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Why is Timberlea Park getting a new gauntlet?

Timberlea Park is a cherished community space, and ensuring it remains safe and enjoyable for families is a priority.

The replacement of the old gauntlet, which had deteriorated due to rotting timber and posed risks to children, is part of this ongoing effort. This project is not merely an upgrade of equipment but a commitment by Council to maintaining a safe, sustainable space for future generations.

What are the benefits of a new gauntlet?

A new gauntlet provides more than just a functional replacement. Active play is essential for children's physical and cognitive development, helping build strength, coordination, and confidence. The gauntlet offers a fun challenge that fosters resilience and problem-solving, while encouraging children to engage creatively with their surroundings—skills that will serve them throughout life.

How does this benefit the community?

Investing in Timberlea Park ensures that it continues to be a vital hub for families and visitors. By replacing the gauntlet, we're supporting the park's role as a safe, vibrant, and welcoming place for people of all ages. Well-maintained parks foster a sense of community and belonging, making them essential spaces for connection and recreation.

How does this project support the local economy?

Local investment is a key focus of this project. By sourcing materials and labour from within the community, we're supporting small businesses and creating job opportunities. The improved park also enhances the area's appeal, contributing to local tourism and investment and helping to boost the local economy.

Why is this an important investment?

The gauntlet replacement isn't just about addressing immediate needs—it's about investing in a durable, high-quality feature that will provide long-term benefits to the park. Designed to withstand the elements, the new gauntlet will ensure safety and enjoyment for years to come. This forward-thinking approach reflects our commitment to maintaining Timberlea Park as a safe, engaging space for future generations.

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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G16 Gallery

G16 Studios – A new gallery has opened up in Upper Hutt

G16 Studios opened up in Upper Hutt on Anzac Day. Located at 8 Railway Ave, Maidstone, Upper Hutt.

Free Admission

The gallery has three resident Upper Hutt artists showcasing a multitude of different works. There is also a space for adults and kids to do some art while there.

Every art piece bought is supporting locals.

Garage16 gave permission for this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Upper Hutt City Library Heritage Collections: <https://uhcl.recollect.co.nz/nodes/view/25875>

The Hapai Club: More than you probably know

Today we are looking back on an Upper Hutt community icon, the Hapai Club

The club was formed as an older person's support group in 1957, and organised social activities such as performances, cards, bus and shopping trips – and was primarily a place to have a good cuppa.

When Hapai were in need of new clubrooms, members fundraised by setting up annual stalls on the corner of Main Street and Pine Avenue. They sold things like homemade baking, sweets, clothes, and had raffles too. By raising funds, they were able to acquire a subsidy from the government to cover the cost to build their new facility mortgage free. The Hapai Club building on Fergusson Drive opened in October 1966.

The building hosted the Hapai Club for over 40 years, and in 2009, the club was disestablished, and ownership of the building was transferred to Upper Hutt City Council.

If you're passing the Hapai building over the next few weeks, you may notice the building wrapped up. Leaks have caused structural risk over time, and the building is to be re-roofed. To learn more about this project: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/News/Hapai-Reroof-2025>

To view other photos from the history of the Hapai Club, please view: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/general-news/the-hapai-club-more-than-you-probably-know/>

Source: Upper Hutt Heritage

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New Zealand Police

Pacific enforcement agencies welcome new detector dog teams

Police Commissioner Richard Chambers has acknowledged nine new Detector Dog Handlers and their dogs from across the Pacific and New Zealand who graduated at the Dog Training Centre in Trentham this afternoon.

The teams celebrated the occasion in front of whānau and friends, executives from New Zealand Police with officials from the New Zealand Customs Service, Aviation Security Service New Zealand, and New Caledonia Customs.

Commissioner Chambers, who is currently in the Pacific meeting local police leaders, congratulated them all on their achievements.

"Our New Zealand and Pacific Detector Dog teams play a crucial role in all kinds of policing, at our borders and within our communities.

"They are remarkable at what they do in detecting cash, firearms, and narcotics and some detecting explosives.

"These graduates have worked hard to obtain this operational qualification, and they'll keep learning and developing with experience and time on the street and at their borders."

Today's graduates are from Customs agencies in New Zealand, Samoa, New Caledonia, and Fiji with one dog team bound for New Zealand's Aviation Security Service.

The police graduates are from New Zealand, Tonga and for the first time ever, a policewoman has graduated as a dog-handler from the Fiji Police Force.

They will be welcomed into their various roles in the Pacific, and around New Zealand, very shortly," says Commissioner Chambers.

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Customs Deputy Chief Executive International and Governance, Joe Cannon, highlighted the importance of this long-running Pacific Detector Dog Programme and its role in building ongoing enforcement capability in the Pacific region.

