at the Cricket Wellington Club Cricket Awards

An amazing night at the Cricket Wellington Club Cricket Awards this week as Upper Hutt United Cricket Club took home a record number of trophies across Club, Team and Individual Awards.

This is not just a reflection of the hard work done this season, but a culmination of efforts across many seasons of so many across the club to achieve such an incredible result. Shout out to all of our Club Members; Committee, Life Members, Players, Coaches, Officials and Supporters – this is the result of all of your involvement in what we do.

Thanks also to our Premier Sponsor, NZCIS, for their ongoing and non-stop support of the club.

We are so proud of what we have achieved, and know there is so much more to come in the future.

List of awards:

- The Club won the Royal Visit Cup for being the Club with the Highest aggregate points across all teams.
- We also had 4 teams win silverware for their respect grades, with UHUCC Eagles winning Division 6, UHUCC Prem Reserves winning Div 3 One Day, UHUCC Womens 2nd XI winning the T30 comp and the overall Division 2 title, and the Prem Mens winning the Hazlett One Day and Pearce Cup Two Day grades.

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- The Premier Mens also won and retained the Cook Shield, being the first club in the Hutt Valley to win the Shield, and won back the Graeme Brockelbank Cup against Petone-Riverside.
- Premier Womens player, Christine Blunden, won the Trish – McKelvey award for Best and Fairest Female Cricketer.
- Premier Womens player, Antonio Hamilton, was the Top Prem Womens Run Scorer in Wellington across the season.
- Premier Womens player, Sam Mackinder, won the Wellington Maori Womens Cricketer of the Year.
- Premier Mens player, Sam Morgan, won the Mens Premier Top Run Scorer, and also picked up the Highest Individual Innings award for his 226\* vs Easts.
- Mens Prem Captain, Bhavik Patel, won Mens Premier Club Cricketer of the Year to take out one of the few top gongs on the evening.

Well done to everyone – a seriously impressive season for the club that we are so proud about.

Source: Upper Hutt United Cricket Club

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## Football results for Saturday 19th of April / Sunday 20th of April



UHCF Men's First	1-1	Napier City Rovers
Toa ITM Men's Reserves	2-3	Stokes Valley Football Club
Toa ITM UHCF Men's 3rds	3-4	Stop Out Thirds
UHCF Tararuas	2-6	Waterside Karori Dreamers
UHCF Marauders	1-1	Waterside Karori Fossils
UHCF Saints	7-3	North Wellington Spirit
UHCF Lemons	1-3	Western Suburbs Schooners

CENTRAL LEAGUE

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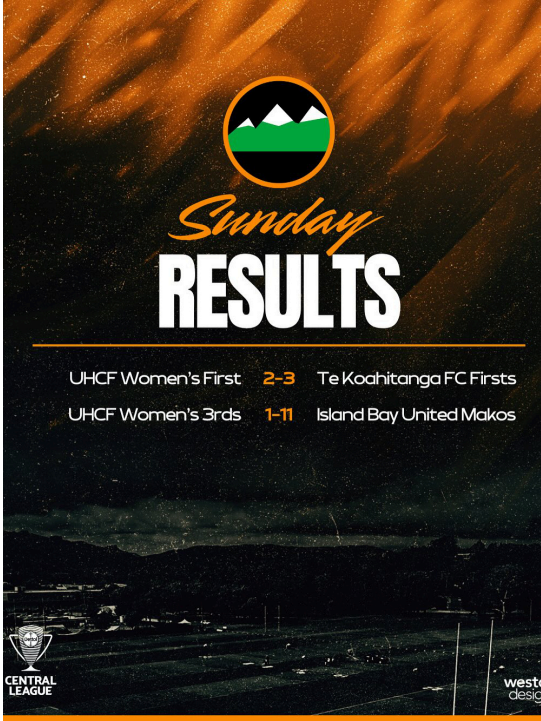
Upper Hutt City Football

### Photo recap of Upper Hutt City Football's Women's Reserves vs Western Suburbs on Sunday, 13th of April

Final score 2-7 to Western Suburbs.

Source: Upper Hutt City Football

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UHCF Women's First	2-3	Te Koahitanga FC Firsts
UHCF Women's 3rds	1-11	Island Bay United Makos

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Upper Hutt City Football

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

**ANZAC Day service at St. John's War Memorial Lychgate: 11.00 am, 25th of April**



**Some local history:** The gate was erected in the early 1920's and served as the place of the ANZAC parade till the mid-1930s when a flagpole was put up at the original town hall in Mail Street.

