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New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi / ACC

## Have a hmmm moment and ghost your phone

Next week, 12–18 May, Waka Kotahi and NZ Police are proud to support Road Safety Week 2025 with this year's focus on distracted driving. While speed is one of the most critical factors in crash outcomes, this year we're shining a spotlight on distracted driving, which continues to cause serious harm on our roads.

According to NZTA's Public Attitudes research (May 2024):

- Nearly 40 percent of New Zealanders admit to sending or reading text messages while in a vehicle.
- Nearly 20 percent check or reply to social media messages.

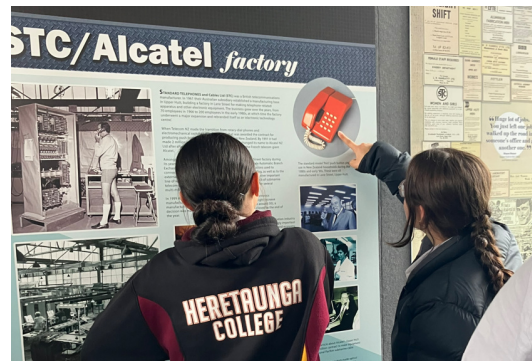
Before you drive, have a hmmm—and put your phone on 'Do Not Disturb'. Because if you get hurt, who gets harmed?

Together, by slowing down and staying focused, we can all help create safer roads for everyone. What you can do: Share campaign messages with your networks and on social media. Support local events or initiatives happening in your region. Talk to your friends and whānau about how we can all contribute to safer travel. Together, we can help make every journey a safe one.

Read more about the campaign: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/what-new-zealand-transport-agency-waka-kotahi-is-doing/current-marketing-campaigns/distractions-campaign-have-a-hmmm/#:~:text=The%20campaign%20is%20a%20collaboratio n%20between%20ACC%20and,their%20phone%20on%20do%20not%20disturb%20before%20driving.>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council / New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

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Heretaunga College students learn about Upper Hutt's history as a manufacturing hub. (photo credit: Heretaunga College)

## Library exhibition turned school roadshow brings Upper Hutt history to life for local students

Following its success during last year's Wellington Heritage Festival, "Upper Hutt: City of Industry" continues to shine a light on an iconic period in the city's history. First hosted at the Upper Hutt Central Library, the exhibition recently set off on a tour of local secondary schools, inviting students to explore the manufacturers and trades which put the city on the map at the end of the twentieth century.

Heretaunga College has been first in line to display the interactive exhibition, which comes with a suite of information panels and large-scale photographs from Upper Hutt's community archive as well as original artefacts and audio content.

"The exhibition features a specially programmed, original Telecom push-button phone, which essentially allows students to travel back in time. It plays oral histories from locals who spent much of their working lives contributing to this chapter in Upper Hutt's history," says Libraries Manager Denise Clarkson.

She adds that the community's input into the exhibition was significant.

"Our heritage staff were thrilled to see the generosity of long-time residents, who donated or loaned us authentic items and photographs. It's thanks to this active collaboration that 'City of Industry' was such a hit last year, and that our team were able to curate an engaging, multi-faceted exhibition."

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The roadshow also provides historical context to a current major Upper Hutt attraction. Students will be familiar with the family-friendly Brewtown precinct, now a popular entertainment and event venue, and previously the site of the city-defining Dunlop/South Pacific Tyres factory.

“Our city’s time as a manufacturing hub has a lasting impact on our community today,” says Mike Ryan, Upper Hutt City Council’s Group Manager Community Services.

“The industrial boom forged a strong sense of local identity and place here. Encouraging students to learn about this important period is an opportunity to spark creativity, inspiration, and innovation.”

Last week, staff involved in the curation and development of the exhibition led a talk at the National Digital Forum conference in Wellington, sharing their project with the wider culture, heritage, and arts sectors. “Upper Hutt: City of Industry” is next scheduled to be displayed at Hutt International Boys’ School.