“Detector dogs are a valuable enforcement tool in combating transnational and serious and organised crime syndicates who continue to target Pacific countries. We know that where there are illicit goods, there is criminal activity – and detector dogs are trained to help track them down.

“For us in New Zealand and our partners in the Pacific, having this additional capability puts us all in a better position to defend our borders.

This programme also highlights what can be achieved when countries and agencies work toward a common goal, which in this instance is protecting our borders and keeping our communities safe.”

Inspector Todd Southall, National Coordinator Police Dogs and Manager of the Pacific Detector Dog Programme says, “These incredible dogs are trained to detect drugs, explosives, firearms and cash and it’s a proud day for all teams, both experienced and new when they qualify.”

“This ceremony marks the end of a demanding few weeks training to become an operational team. It takes patience and perseverance to get through the training programme.

“There is high demand for detector dog teams across the Pacific, so planning will continue as we manage more courses throughout the year.

“In the meantime, best wishes to all our new teams as they begin their operational lives in New Zealand and throughout the Pacific,” says Todd.

Established in 2018, the Pacific Detector Dog Programme (PDDP) is jointly managed by the New Zealand Police and New Zealand Customs Service. It is funded by New Zealand’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Source: New Zealand Police

02/05/25



Wellington Water

Western Hills Sewer Main Rehabilitation project complete

And that’s a wrap on the Western Hills project to line an aging wastewater pipeline.

Taking advantage of the lower traffic volumes over Easter and the school holidays, the project team worked hard to insert the four liners along SH2 Melling, pushing through some challenging weather and technical difficulties in the first week.

They managed to catch up to finish all the lining and curing works just in time to remove the traffic management set-up last weekend. A total of 589 meters of pipe were lined over this two-week period.

Ka pai to everyone involved for getting this project completed within two weeks and well under the approved budget.

A huge thank you to road users and residents in the Western Hills area for your patience and understanding throughout the project!

This project highlights the importance of the existing pipe condition assessment programme our council owners fund which allow us to identify issues early and plan for repairs and renewals before these become bigger problems.

This has enabled us to future-proof this key piece of infrastructure with as little disruption as possible.

Want to know more about the project? Head to <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/western-hills-sewer-main-rehabilitation?tab=0>

Source: Wellington Water

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Menzshed Upper Hutt

Upper Hutt Menzshed Update: May 2025

The journey to achieve our Code of Compliance is nearing completion. The last phase is underway with erection of an access ramp and steps for Building #3. Progress so far has been good and the dedicated team of David, Phil K and Darryl has worked hard in getting to our goal, with extra help from other members.

In the meantime, our commitment to the Community has not been affected and several projects have been completed for a variety of individuals and organizations.

Items were made for a local Kindy.

Two garden benches were refurbished by Peter for Silbery Roofing. Both required the cast iron supports to be shot blasted and painted and the replacement of the wooden slats. A good result Peter!

Lindsay has also started painting small supports for the decorative fences used in UH Mall.

To view all the photos of what Upper Hutt Menzshed has been up to lately, please check out <https://uhconnection.co.nz/general-news/upper-hutt-menzshed-update-may-2025/>

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

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Applications still open for traditional artists and crafters for the medieval market at Brewtown: Saturday 10th of May, 2025

Applications Still Open – Traditional Artists and Crafters Wanted!

We are still accepting expressions of interest from individuals and businesses who would like to participate in our upcoming **Medieval Market on Saturday, 10 May 2025**

If you create high-quality products that reflect the spirit and style of the Medieval era, we would love to hear from you!

We especially welcome more **traditional artists and crafters** to join our growing list of vendors. There is still space available, so don't miss this opportunity to be part of a unique and exciting event.

We're looking for items in the following categories:

- **Woodwork** (handcrafted furniture, tools, decor)
- **Metalwork** (forged goods, armor, utensils, weapons)
- **Basket Weaving** (functional and decorative baskets)
- **Pottery** (mugs, bowls, jugs, and medieval ceramics)
- **Leatherwork** (belts, pouches, accessories, armor)

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- **Silver/Gold Jewellery** (rings, necklaces, bracelets)
- **Pounamu** (authentic Māori jade carvings and jewellery)
- **Pre-packaged Food** (cheeses, jams, sauces, spices)
- **Natural Fibres & Textiles** (wool, linen, accessories)
- **Glassware** (goblets, vases, and hand-blown items)
- **Wool Products** (blankets, garments, textiles)
- **Skincare & Natural Products** (soaps, lotions, oils)

We'll be announcing more details soon, but in the meantime, if you're interested in showcasing your work, please submit your details and examples here: <https://forms.gle/tprMHCJjmtmUJV97>

We can't wait to bring together a vibrant collection of medieval-inspired creations — and we hope yours will be among them!

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

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Silverstream Park next in line for a playground upgrade

Silverstream Park is next to get a playground upgrade!