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

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**Autism – Sensory Solutions Talk with Judi Huxedurp: Thursday 24th of April, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm**

A colorful poster for an autism talk. At the top, it says 'Autism: sensory solutions talk with Judi Huxedurp' in a playful, multi-colored font. Below this, a paragraph reads: 'This month, we're excited to host a knowledge-sharing session with Judi Huxedurp, founder of UHAG and author of 'My Child's got autism: Don't panic!''. To the left of this text is a small cartoon illustration of a person sitting at a desk with a sign that says 'YAY!'. To the right is a vertical banner that reads 'Upper Hutt Autism Group' in a stylized font. Below the main text, a circular graphic contains the event details: 'Date: 24 April 2025', 'Time: 7:30pm-8:30PM', 'Venue: King Lion hall', and 'King Street, Upper Hutt'. At the bottom left of the poster, it says 'Charity number: CC62284'.

*Contributor: Judi*

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

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Chris Barber's Jazz Band

## Celebrate International Jazz Day at the Upper Hutt Cossie Club – Live Concert on the Big Screen: Wednesday 30th of April, 12.30 pm – 1.45 pm

Cost: Free Admission

The Upper Hutt Cossie Club is helping celebrating International Jazz Day next Wednesday 30 April by showing a live concert on the big screen at lunchtime 12.30 -1.45 pm by one of the UK's hardest working playing lots of well known traditional jazz tunes and songs -The Chris Barber Jazz and Blues Band check out <https://jazzday.com/events/> to see the club's listing worldwide and more info about International Jazz Day – an official UN project. The public are invited to attend as guests.

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

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## Deadline for Upper Hutt Libraries Short Story Competition, 30<sup>th</sup> of April

<https://uhconnection.co.nz/community-events/short-story-competition-2025-let-your-imagination-soar-entries-close-6-00-pm-wednesday-30th-of-april/>



Retrieved from Whirinaki Whare Taonga

## Jason Henderson: Getting to Noël You | Saturday 26 April, 7.30pm

Following an award-winning run in New York City, via London, Upper Hutt lad Jason Henderson brings home the show listed 'Top Ten Cabaret Shows of 2023' by the Times Square Chronicle with West-End Director Mark W. Dorrell at the piano. Noël Coward's witty, erudite and funny songs are re-framed for the 21st century in this award-winning cabaret comedy.

Tickets \$25 | Booking fees apply to all sales | Bookings required

Book via iTicket: <http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2025/apr/jason-henderson>

Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

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## Final days for the following community consultations:

Upper Hutt Annual Plan Consultation Opens for Public Feedback: Consultation closes 27th of April: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/community-events/upper-hutt-annual-plan-consultation-opens-for-public-feedback-consultation-closes-27th-of-april/>

Consultation on Upper Hutt City Council's Water Service Delivery Options – Local Water Done Well: Consultation closes 27th of April: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/community-events/consultation-on-upper-hutt-city-councils-water-service-delivery-options-local-water-done-well-consultation-closes-27th-of-april/>



Wellington Family Speedway

## Bike the Track at Wellington Family Speedway this weekend as funds are raised for the Child Cancer Foundation: Saturday 26th of April

Join us for the second running of our 'Bike the Track' event AND our Phoenix Metalman Demolition Derby on this Saturday 26th April it is set to be one epic meeting for the family!

This year we are supporting the Child Cancer Foundation and fundraising for this incredible charity. This organization supports children and their families going through an unimaginable time, and provides many services and support to help make this time a little more manageable.

You can get involved in the fundraising by donating in our collector buckets on the night! Drivers will also have the option to donate some or all of their nights prize money to the charity

We invite all children (aged 16 and under) to bring their push bikes to this event, then part way through the event we will pause the racing and invite all children to ride their bikes around the race track!

Bikes will be stored safely away before and after the biking around the track. Kids under 5 must be accompanied by an adult on track.

Don't forget, kids under 10 get in for FREE as well!

- Saturday 26th April
- Gates open 4pm, racing starts 5pm
- Bike the Track midway through the race program
- Phoenix Metalman Demolition Derby at the end of the race program
- Tickets at the gate or online;



## Phoenix Metalman Demolition Derby ANZAC Weekend: Saturday 26th of April, 5.00 pm – 10.00 pm

Phoenix Metal Man demolition derby is back! We have the second instalment of our Phoenix Metal Man Demolition derby at Value Motors Wellington Family Speedway ready to leave no car unwrecked! If you think you could take away the \$1000 cold hard cash jump our website and enter! You only need a car, licence and nerves of steel to be the winner on track!

Note the earlier start time of 5pm for the colder end of the season!