*A “thank you” to the Upper Hutt City Council media team for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.*

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## Who left this bus at Riverstone?

We’ve got a wheely strange situation on our hands... A bus has been abandoned in Riverstone — and now it’s just sitting there, looking like it missed its final stop.

We don’t know if it got tired or if someone just ended up brake-ing up with it.

We’re not steering you wrong — this is real. We’re trying to get the breakdown because this is going to cost us more than what we have on our Snapper card to get removed.

If you know anything about:

- Who left it here?

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Upper Hutt City Council

## Upper Hutt’s first ever E-Waste recycling day a big success

We were proud to sponsor Upper Hutt’s first-ever E-Day this past Sunday — and what a success it was!

A whopping 11,670kg of waste was collected, with over 400 families from Upper Hutt turning up to do their part for the environment. Thanks to local generosity, the event also raised over \$750 for Variety – the Children’s Charity

E-Waste can be a tricky one to know what to do with, which leads to an estimated 98% of it going to landfill. Thanks to initiatives like Echo Tech NZ’s e-waste days, we can do better than this!

Keep those electronics out of landfill and stay tuned for more events like this in future.

- Weight Recycled: 11,670kg
- Green House Gas Emissions Avoided: 3,347kg
- Toxic Metals Diverted: 69kg

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

- Why it’s here?
- Who owns it?

Or have any other useful information, please contact us on (04) 527 2169 or the police on 105 to report it.

Let’s tire out all our options and get to the route cause.

Let’s drive this mystery home together!

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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## Western Hills sewer pipe project completed – Now it's a new wastewater pipe for Logan Street

Kia ora Upper Hutt

This Monday, 12 May we're starting works to install a new wastewater pipe along Logan Street. This builds on work we're already doing along Logan Street to realign a drinking water pipe.

We'll be starting from where Mcparland Street intersects with Logan Street, and working our way up to the Queens Street roundabout.

Here's all you need to know:

- We expect this work to be completed by around July/August although we expect the work near residential housing (from the Mcparland to the Sinclair St intersection) to take about a month to complete.
- Traffic management will be in place, but two lanes of traffic will be maintained.
- There will be restrictions on traffic going both ways along Kowhai Ave, where it intersects with Logan Street.
- While the works take place, please park away from the worksite so that the crews can safely carry out the work.

A big thank you to local residents for your understanding and patience!

Learn more about the project here: <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/logan-street-wastewater-renewal?tab=0>

Source: Wellington Water

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## COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Ordinary Council: 30th of April, 2025

Topics for discussion included:

- Receipt of the Wellington Water half-year report
- Te Aka o te Kupenga | Maidstone Part Trust annual and quarterly reports and their Statement of Intent
- Alteration of a recent Council resolution and receipt of Council and Committee minutes and the adoption of committee recommendations.

Council Agenda – 30th of April 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/your-council/meetings/2025/cycle-2/council-agenda-20250430.pdf>

Council Minutes – 30th of April 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/your-council/meetings/2025/cycle-3/council-minutes-20250430.pdf>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council - 12/05/25

## COMMUNITY COMMENTARY / OPINION



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### Have an opinion on something relating to Upper Hutt? Send your letters to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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## SPORTS

### Hockey results for the 10th of May / 11th of May

Our Senior results for week 6

Source: Upper Hutt Hockey Club

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Match Results			
1	P2 Men	VS	Kapiti 0
2	P3 Women	VS	Northern United 1
1	Accountants Plus P4 Men	VS	Kapiti 6
5	Reserve Women	VS	Tawa 1
1	Reserve Men	VS	Hutt United 3

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### Football results for the past weekend – 10th / 11th of May

Our weekend fixtures wrap up! Some impressive results across the board this weekend with some pretty decisive wins for some of our teams.

Special mentions this week go to our Men's 1st for holding Olympic to 1-0, whilst this was a loss we all know how hard this match was going to be and the final outcome could have gone either way on Saturday!