Silverstream's population is growing, this means we need to upgrade the park to make it even more fun for children of all ages and needs.

It will include a newly designed, colourful playground (colours may be different to picture) for younger children, with over 30 activities!

And there will even be a new set of swings catering to older children.

We're hoping to have this project completed by the end of next month!

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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SPORTS



Upper Hutt City Football

Winners are gridders at Upper Hutt City Football's Quiz Night

Winners are gridders after our Quiz Night held at the clubrooms on Saturday night.

With a great turnout of over 120 people across 16 competing tables was a tight fought battle with our top 3! Our winning team pictured with our resident quizmaster Bas.

Events like these are what drive our club community spirit and wouldn't be possible without the cohort of volunteers tirelessly working in the background. With this we would love to thank Jane, Linda and May our events team for setting this up and having it run so smoothly. Plus Mike n Rauschy who worked the bar like mad all night, Bas for hosting a great quiz as per and finally our evening prize sponsors: Brewtown Upper Hutt, Monterey Cinemas, Farrahs, Whittakers, and Mexicano.

Source: Upper Hutt City Football

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Football results for the weekend: Saturday 3rd of May / Sunday 4th of May

Our weekend wrap up, 4-3 was the score of the weekend with both our 1st teams coming away with a win and the same result!

Some great wins across the club with our Men's Reserves winning against Seatoun, Antiques and Saints winning their respective games, U16 Amazons coming away with a 3-1 win after being 1-0 down at halftime and our U15 TDP continuing our winning streak against Petone with a decisive 7-2 victory.

Also for those who missed it the U17 match against Olympic was a one to watch with a hard fought draw of 2-2! Which leads into our Men's 1st hosting Olympic at Maidstone Park this weekend.

Upper Hutt City Football

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A poster titled 'Saturday RESULTS' with a mountain logo at the top. It lists football matches and scores for Saturday, May 3rd. The background is a dark, textured image of a football field at night.

UHCF Men's First	4-3	Petone Football Club
Taa ITM UHCF Reserves	5-2	Seatoun AFC Reserves
Taa ITM UHCF Men's 3rds	0-1	Wellington Olympic 4ths
UHCF Taranua	1-7	Seatoun AFC Gulls
UHCF RJs	0-4	Tawa Vets
UHCF Antiques	2-1	Wellington United Los Piratas
UHCF Saints	2-0	Wainui Pasifika Old Boys
UHCF 4ths	0-4	Naenae FC Nighthawks

CENTRAL LEAGUE logo at bottom left, 'weston design' at bottom right.

A poster titled 'Sunday RESULTS' with a mountain logo at the top. It lists football matches and scores for Sunday, May 4th. The background is a dark, textured image of a football field at night.

UHCF Women's First	4-3	Wellington United Sapphires
UHCF Women's Reserves	0-3	Wellington United Opals
UHCF Women's 3rds	0-1	Stop Out Sports Club
UHCF UT3 Orange	1-2	Western Suburbs UT3
UHCF U14 CDL Meerkats	0-4	Te Kotahitanga U14 Rockets
UHCF U15 Orange	7-2	Petone FC U15 Settlers
UHCF U16 CDL Amazons	3-1	Onslow/North Wellington
UHCF U17 Orange	2-2	Wellington Olympic

CENTRAL LEAGUE logo at bottom left, 'weston design' at bottom right.



Wellington Family Speedway

Wellington Family Speedway raises \$3027.90 for the Child Cancer Foundation with their Bike the Track event

WOW – WE raised a MASSIVE \$3027.90 for the Child Cancer Foundation on Saturday night!

This is an INCREDIBLE effort from all those involved. Thank you to every single person who donated, who took part in our Bike the Track fun or who just came to our event. The generosity within the crowd on Saturday was amazing, we cannot thank you enough for getting in behind this incredible charity and supporting the work that they do.

A big thank you to all of our drivers who also took part in the donating by choosing to donate a percentage of their prize money from the event. Racing is an expensive sport as it is, so it is incredibly kind of you all for choosing to donate to this charity instead of receiving it yourself.

Lastly, a big thank you to Silverstream Lions Club NZ who chose to donate their nights earnings to this charity as well. And not only that, but out of the kindness of their hearts the lovely ladies offered to do all of the bucket collecting for us as well!

Our club loves these events were we can come together, enjoy racing, have some fun for the kids but also give back to a great cause. Thank you everyone!

Source: Wellington Family Speedway

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Upper Hutt Hockey Club acknowledge Karen Gooding and Raphael Coulon

On the opening weekend of Junior hockey starting it was only fitting that we acknowledge our amazing Junior convenors, who both play in our open grade teams.

Karen Gooding this weekend is playing her 225th game for Upper Hutt Hockey Club. Karen plays in our Reserve women's team, is a dedicated committee member and is one part to the dynamic duo that runs our Junior Club. Karen is always full of energy and the love and kindness she brings especially to our Juniors is unmatched. Rain or shine, you will always find Karen as the hockey turf, either coaching Juniors, supporting her family or playing.