See your favourite drivers from:

- FH Group Superstocks
- Capital Pools & Spas Stockcars
- A&K Plumbing Saloons
- C&M Transport Modifieds
- Classic Stockcars
- 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 via eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/phoenix-metalman-demolition-derby-anzac-weekend-tickets-1265664379229?aff=efbevent>

**Events at Wellington Family Speedway are weather dependent. Adverse weather may cause an event to be postponed.**

Source: Wellington Family Speedway

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*Retrieved from Whirinaki Whare Taonga*

## **The Remembrance: The New Zealand Youth Choir – Friday 25th of April, 1.00 pm**

Location: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

A 50-piece Choir singing music of commemoration and remembrance.

The New Zealand Youth Choir has achieved considerable success since its formation in 1979. Performances in New Zealand and thirteen international tours including visits to the UK, Europe, Canada, USA, Australia, Singapore, Russia, the Republic of Korea, China and the Pacific Islands have firmly established its reputation for consistency, energy and excellence.

The Choir is comprised of around fifty 18 to 25-year-old singers and operates on a 3-year audition cycle. In this concert they will present songs of remembrance in recognition of Anzac Day.

Per person \$38 | Season Subscription (6 Classical Expressions performances) | Booking fees apply to all sales | Bookings required

Book here: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2025/april-ce-nz-youth-choir>

*Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga*

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## **Take a Walk On The Wild Side - CIRCLE OF SONG**

Songs of inspiration, love & appreciation of life

Tues 1.00 - 2.30

Instruments and players welcome.

Remutaka Baptist Church

Akatarawa road

Contact kevin 021 311 465

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## **Upper Hutt ANZAC Parade: 25th of April**

We are getting ready to host the 2025 ANZAC Parade on 25 April.

The Dawn Parade will begin their march to the Civic Centre at 5.45am, and the Dawn Service will begin at 6.00am outside the Civic Centre, Upper Hutt. The route follows Queen St, Pine Ave, Main St, Wilson St, Fergusson Drive, Civic Centre.

Join us to commemorate New Zealanders killed in war, and to proudly honour Military personnel and returned servicemen and women.

- 5.45am Dawn Parade Assembles at Queen Street
- 6.00am A Service of dedication at Upper Hutt Civic Centre
- 11.30am Memorial Service at St John's Church

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

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Contributor: Cushla

### **Upper Hutt Baptist Church playgroup: 9.30 am – 11.30 am, Tuesday mornings**

If you're looking for a Tuesday activity for your little ones then come check out UHBC Playgroup at Upper Hutt Baptist Church, corner of Milton St and Fergie Drive.

We run 9.30am – 11:30am each Tuesday morning and you can drop in anytime that suits.

Lots of fun stuff to play with and a different activity each week to stimulate young minds.

Morning tea for children and adults provided.

Everyone welcome

Gold coin donation

Hope to see you there

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



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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. Playgroup will resume on Wednesday the 30th of April after the school holidays and Easter.

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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## RECIPES

Stuck for an idea to what to do for dinner? Check out the different recipes in the meals, desserts, and baking sections below.

Cheers, Ben

<https://uhconnection.co.nz/recipes-meals/>

<https://uhconnection.co.nz/recipes-baking/>

<https://uhconnection.co.nz/recipes-desserts/>



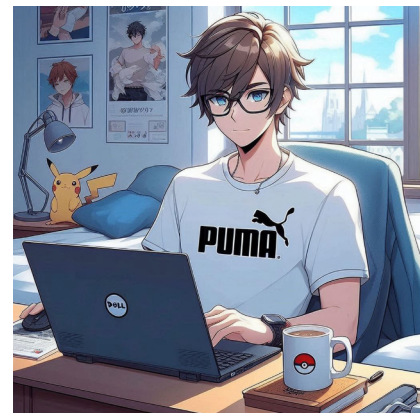
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## THE UPPER HUTT CONNECTION IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR ARTICLES

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.

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## BUSINESS ADVERTISING

Advertise on The Upper Hutt Connection at only \$1 a day – billed at \$30 per month. No contract – make sure you pay each month and your business will continue to be advertised on The Upper Hutt Connection.

\$1 a day advertising means a page all to yourself on The Upper Hutt Connection along with a small image and blurb on the homepage linking to your page. You can include as much content as you like on your page, including images, social media links, etc.

### Advertising in the Wednesday Edition

A small ad can be placed in the Wednesday Edition each week at the additional cost of \$40 per month, a total of \$70 per month. (Business advertising at \$30 a month + \$40 a month for the Wednesday Edition)

The advertisement can be included in any section you want in the Wednesday Edition, just say where and I'll find a place to slot it in. If you don't say which category, I'll just put it in any place that works as I'm assembling it.

### Restrictions

As for restrictions on who can advertise, the only exclusion is the sex industry. Everyone else is welcome to advertise on The Upper Hutt Connection.