Antiques for taking a clear win against Petone, Men's Reserves and their great goals in the 2nd half to clinch the win, our 3 TDP teams taking some clear wins against Stop Out in the triple header at Maidstone Park yesterday (including a 13-1 win for our U17s!)

Women's 1st starting the Kate Sheppard campaign strong with a 9-0 win out at Alex Moore yesterday, our Women's 3rds having their 1st win of the season against North Wellington in their opening Plate Match and finally our CDL girls teams both having great results on their respective matches!

Was some stunning weather for footy over the weekend, and some fantastic results too.

Source: Upper Hutt City Football

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Saturday RESULTS		Sunday RESULTS	
UHCF Men's First	0-1 Wellington Olympic AFC	UHCF Women's First	9-0 North Wellington FC
Tao ITM UHCF Reserves	2-0 Greyfriars Greytown FC	UHCF Women's Reserves	0-7 Seatoun AFC Sea Shanties
UHCF R3s	4-3 The KCU Corinthians	UHCF Women's 3rds	8-3 North Wellington Blaze
UHCF Antiques	7-1 Petone Rampage	UHCF U13 Orange	4-0 Stop Out Sports Club U13
UHCF Marauders	3-4 Tawa Legends	UHCF U14 CDL Meerikats	5-0 Waterside Koroni U14 CDL
UHCF Saints	2-0 Stop Out McCreedies	UHCF U15 Orange	6-0 Stop Out Sports Club U15
UHCF 4ths	3-1 Western Suburbs	UHCF U16 CDL Amazons	3-1 Petone CDL 16" CDL
		UHCF U17 Orange	13-1 Stop Out Sports Club U17

Upper Hutt City Football



Contributor: Derek

## Misplaced equipment after petanque meet-up on Sunday 4th of May – is it yours?

On Sunday 4th May at about 12:45 our club (Upper Hutt Petanque Club) arrived for a club afternoon to find this equipment left just outside the gate to our terrain. When we finished at around 3:00 pm, still no-one had arrived to claim them, so we have put them in our storage shed for safekeeping, and informed all club members to be aware in case someone should ask about them.

The owner can contact Derek on 027 5464446 or come to any club day which are on Tuesdays 10:30am, Fridays and Sundays 1:30pm and just ask for the club captain.

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

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Upper Hutt Petanque

## Upper Hutt Petanque hosts the annual Autumn Leaves Melee at Maidstone Park

On Sunday 11th May 2025 (Mother's Day), Upper Hutt Petanque Club hosted the annual Autumn Leaves Melee at Maidstone Park. Despite a few last minute changes in the entrance list, 33 players actively took part, including a couple of shared entries. Due to the uneven numbers, there was a single Bye for each round. 5 timed games at 50m each of Doubles were played, with partners and opposition teams being selected randomly, such that no-one plays with the same partner more than once. The weather was perfect for the time of year with brilliant sunshine all day, with a cool start and end. Play started at 09:30 and prize giving finished at 3:20pm.

The most unlucky person of the day was Mike Robinson (Upper Hutt) who took the consolation prize. 3rd place prize was won by Julian Teni (Upper Hutt), 2nd place by Dave Gwerder (Upper Hutt), and 1st place by John Prior (Masterton). Well done to all winners, and thanks to all players and the volunteer helpers who made the day go smoothly.

Source: Upper Hutt Petanque

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## Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club attended the Central Area Championship in the weekend: Results

Roller skaters from the Upper Hutt club attended their Area competition at the weekend (9th of May – 11th of May) in Palmerston North. The area covers from New Plymouth across to Hastings and down to Wellington.