Raphael Coulon aka Aunty Raph is playing his 219th game this weekend for Upper Hutt Hockey Club. Raph plays in our Accountants Plus Upper Hutt Premier Four Men's team and makes a special guest appearance playing for our Premier Two Men every now and then. Raph coaches our Prem 2 men, Prem 4 men, a player, a dedicated committee member and the second part to the dynamic duo for our Junior Club. Raph gives everything to UHHC, and will always offer his time, support or advice.

Karen and Raph, we are soo thankful for everything you do for our club as a whole !

Source: Upper Hutt Hockey Club

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Upper Hutt Hockey Club

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



Upper Hutt Libraries

**Author Talk with Vivienne Lingard:
Saturday 10th of May, 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm**

Location: Upper Hutt Central Library

Author, artist, and illustrator Vivienne Lingard is bringing her third release, "Mrs Forsythe", to Upper Hutt!

Originally from Silverstream, now based in Auckland, Vivienne will talk about her latest novel, which offers a captivating glimpse into life in 1970s Wellington.

Inspired by a lively discussion at one of Vivienne's monthly writing group meetings, "Mrs Forsythe" explores themes of family, community, and the freedom to make a life on one's own terms.

Join us for a fascinating conversation about character development, plot, setting, and the work that goes into taking a story from idea to published book.

For more info about the event, visit our website: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Events/Vivienne-Lingard>

Source: Upper Hutt Libraries

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Brewtown Upper Hutt

**Buhurt Armoured Combat
Tournament: Saturday 10th of May,
11.00 am**

Location: Brewtown Upper Hutt

FREE ENTRY

Buhurt is back at Brewtown!

Get ready for a clash of steel, as NZ's fiercest warriors go head-to-head in a brutal, full-contact Buhurt Tournament!

- Witness the best Armoured Combat Teams in epic battle!
- Explore the Medieval Market
- See sparks fly with live blacksmithing demos from the crew at Stackhouse Knives
- Enjoy cold brews at the Brewtown Tavern (Bar).

Source: Brewtown Upper Hutt

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Capital Fibre Fest: Saturday 10th of May, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Get ready to get your wool fix this weekend!

Upper Hutt Spinners and Weavers are proud to bring to the community the annual Capital FibreFest, now in its 8th year!

With something for all fibre/yarn crafters, raffles and spot prizes.

Free entry & Goody bags for first 150 visitors through the doors.

Bring mum so she can chose her own Mother's Day gift!

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

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Composting Month: Compost Deep Dive | Tuesday 20th of May, 6.30 pm

Location: Upper Hutt Central Library

Did you know one tablespoon of quality soil harbours more organisms than the number of people on the planet?

Nature has evolved ways of cycling nutrients biologically, enabling plants to thrive, over thousands of years, no fertilisers required. Plants get all the nutrients they need from the soil when and as they need them so they can ward off most pests and diseases naturally.

Join our local compost guru Frans Plugge for an evening presentation exploring soil biology, worms, micro-organisms, and understanding the magic of turning organic 'waste' into biologically-rich compost. You'll never look at compost or soil the same!

Suitable for all ages.

Source: Upper Hutt City Council / Upper Hutt Libraries

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Composting Month: Keeping Chickens | Wednesday 14th of May, 6.30 pm

Location: Upper Hutt Library

Keeping chickens is a great way to eliminate food waste. Their droppings can be added to a compost bin and help to break down compost more quickly which can help produce wonderful healthy soil.

If you have ever wanted to keep some backyard chooks but you are not sure where to start, or perhaps you need some advice about your existing feathery friends, this talk is for you. Carolyn Atkinson will share knowledge she has built through 30 years of keeping chooks in an urban setting!

Register here: https://au.openforms.com/Form/7741bd5d-ef61-4f16-a0df-b64604547933?ql=1%2A12qqr3b%2Aga%2AMjA0MzQ2OTI5NS4xNzQ1OTY2MTE2%2A_gaLSF0ZJ4RZ0%2AMTc0NTk2NjExNi4xLjEuMTc0NTk2NjkyMy42MC4wLjkwMzU1ODc5NA..

Source: Upper Hutt City Council / Upper Hutt Libraries

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Acrylic Workshops at Upper Hutt Art Society - 11th of May and 18th of May

9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Led by Leon Ramakers, President of Hutt Art. \$30.00, bring your own materials and reference image.

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



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Composting Month: The Great Worm Farm fix-up | Sunday 25th of May, 1.00 pm

Location: Birchville Community Garden

Worm farms are an awesome way to get your food scraps away from landfill and transformed into an amazing soil fertilizer. Come along to Birchville Community Garden to learn about worms, how you can make your own worm farm, and an option to get hands-on fixing up the community garden's bathtub worm farm, which needs a bit of TLC!