If you're interested in advertising on The Upper Hutt Connection, please email me at [editor@uhconnection.co.nz](mailto:editor@uhconnection.co.nz)

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

***Please note that advertising on The Upper Hutt Connection is only open to those based in Upper Hutt – That is as north as the Remutaka Hill, the border of Akatawara Road between Upper Hutt and Kapiti, and as south as Reynolds Bach Drive, Stokes Valley.***



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## Running for council or mayor in the 2025 local elections? Promote yourself on The Upper Hutt Connection!

Upper Hutt local body elections are coming up this October. If you're planning on running for council or for the position of mayor, The Upper Hutt Connection is more than happy to help you get your name out there.

Have a free page for yourself on The Upper Hutt Connection where you can have all the text, images, social media links you like! YouTube videos and Tiktok videos, Facebook and Instagram posts, Twitter etc, are also welcome. You can update your page at any time.

Just send me an email with all the text, images, etcetera, that you'd like in your profile. I'll handle the rest. You can contact me at [editor@uhconnection.co.nz](mailto:editor@uhconnection.co.nz)

Come October, I'll also release a special Local Elections version of The Upper Hutt Connection's Wednesday Edition where all your profiles will be available to the public, all in one place.

I hope to hear from you!

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



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## 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.

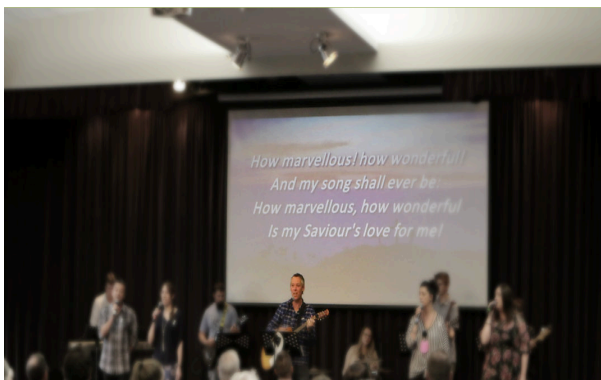
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

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 [rodneyramsay62@gmail.com](mailto: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](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](mailto: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 24th of April, 2025

To view all films releasing this week, please visit: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/coming-soon>

### UNTIL DAWN

**Running time:** 103 minutes

**Rated:** R16 (Graphic violence, horror & gore)

A group spends the weekend in a ski lodge on the anniversary of their friends' disappearance, unaware that they are not alone.

**Book Here:** <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/until-dawn>

**View trailer at IMDB.com:** [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt30955489/videoplayer/vi1057474841/?ref=mv\\_sr\\_srsq\\_1\\_tt\\_7\\_nm\\_1\\_in\\_0\\_q\\_Until%2520dawn](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt30955489/videoplayer/vi1057474841/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_7_nm_1_in_0_q_Until%2520dawn)



Until Dawn

### STAR WARS: EPISODE III - REVENGE OF THE SITH

**Running time:** 140 minutes

**Rated:** M (Violence)

Three years into the Clone Wars, the Jedi rescue Palpatine from Count Dooku. As Obi-Wan pursues a new threat, Anakin acts as a double agent between the Jedi Council and Palpatine and is lured into a sinister plan to rule the galaxy.

**Book Here:** <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/star-wars-episode-iii-revenge-of-the-sith>

**View trailer at IMDB.com:** [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0121766/videoplayer/vi3740316185/?ref=mv\\_sr\\_srsq\\_2\\_tt\\_8\\_nm\\_0\\_in\\_0\\_q\\_Star%2520Wars%2520Revenge%2520of%2520the%2520Sith](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0121766/videoplayer/vi3740316185/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_2_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_Star%2520Wars%2520Revenge%2520of%2520the%2520Sith)



Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith

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## THE ACCOUNTANT 2

**Running time:** 132 minutes

**Rated:** R16 (Bloody violence, cruelty & offensive language)

Christian Wolff (Ben Affleck) has a talent for solving complex problems. When an old acquaintance is murdered, leaving behind a cryptic message to “find the accountant,” Wolff is compelled to solve the case. Realizing more extreme measures are necessary, Wolff recruits his estranged and highly lethal brother, Brax (Jon Bernthal), to help. In partnership with U.S. Treasury Deputy Director Marybeth Medina (Cynthia Addai-Robinson), they uncover a deadly conspiracy, becoming targets of a ruthless network of killers who will stop at nothing to keep their secrets buried.

**Book Here:** <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/the-accountant-2>

**View trailer at IMDB.com:** [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7068946/videooplayer/vi968280089/?ref=nm\\_sr\\_srgs\\_2\\_tt\\_8\\_nm\\_0\\_in\\_0\\_q\\_The%2520Accountant%25202](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7068946/videooplayer/vi968280089/?ref=nm_sr_srgs_2_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_The%2520Accountant%25202)

*Source: Monterey Cinemas Upper Hutt*

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