The results for Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club were:

**Figures:** *Senior Ladies* Victoria Edwards 1st Mitsuko Nam 4th Kaylah Payne 5th Aria Coleman 7th *Youth Ladies* Sophia Heagren *Cadet Men* Frank Lamb 1st *Minis Ladies* Scarlett Morton 3rd *Masters Ladies* Fiona Morton 1st *Masters Men* Scott Morton 1st *Open Ladies* Hannah Winterburn 1st *Preliminary Ladies* Catherine Chivers 1st Zara Atkinson 2nd

**Loops:** *Matanga Ladies* Sophia Heagren 3rd *Kaiaka Men* Frank Lamb 1st

**Freeskating:** *Open Ladies* Aria Coleman 2nd *Preliminary Ladies* Zara Atkinson 3rd

**Solo Dance:** *Senior Ladies* Kaylah Payne 4th Josie Durney 5th *Junior Ladies* Hannah Winterburn 4th *Youth Ladies* Aeva Beattie 5th *Cadet Ladies* Eva Lamb 1st  
**Loops:** *Matanga Ladies* Sophia Heagren 3rd *Kaiaka Men* Frank Lamb 1st

**Solo Free Dance:** *Open Ladies* Mitsuko Nam 1st *Intermediate Ladies* Aria Coleman 2nd *Preliminary Ladies* Zara Atkinson 2nd

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

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## GARDENING



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## OBITUARIES / DEATH NOTICES



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



Lisa Fotos: Pexels

### Age Concern Social Connection Hub at Heretaunga Community Church: Wednesday 14th of May, 12.00 noon

The monthly Upper Hutt Social Connection Hub is a free social gathering for seniors where seniors can enjoy a light lunch and make new friends.

With Murray Reed speaking on Cruising the High Seas.

Drop in or call 04 499 6646 for more information.

Source: Age Concern Wellington Region

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### Autumn Family Fun at Tawai Park Community Garden: Sunday 18th of May, 11.30 am – 3.00 pm



Contributor: Naomi



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wellington

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wellington Quiz Fundraiser: Sunday 25th of May, 4.30 pm

**Location:** Te Aro Taproom and Restaurant, 27 Blenheim St, Maidstone, Upper Hutt

Join us for an evening of fun and trivia at our 2025 Quiz at Aro Bar, Brewtown in Upper Hutt! Gather your friends and whanau for a memorable night out while supporting a great cause!

Quiz starts at 4:30 PM. Come early to grab drinks and nibbles! Tables of up to 6 people

Not only will you enjoy a fantastic quiz experience run by Gee Quiz, but you'll also be helping us raise funds for our youth mentoring charity! Every contribution makes a difference in empowering young people in our community.

Book at: <https://events.humanitix.com/2025-quiz-arobar-brewtown-supporting-big-brothers-big-sisters-of-wellington>

*Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wellington gave permission for this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.*

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Retrieved from Whirinaki Whare Taonga

**Dance-A-Holic: Sunday 8th of June,  
9.30 am / 12.30 pm / 3.00 pm / 6.00  
pm**

**Location:** Whirinaki Whare Taonga

New Zealand will have the first NZ Tap Team on the world stage, representing NZ at the IDO World Championships in Prague this October. This is a fundraising competition for some of the team. Brought to you by some of the Dance-A-Holic crew, you will get the same warm, friendly, supportive vibe that is always present at DAH competitions.

#### **Session 1 – 9:30am**

Jazz U10 years, Lyrical U12 years, Ballet Open, Jazz 12 & U14yrs

#### **Session 2 – 12:30pm**

Entertainment Open, Tap U10 and Tap 14+, Contemporary 12 & U14, Hip Hop U12 years

#### **Session 3 – 3pm**

Contemporary 14+, Lyrical 12 & U14 and Lyrical 14+, Jazz 14+

#### **Session 4 – 6pm**

Hip Hop 12 & U14 years, Jazz 10 & U12 years, Hip Hop 14+

Book through iTicket: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2025/jun/dance-a-holic>

General Admission \$17 per ticket | Booking and transaction fees apply | Gillies Group Theatre

Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

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## **Drive Coach – Helping you support your teen driver: Wednesday 14th of May, 5.30 pm – 6.45 pm**

If you are teaching a young person to drive or are about to don't miss this free workshop in Upper Hutt on Wednesday 14th May at the Te Kupenga O Rongomai Sports Hub.