Hosted by Kate Walmsley (composting expert) and Alice Midgley (garden coordinator), this is a hands-on, family-friendly event, perfect for all ages. Once the worms are sorted, feel free to stay on for a tour of the garden.

The first 30 people who pre-register will get a voucher on arrival for a subsidised home compost solution.

Register at: https://au.openforms.com/Form/28d8deeb-a179-4cff-90a5-51f851144dbe?ql=1%2A10qk6bt%2Aga%2AMjA0MzQ2OTI5NS4xNzQ1OTY2MTE2%2A_gaLSF0ZJ4RZ0%2AMTc0NTk2NjExNi4xLjEuMTc0NTk2NzcwOS4yMS4wLjkwMzU1ODc5NA..

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Composting Month: The Magic of Compost | Thursday 15th of May, 3.30 pm

Location: Birchville School

Composting is a wonderful context for learning about our natural systems – and is an empowering way for our tamariki and ākonga to take real world action for the environment.

Join Olivia from Garden to Table, Michelle from Enviroschools and other kaiako to explore engaging ways to learn about composting, what systems will work for you, and share practical ideas to keep them going. Limit of 25 people.

The session will include:

- How waste audits can inspire action
- Meet the FBI – the superheroes of the compost
- Get the party started – recipes for compost
- What systems for you? Compost, worm farms, bokashi
- Effective systems – people, seasons, and integrating with the māra
- Funding and other support

Register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOLXSKMlp_UvvjgLZEBLHIIHsla0zooZ_BZwOboqOKmtDVTw/viewform

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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GLENNETTE UNDER 13 MARCHING TEAM “GIVE IT A GO” SESSIONS



Glennette Marching Club is recruiting for the new season and running **FREE** “give-it-a-go sessions” for 4 weeks for **PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE** aged tamariki. Come along, learn some great skills, listen to some great music and learn what the sport of marching is all about!
No experience necessary - just bring your enthusiasm and energy!

WHEN: EVERY SUNDAY FROM MAY 18TH - JUNE 15TH (EXCLUDING KING'S BIRTHDAY)

WHERE: TE KUPENGA O RONGOMAI || MAIDSTONE SPORTS HUB, 11 RAILWAY AVENUE, UPPER HUTT

TIME: 1PM - 3PM

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM PAGE
FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Glennette
glennettemarching

Contact us for more info
or just pop along on the
day.

MICHELLE OR AIMEE BURTON
022 594 2190 OR SEND US A DM

Glennette Under 13 Marching Team “give it a go” sessions: Every Sunday “Except King’s Birthday” from 18th of May – 15th of June”

Is Marching the new sport you didn’t know your daughter needed?

The fun, friendships, hard work, commitment, dedication, teamwork, rewards, travel.... just a few words current team members use to describe what being part of this team is all about.

We’d love an opportunity to share our passion for this sport with new members! No experience is necessary – we will teach you everything you need to know.

We’d love to see some new faces at our ‘give it a go’ days. Bring your girls along and we’ll teach them some basic marching skills, while having lots of fun and getting to know each other. We’ll share information about what is involved in being part of this team and what the upcoming season and commitments look like.

You can find more photos and videos from our past seasons on our instagram page ‘glennette’

Hope to see you at our first session, 18th May 1.00pm -3.00pm at Te Kupenga O Rongomai – Maidstone Sports Hub, 11 Railway Avenue, Upper Hutt. A great way to fill in a couple of hours on a winter Sunday afternoon.

Bring a water bottle and wear sports shoes.

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

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Te Kawau-a-toru (the pet shag of Kupe), French Pass, Marlborough. Photograph by Michael Hall.

Kupe Sites: Saturday 1st of February – Sunday 8th of June

Ngā tapuwae o Kupe | Landmarks of the great voyager

A thousand years ago, the great voyager Kupe made an epic journey from the eastern Pacific across the ocean to a new land. Many traces remain of Kupe's encounter with our land, which would much later be called New Zealand. They can be found in the names of landmarks in various parts of the country, and even in one of its names – Aotearoa. Kupe Sites presents 36 stunning black-and-white evocative photographs that show physical landmarks associated with Kupe's voyage to Aotearoa including Wairarapa, Wellington, and northern South Island.

Developed and toured by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

05/05/25

Lunchtime Live 2025 at Whirinaki Whare Taonga: Tuesday 13th of May

A series of lunchtime concerts given by performance students from Te Kōkī New Zealand School of Music.

Enjoy some of the finest young musicians in the country.

Lunchtime Live! is brought to you by Whirinaki Whare Taonga, The Upper Hutt Concert Grand Piano Trust and Te Kōkī New Zealand School of Music at Victoria University of Wellington.