- Unlock the mysteries of the teenage brain: What makes driving a challenge?
- Decode risk factors for Young Drivers
- Learn the art of coaching a learner driver
- Help you support the transition to solo driving
- Set a plan for collaborating with driving instructors
- And much more.

Drive Coach is a free workshop designed for parents and carers. The importance of whānau and their role in keeping their teens safe throughout the many stages of learning to drive is well documented. However, they are not often given all the tools for the job. Research shows that the way parents engage with their teens through the learn-to-drive journey can have a significant impact when it comes to creating safer drivers who take less risks. Road Safety Education, through their Drive Coach programme aims to equip whānau with the tools they need and support them on this very important journey.

This practical workshop which updates parents on latest research and road safety approaches, outlines some of the conversations and strategies our facilitators share with their teens at Ryda (our youth programme running in local high schools) and gives them an opportunity to ask questions and get advice from the experts.

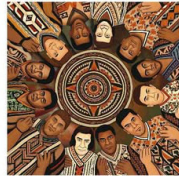
To secure your spot, please register on the link here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/free-teaching-your-teenager-to-drive-parent-evening-in-upper-hutt-tickets-1324473869999>

Supported by Toyota. Light refreshments will be available

Source: Upper Hutt City Council - 09/05/25

## Free Community Initiative Men's Fitness & Wellbeing

UPPER HUTT BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU  
10A JEPSSEN GROVE, UPPER HUTT



**Wednesday Mornings at 6am**  
**40min Combat Fitness Class**  
**Followed by a Men's Health Kōrero**

## Free Men's Combat Fitness Class: Wednesday mornings, 6.00 am

**Location:** 10A Jepsen Grove, Upper Hutt

Wednesday Mornings at 6am


40min Combat Fitness Class

Followed by a Men's Health Kōrero

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

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## Grey Power Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 21st of May, 1.30 pm



**Grey Power**  
UPPER HUTT ASSOCIATION INC

**Annual General Meeting**  
*Afternoon Tea Provided*


Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 1.30pm

**Upper Hutt Baptist Church,**  
**Cnr of Milton St & Fergusson Dr**

**Special Guest Speaker**  
UHCC Mayor, Wayne Guppy

**All Welcome**

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Contributor: Dean

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**kickstart**

**Lifestyle Exercise Programme**  
for people with pre diabetes and diabetes

Starts: Mon 26 May 2025  
Time: 6 - 7pm  
5 week programme \$40.00

  
ycentral.nz/  
targetedhealth/

**The Y Upper Hutt Gym**  
Somme Rd, Trentham, Upper Hutt  
Call Debbie on: 04 527 3380  
or visit our website to register

**The Y Upper Hutt**

## KickStart Lifestyle Exercise Programme: Starts 26th of May, 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Kickstart your Health!

Our 5-week KickStart Programme is designed for people with pre-diabetes or type 2 diabetes.

Enjoy tailored exercise, health education, and full 24/7 gym access to help you build long-term healthy habits in a supportive environment.

- STARTS: Monday 26th of May
- TIME: 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- WHERE: The Y Upper Hutt Gym, Somme Road, Heretaunga, Upper Hutt
- COST: Just \$40 for the full programme

Spaces limited, so register at <https://ycentral.nz/targetedhealth/> or call Debbie on 04 527 3380.

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## Steady As You Go fall prevention classes: Tuesdays, 11.00 am

These classes are designed to improve strength and balance and help prevent a fall. Steady as You Go classes improve:

- Balance and leg strength
- Flexibility
- General fitness and wellbeing

And they are a great way for seniors to meet new people!

To find out more about Steady As You Go and for a full list of Steady As You Go and Aligned To Go classes around the Region, check out <https://www.acwellington.org.nz/saygoexercise/> or call 04 499 6646.

*Source: Age Concern Wellington Region*

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*Upper Hutt Libraries*

## Tiny Wonders: Saving, Preserving, and Packaging Seeds | Sunday 8th of June, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Calling all gardeners, green-thumbed locals, and everyone who is passionate about sustainability and biodiversity!

Come join us and be part of the much-loved Upper Hutt Seed Bank's next chapter.

The Seed Bank is taking a break over the winter – but behind the scenes, we are getting ready to relaunch this wonderful community resource in spring.

### What this community workshop is about

Alice Midgley from Birchville Community Garden will share her wealth of knowledge about creating bountiful home gardens and growing healthy kai.

We will learn together about saving and harvesting seeds, and package up these tiny wonders ready for the Seed Bank's reopening in spring.

Keen to give back to the community? We'd love to have you there! Our goal is to create a network of locals who are interested in helping us maintain and care for the Seed Bank going forward.

Nau mai, haere mai – this is a family-friendly workshop.

*Source: Upper Hutt Libraries*

09/05/25





## Weekly Quiz Nights at Fermented Bar & Eatery: 6.30 pm every Wednesday

**Location:** Fermented Bar & Eatery, 27A Blenheim Street, Maidstone, Upper Hutt

Quiz Night Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM @ Fermented!

Bring your brainiest friends and join the fun

If you bring another team along, both teams get a free dessert and when you order any pizza, you'll score free fries too.

Come be part of the trivia crew and claim your spot as Quiz Night Champs

Top teams win vouchers every week.

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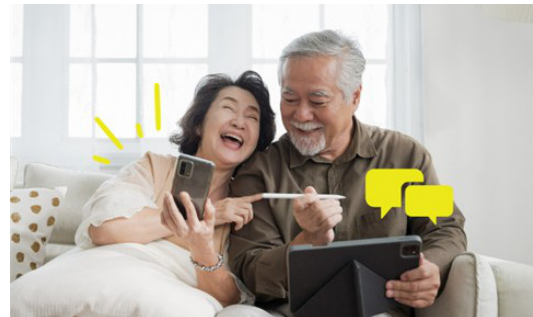
## Playgroup at St. Hilda's: Wednesday mornings during term time, 9.30 am – 11.00 am

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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Upper Hutt Libraries

## SeniorNet: Tuesdays 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm

**Location:** Upper Hutt Library

**No registration or bookings required.**

**SeniorNet Upper Hutt provides a community learning network that supports and motivates adults to confidently use technology in their everyday lives.**

SeniorNet specialise in digital skills training for adults aged 50+. But no matter if you are just starting your digital journey, or are ready to upskill your knowledge, SeniorNet offer a wide range of learning opportunities suited to your needs.

At SeniorNet there are no silly questions – we encourage your questions and participation in a friendly, sociable environment.

Each week SeniorNet partner with NZ Hangouts Online to provide online classes free to the Upper Hutt community.

Common learning classes include:

- How to operate your device (or laptop) and/or mobile phone (or tablet).
- Connecting with your loved ones and friends online
- Social media
- Internet banking
- Staying safe online
- SeniorNet will also help you access all those government and local body websites you need to use these days.

To join or find out more about SeniorNet

<https://seniornet.nz/contact/>

To find out more about NZ Hangouts Online

<https://nzhangouts.online/>

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### St. Margaret's Playgroup: Tuesday Mornings, 10.00 am – 11.30 am (term time only)

Tuesday mornings during term time 10-11.30am. Come along and join in the fun with your preschool children. Meet other parents and carers, relax and enjoy a cuppa while the kids play. (Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult!). Looking forward to seeing you. Start's Tuesday 13 May 2025.

A "thank you" to St. Margaret's Church – Silverstream for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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### Rimutaka Baptist Church Playgroup: Fridays, 9.00 am - 11.30 am during term time



Contributor: Kerry



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.

28/03/25

## Interested in promoting a community event on The Upper Hutt Connection?

Do you have a community event coming up that you'd like Upper Hutt to know about? Why not advertise it on The Upper Hutt Connection

Any articles and community events will be put up free of charge on The Upper Hutt Connection. Please email your articles, and any images you'd like included to [editor@uhconnection.co.nz](mailto:editor@uhconnection.co.nz) - or you can fill out the form at: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/advertise-a-community-event/>

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## REVIEWS



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## Would you like to submit a review to The Upper Hutt Connection?