Tuesday 13 May – Wind and Brass

Entry by donation. Proceeds to the Upper Hutt Concert Grand Piano Trust.

Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

14/03/25

Mainly Acoustic Presents: Tuesday 13th of May, 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm

Mainly Acoustic Music Club
www.mainlyacoustic.co.nz \$15 \$20 \$10 Cash only Keeping Music Live Text Only 0211 205 961

Kelburn Viaduct Municipal Ensemble Jug Band
Originals & Covers in a Jug band style.
"Sounds so sweet, Ahhh, it's hard to beat Jug band music. Certainly was a treat to me."
KVmeJB

Mayfair Café 116 Main Street
TUES 13 MAY 2025
7.30 - 10 pm

Harmony Inc.
Covers with exquisite, ear-catching 4-part harmonies
Originals Catchy Upbeat Wry Humour Heartfelt Thoughtful Lyrics
Rob Heyes

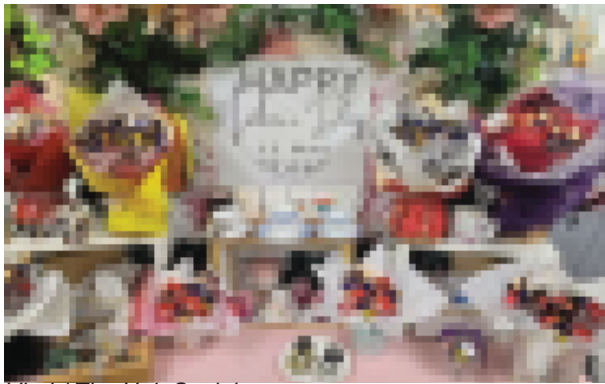
A fantastic evening with double main acts. Come and join us.

Source: Mainly Acoustic Music Club – Upper Hutt

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Retrieved from Whirinaki Whare Taonga



Vlad / The Hub Social

Mothers' Day Chocolate Bouquets at The Hub Social – Mothers' Day is 11th of May

Surprise her with something different this year! What about a chocolate bouquet from The Hub Social. Pop on down & take a look at the stock they have & go surprise your mother figure this year.

- Tuesday – Friday: 5am – 2pm
- Saturday: 8am – 3pm
- Mothers' Day (Sunday 11 May) 8am – 3pm

A "thank you" to Vlad / The Hub Social for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Roller Discos at Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club: Harry Potter 24th of May / Taylor Swift 14th of June / Final Disco at Railway Ave 12th of July

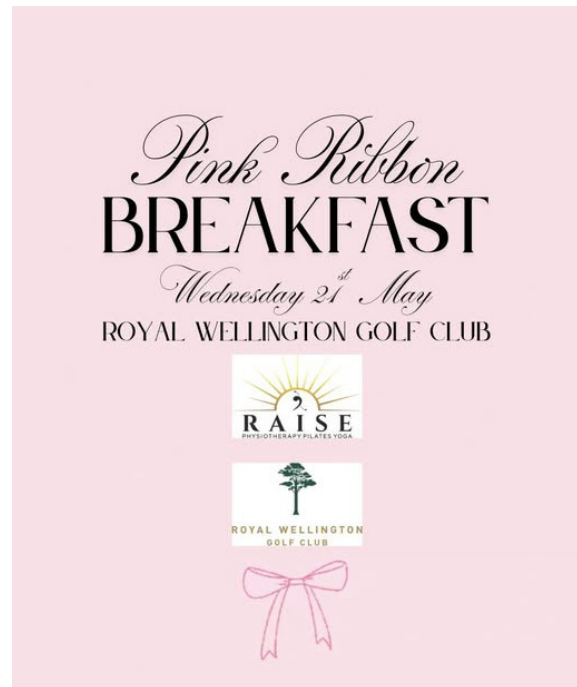
Location: 4A Railway Ave, Upper Hutt

We have three very exciting discos coming up: a Harry Potter disco, a Taylor Swift Disco, and a final disco! As you may have heard, we are moving venues in July, so get amongst these discos and celebrate our rink with us!

Keep an eye out for more details in the future!

Source: Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club

30/04/25



Pink Ribbon Breakfast at Royal Wellington Golf Club: Wednesday 21st of May, 7.00 am

Join us for a morning of good views, good people, and an even better cause.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Royal Wellington Golf Club, along with guest speakers, live music, raffles, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere — all while helping to raise vital funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ.

If you've had someone in your life who has been affected by breast cancer — a mother, a sister, a friend, a colleague — this is a beautiful way to show your support.

Everyone is welcome — this event is not just for women, but for anyone who wants to stand with our community and make a difference.

Ticket is now \$49!! (includes donation for the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ.)

Book here: <https://royalwellington.miclub.com.au/cms/pink-ribbon-breakfast/>

We would love to see you there — wear something pink if you can, and join us in making a difference. It's a great opportunity to look around and meet new people at the RWGC too!

RAISE Physio Pilates gave permission for this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Today, tomorrow, together: what's on for Youth Week 2025, 19th – 25th of May

Let's make some noise for Upper Hutt's tamariki (kids) and rangatahi (teens)!

Youth Week runs from 19-25 May 2025, and we're getting ready to celebrate our local young people's talents, passions, voices, and stories.

Together with our amazing crew of teen volunteers, we have organised a bunch of free activities for young locals to be creative, build skills, and embrace their unique strengths.

What's on during Youth Week 2025

All our Youth Week events are free to attend, no registration required. Nau mai, haere mai – everyone is welcome to join in!

Imagination Station: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Events/Imagination-Station>

all week, 19-25 May 2025, during opening hours | Central Library

STEM Explorers: Cardboard Edition: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Events/STEM-Explorers>

Tuesday, 20 May 2025, 4.00-5.00PM | Central Library

Badge-making (for ages 12 and over): <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Events/Badge-making>

Wednesday, 21 May 2025, 4.00-5.00PM | Central Library

Artistically Yours: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/News/Artistically-Yours>

Friday, 23 May 2025, 4.00-5.00PM | Central Library

Check out your local library: programmes and resources for kids and teens

Making the library a space where kids and teens feel welcome to browse resources, read and study, meet with friends, and spend time comfortably is important to us.

If you have a young person looking for something to spark their creativity or an opportunity to learn something new, check out our list of recommendations below.

Fiero Code: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Digital-Library/Kids/Fiero-Code>

Welcome to our tech playground for all ages and all levels of coding experience! Fun tutorials, regular challenges, and lots of chances to win cool tech prizes – free access with your library membership.



Upper Hutt Libraries

Reading by the river, on the go, in your cosy space: the Libby app: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Digital-Library/Adults/Libby-App>

Thousands of eBooks, eAudio titles, and eMagazines, just a tap away. Find your perfect reading spot, settle in with your phone or tablet, and let great storytelling take you places.

By teens, for teens: recommendations on Pinterest: <https://nz.pinterest.com/uhtmlibrary/teen-reads/>

Our specially curated collection on Pinterest brings together a variety of themes, genres, author voices, and recommended titles from our awesome teen volunteers.

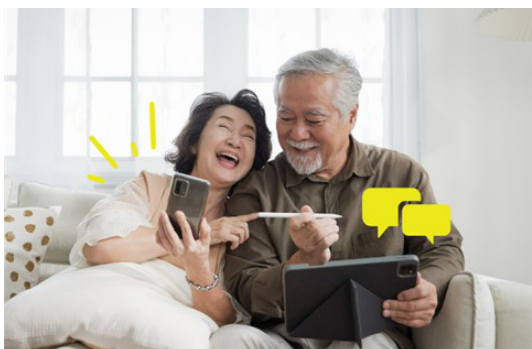
Short Story Awards 2025: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Events/Short-Story-Awards-2025> (Teen and Adult Categories)

Friday, 30 May 2025, 6.00-7.30PM | Central Library

Upper Hutt is home to some seriously impressive teen writing talent! If you have a budding author in your family or a young person looking to be inspired by their peers, join us at this special event to celebrate the next generation of writers and storytellers.

Source: Upper Hutt Libraries

03/05/25



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/>

Source: Upper Hutt Libraries

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



**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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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

Do you have a community event going on? – Let The Rimutaka Lions Club know about it!

Hi, we are the Rimutaka Lions Club.

No doubt you have seen us around with our food truck at various local events including the recent Karapoti Classic Bike Race and Super Chevy Sunday.

We love nothing more than getting out in our community supporting events.

Give us a message on facebook – Rimutaka Lions Club NZ if you have a community event happening soon and might want us there. <https://www.facebook.com/RimutakaLionsNZ>

Even better, if you are keen to see what our club is about (we are a great group of people) message us and someone will get back to you.

A "thank you" to Lia and The Rimutaka Lions Club for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

15/04/25

Technology and Scam Prevention Workshop for Seniors: Wednesday 14th of May, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Location: Upper Hutt Cossie Club, 11 Logan St, Upper Hutt

Baffled by technology? Want to learn how to do Internet banking? Need to connect with the Grand-kids on WhatsApp?

Come to our free Tea & Tech workshop! Volunteers from AMP and Age Concern Wellington staff will be there to answer any of your technology questions along with a helpful presentation all about being scam savvy.

This day will include;

Tech session, assistance with digital technology, Scam presentation and light morning tea

Please register if you wish to attend via our website <https://www.acwellington.org.nz/events/> or call Vanessa on 04 499 6646.

Don't forget to bring your tech device – smartphone, laptop or tablet. You can bring more than one device.