Been to see a film? Read a good book lately? Or found a nice place to eat out? The Upper Hutt Connection would welcome your reviews.

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## GARAGE SALES



## Garage Sale: 2 Pinehaven Road | Saturday 17th of May, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

If it's raining on Saturday, the garage sale will be postponed to the following Saturday, 24th of May.

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

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## Holding a Garage Sale? Let others know using The Upper Hutt Connection.

Planning a garage sale? Let others know by promoting it on The Upper Hutt Connection. Let me know before Tuesday, and it will be in the Wednesday Edition!

Any articles and community events will be put up free of charge on The Upper Hutt Connection. Please email your articles, and any images you'd like included to [editor@uhconnection.co.nz](mailto:editor@uhconnection.co.nz) - or you can fill out the form at: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/holding-a-garage-sale/>

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## SITUATIONS VACANT

### Te Aka o te Kupenga Maidstone Park Trust is seeking trustees: Applications close Tuesday 3rd of June, 2025

*Note: These are voluntary positions.*

**We are looking for two community champions to join Te Aka o te Kupenga Maidstone Park Trust and help steer the future development of Te Kupenga o Rongomai Maidstone Sports Hub.**

Te Aka o te Kupenga Maidstone Park Trust is a board of seven trustees who govern the operation of Te Kupenga o Rongomai Maidstone Sports Hub and some other associated Maidstone Park facilities.

#### What are we looking for in candidates for the roles?

We're looking for two trustees with strong experience in governance and an understanding of and commitment to te ao Māori. You must have passion for promoting sports, recreation, play, and leisure in Upper Hutt, and have established networks within this sector.

You need to have good communication and interpersonal skills, and be able to think strategically—especially in the future planning space—to help position Te Kupenga o Rongomai Maidstone Sports Hub as a community hub for all of the Upper Hutt community.

This time, we're particularly looking for trustees that have a sound understanding of law and legislation in New Zealand, and/or have a marketing/communication background.

#### What opportunities do these positions offer?

As a trustee, you'll actively contribute to vital discussions, offering your expertise to support and guide the implementation of transformative policies that govern the operations of Te Kupenga o Rongomai Maidstone Sports Hub.

**Trustee positions are voluntary.** The term of office is up to three years, with meetings held every six weeks.

To read more about Te Kupenga o Rongomai Maidstone Sports Hub, please visit: <https://www.tekupengaorongomai.org.nz/>

How to apply

**Applications close at 5.00PM on Tuesday, 3 June 2025.** To apply, please send a cover letter with your CV to [askus@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:askus@uhcc.govt.nz) or mail it to:

Group Manager Community Services  
Upper Hutt City Council  
Private Bag 907  
Upper Hutt

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

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## RECIPES



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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/>



## 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.

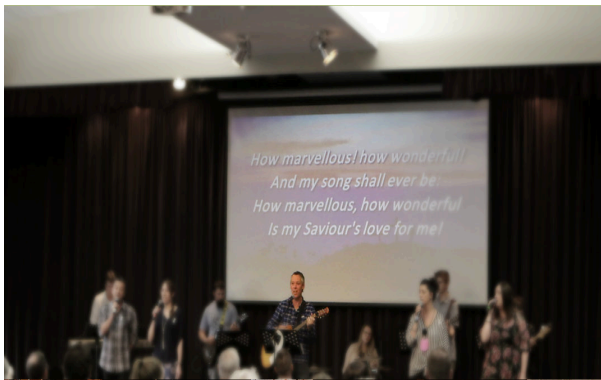
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

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

## Rimutaka Baptist Church

**Location:** 2 Akatarawa Road, Brown Owl, Upper Hutt

We would love to get to know you, so come along to one of our groups and meet others in your community.