Source: Age Concern Wellington

17/04/25

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

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

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.

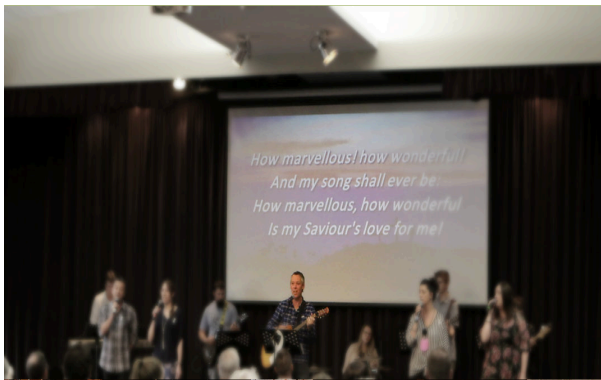
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

Services are live-streamed on YouTube: Heretaunga Community Church

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

Email: admin@heretaunga.com

Website: <https://www.heretaunga.com>



Heretaunga Community Church

St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream

You will find us at: 4-6 Dunns St, Silverstream, Upper Hutt

The Minister: The minister at St Margaret's is Rev Rodney Ramsay. Rodney is on-site most days from Tuesday to Friday and anyone is welcome to drop in for a chat over a cup of coffee/tea.

If you have any need to contact Rodney he can be reached at the office number 5279604, on his mobile 0211259835 or via email at rodneyramsay62@gmail.com

Worship services: Our worship services take place on Sundays at 10.00am.

The First Sunday of each month is a Communion Service and the second Sunday is a Family Service.

Our services are fairly traditional, and we have a very warm and welcoming congregation. All are welcome.

Our services are live streamed on Zoom. If you wish to receive the link, please text Lynley McInnarney at 027 278 0010 or send an email to mcinnarneys@gmail.com

We offer children's church for primary school age that happens during the main church service.

St Margaret's runs a teenage youth group on Friday night in the church hall and lounge. Youth group runs from 6.30pm to around 8.00pm.

Other contact details: The Lay leader (Session Clerk) at St Margaret's is Chris Rosanowski and he can be contacted at rosanowskic@gmail.com

Please visit our website for further information including the hire of our facilities.

<https://stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz>



St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream

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

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

23/04/25



Silverstream Reformed Church

Location: 8 Blue Mountains Road, Silverstream

What we Believe:

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour and the Sovereign Lord over all of life. We are fully committed to the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God. We believe that theology is important, it is vital for the health of the church, and without sound doctrine the church decays. Throughout history, the church has confessed what it believes by faithfully summarising the truths of the Bible in written forms known as creeds and confessions. These confessions do not hold the same authority as the Bible, but they help to summarise the Bible's teaching. Ultimately, the Bible remains our only rule for faith and life.

Who we Are:

Our Church is a family church, with a mixture of young families, retirees, couples, single people and youth. We have approximately 200 members, from different backgrounds, meeting together because we share a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

Service Times:

Our worship services are on Sunday at 10 AM and 4 PM, and we would love to see you there. Our friendly greeters will meet you at the door and answer any questions you have.

Like to know more? Visit our website at: <https://silverstreamrcnz.co.nz/>

Silverstream Reformed Church sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

11/12/24



St. Hilda's Anglican Church

St. Hilda's Anglican Church

Location: 35 Cruickshank Road, Clouston Park, Upper Hutt

Email Church Office: sthildasuh@gmail.com

Who we are:

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

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

What we do:

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

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Weekly services:

Sunday 9.30am: Traditional NZ Anglican Worship

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

Thursday 10.00am: Traditional Communion Service

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

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

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

ENTERTAINMENT

What's new at Monterey Cinemas? Week starting 8th of May, 2025

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

CLOWN IN A CORNFIELD

Running time: 96 minutes

Rated: R16 (Bloody violence, horror & offensive language)

In a fading Midwestern town, the local legend of Frendo the clown becomes all too real as teenagers start to go missing one by one, before meeting spectacularly sticky ends. With chills, memorable set pieces and messy mayhem aplenty, CLOWN IN A CORNFIELD will be sure to electrify both young horror audiences and fans of the classic slasher movies.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/clown-in-a-cornfield>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt23060698/videoplayer/vi827771161/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_Clown



Clown in a Cornfield

FORGIVE US ALL

Running time: 93 minutes

Rated: R16 (Violence, offensive language & content that may disturb)

In a post-apocalyptic world, a virus has transformed humans into violently deranged cannibals. A bereaved mother has lost everything and takes refuge in an isolated mountain cabin, until a desperate wounded stranger arrives with a story of hope.

Book Here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/forgive-us-all>

View trailer on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaEzoWyeR3Y&pp=ygUWZm9yZ2I2ZSB1cyBhbGwgdHJhaWxlcg%3D%3D>



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