### Tuesdays

**5 Loaves and 2 Fish Food Pantry: 11am – 12noon – Free**

Food is available for those who are needing extra assistance. If you have food to contribute to the pantry, feel free to drop off at the church.

**Singing with Kevin and his guitar: 1.00 pm – 2.30pm – Donation**

No experience needed. It is purely a fun time. Kevin 021311465 for more information.

### Wednesdays

**Community craft session: 10.30 am – 12noon – Free**

Bring along your craft and join us for morning tea.

**Community Lunch: 12noon – Free**

All welcome

**Bible study: 7.00 pm – Free**

All welcome to learn more about the Christian faith.

### Fridays

**Rimutaka Playgroup: 9.00 am – 11.30am – Donation**

All caregiver and preschoolers are welcome. This is a fun, friendly, safe environment. Morning tea is provided.

**Youthgroup: 7.00 pm – Donation**

Contact the church for details

### Sundays

**Church Service: 10.00 am**

All welcome, and please stay for morning tea after the service.

Sunday online recording available on YouTube from 5.00 pm



Google Maps: Sky Stream Media

### Room Hire

Contact us if you would like to hire out either the hall, foyer area or conference room.

**All Enquires: 04 5268708**

**Email: [rbc.office@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rbc.office@xtra.co.nz)**

*A "thank you" to Kerry, and Rimutaka Baptist Church, for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.*

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## 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](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*

### Promote your worship services on The Upper Hutt Connection

Would you like others to know about your church, or other places of worship in Upper Hutt?

Any articles and community events will be put up free of charge on The Upper Hutt Connection. Please email your articles, and any images you'd like included to [editor@uhconnection.co.nz](mailto:editor@uhconnection.co.nz) - or you can fill out the form at: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/promote-your-church-or-place-of-worship/>



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## ENTERTAINMENT

### What's new at Monterey Cinemas? Week starting 15th of May, 2025

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

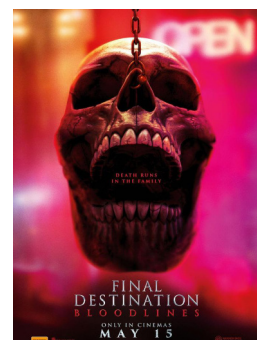
#### FINAL DESTINATION: BLOODLINES

**Running time:** 115 minutes

**Rated:** R16 (Graphic injury detail & offensive language)

The newest chapter in New Line Cinema's bloody successful franchise takes audiences back to the very beginning of Death's twisted sense of justice—"Final Destination Bloodlines."

Plagued by a violent recurring nightmare, college student Stefanie heads home to track down the one person who might be able to break the cycle and save her family from the grisly demise that inevitably awaits them all.



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“Final Destination Bloodlines” stars Kaitlyn Santa Juana, Teo Briones, Richard Harmon, Owen Patrick Joyner, Anna Lore, Rya Kihlstedt, with Brec Bassinger, and Tony Todd.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/final-destination-bloodlines>

View trailer at IMDB.com: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9619824/videooplayer/vi2488781081/?ref=mv sr srsq 3 tt 7 nm 0 in 0 q Final%2520Destination>

## MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - THE FINAL RECKONING

**Running time:** 169 minutes

**Rated:** M (Violence)

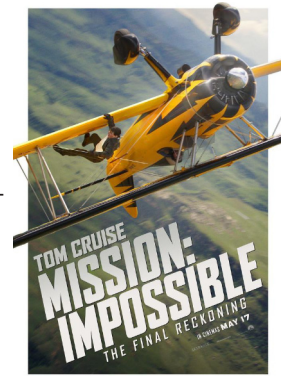
Our lives are the sum of our choices. Tom Cruise is Ethan Hunt in Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/mission-impossible-the-final-reckoning>

View trailer at IMDB.com: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9603208/videooplayer/vi4064659737/?ref=mv sr srsq 3 tt 6 nm 0 in 0 q Mission%2520Impos>

Source: Monterey Cinemas Upper Hutt

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*Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning*