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Photo from left to right: Heather Blissett, Deputy Mayor Hellen Swales, Dr Malcolm Mulholland

Buller Declaration Offers Upper Hutt Residents a Chance to Join the Fight for Better Health Services.

Upper Hutt, 6th July 2025 – Following the powerful protest march in Westport on 28 September 2024, where 2,000 passionate individuals gathered to voice concerns over inadequate health services in the West Coast Region, the Buller Declaration is now available for Upper Hutt residents to sign.

The declaration will be available for signing at specific locations in Upper Hutt:

- Sunday, 6th July at Brewtown Farmers Market from 8.30 am – 1.00 pm
- Saturday, 12th July 2025 at 118 Main Street, Upper Hutt from 9.30 am – 4.00 pm (Thanks to All Things Property for supporting this initiative).

Why the Buller Declaration Matters: This significant initiative, spearheaded by Dr Malcolm Mulholland (co-founder of Patient Voice Aotearoa) and the Buller Health Action Group, aims to tackle critical issues affecting healthcare access and quality across our communities.

The Westport march highlighted distressing grievances, including:

- Buller Hospital's closure for nearly a month.
- Only one ambulance serving the entire region.
- Adverse weather preventing the sole air rescue helicopter from operating.
- Closure of all urgent and after-hours clinics, pushing residents towards telehealth services and leaving many without essential care.

The Buller Declaration was officially signed at the Westport Clock Tower by prominent healthcare advocates, including Dr Malcolm Mulholland (Patient Voice Aotearoa), Anita Halsall-Quinlan (Buller Health Action Group), Kerri Nuku (New Zealand Nurses Organisation), Andrew Laurenson (Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners), Sarah Dalton (Association of Salaried Medical Specialists), and Jeremy Webber (Hauora Taiwhenua Rural Health Network). Their collective voices call all New Zealanders to stand up for their right to quality healthcare.

Upper Hutt residents are strongly encouraged to participate in this vital movement by signing the Buller Declaration, signifying a unified demand for improved healthcare services not only in Buller but across New Zealand. This is a crucial opportunity for the community to show solidarity with those affected by recent healthcare service disruptions and advocate for necessary changes.

"We invite every resident of Upper Hutt to join us in making their voices heard," says Hellen Swales, Deputy Mayor for Upper Hutt. "By signing the Buller Declaration, you play a crucial role in advocating for the right of every New Zealander to access quality healthcare services, no matter their location."

Residents will have the chance to learn more about the issues at hand and how they can contribute to ongoing efforts for better health services by speaking to Hellen Swales, Deputy Mayor for Upper Hutt, who will attend both sessions on the 6th and 12th July.

For more information about the Buller Declaration and how you can get involved, please contact:

Hellen Swales

Deputy Mayor for Upper Hutt

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Upper Hutt City Council

Council confirms its Annual Plan and water services delivery model

Upper Hutt City Council has formally adopted its Annual Plan for 2025/2026, following community consultation held from 24 March to 27 April.

The plan outlines key priorities for the year ahead and reflects Council's continued focus on core activities and service delivery.

This year, we informed our community about the Annual Plan 2025/2026 average rates increase of 15.78% being lower than the Long Term Plan forecast, and consulted on options for kerbside recycling.

Other concurrent consultation topics included Fees and Charges, a new the Alcohol Fees Bylaw, and changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy and the Gambling Venues Policy.

Mayor Wayne Guppy acknowledged and thanked the community for feedback during the consultation period.

"Council's decisions reflect a careful balance between community needs, fiscal responsibility, and our commitment to delivering essential infrastructure and services," he says.

"We appreciate the feedback received from our community, as this has been valuable in helping to shape our decisions."

Council also confirmed its future model to deliver water services as a new multi-council-owned water organisation, planned to be established with Hutt, Wellington, and Porirua City Councils and Greater Wellington Regional Council.

"Based on the options and requirements in the Local Water Done Well legislation, the best way forward is to pool our resources and tackle significant water infrastructure issues together," says Mayor Guppy.

"The aim is to now develop a joint water service delivery plan that is workable, financially sustainable, and meets the needs of communities and the environment."

Key decisions and what they mean

Local Water Done Well

Council confirmed its water service delivery model as per the consultation's preferred option for a new multi-council-owned water organisation (planned to be established with Hutt, Wellington and Porirua City Councils and Greater Wellington Regional Council) which will own and operate public water supply, wastewater, and stormwater assets and networks.

Subsequent to this decision, a water services delivery plan will be developed for Council adoption on 20 August 2025, before its submission to the Department of Internal Affairs.

Kerbside Recycling Activity – Option 2

What is it?

Council currently operates a recycling drop-off facility on Park Street, but space and capacity issues limit its effectiveness. Kerbside recycling is currently privately arranged. A previously planned Council-run kerbside service was included in the Long Term Plan 2024–2034, in line with a now-repealed Government mandate. As this mandate was removed by the Government, Council sought feedback on whether to continue with these plans.

Council's decision

Adopted Option 2: Retain enhanced status quo and investigate additional recycling locations.

Why this matters

Responds to public support for accessible, Council-led recycling and addresses capacity issues at Park Street.

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Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy – Option 2

What is it?

This policy regulates the number and location of venues with pokie machines in Upper Hutt. It currently caps machines at 174 and limits venues to Business Commercial Zones. There are also restrictions near sensitive sites such as schools, childcare centres, Kōhanga Reo, and community facilities.

Council's decision

Adopted Option 2: Removes “or other community facilities” as a restricted location.

Why this matters

Reduces restrictions on where new gambling venues can open, streamlining policy while maintaining protections for key sensitive areas.

Alcohol Fees Bylaw – Option 2

What is it?

This bylaw introduces fees for alcohol licensing activities, enabling the Council to recover 80% of the associated administrative and enforcement costs. Fees vary based on the risk profile of the licensed premises and include application, annual, and special license charges.

Council's decision

Adopted Option 2: Implement the bylaw with fees phased in over three years.

Why this matters

Ensures costs are met by the alcohol industry rather than ratepayers, promoting a fairer funding approach.

Revenue and Financing Policy – Option 1

What is it?

This policy outlines how Council services are funded – through rates, user charges, grants, and other income, and includes rating differentials to balance cost distribution across property types.

Council's decision

Adopted: Update the existing policy to reflect greater fairness and clarity.

Why this matters

Promotes transparency and aligns funding methods with public expectations of equity.

Schedule of Fees and Charges – Option 1

What is it?

A standard update of fees for Council services. This year's schedule also includes clarification of the age range for “child rates at H2O Xtream” and compassionate fee waivers for cemetery plots.

Council's decision

Adopted Option 1: Confirmed child definition as ages 5-15 at H2O Xtream, and waived cemetery plot fees for stillborn babies and children aged under one.

Why this matters

Supports fairness in public service pricing and provides compassionate relief for grieving families.

Contact:

For more information on this news release, please email media@uhcc.govt.nz

For more information on Upper Hutt and the City Council, go to www.upperhutt.govt.nz

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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Dog tag recycling at Upper Hutt City Council

Got old dog tags you can't remove or a stash you want to get rid of?

We've got you covered! Simply drop them off at our reception or in the drop box outside before you head in. We'll take care of the rest and send them off for recycling!

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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Ellie's Canine Rescue & Rehome

Ellie's Canine Rescue & Rehome needs a paw this winter – can you help?

It's winter. It's cold and raining. Typically we see a slow in adoptions at this time of year. We also see less donations as people are putting more towards power bills. We get it.

Our bank account is looking very low, we have no puppy food and are expecting our monthly vet bills soon. On top of normal vaccinations and desexing, Cosmo had an infected wound, Max hurt his paw, Maggie ate something she shouldn't..... We are asking for help because we really need it.

So please can you, our wonderful followers, possibly help us get over this mid winter slump?

There are a few ways you can help us:

Money donation to:

Ellie's Canine Rescue and Rehome, ASB, 12-3478-0067646-00. We can provide receipts for IRD if you email us your details. Money received will go towards puppy food and vet bills.

Physical resources:

We need XL crates (in reasonable condition), clean dog beds, adjustable harnesses especially medium size and puppy food (preferably Blackhawk, Acana or Royal Canin as this is what our pups are currently on). Please message us for drop points.

Forever homes:

Help us get our dogs and pups adopted by sharing our adoption posts on your personal Facebook page or local community pages.

We appreciate anything you can spare. Thank you.

Ellie's Canine Rescue & Rehome gave permission for this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Upper Hutt City Council

From kite making to weaving: Celebrating Matariki 2024

What a celebration!

Our Matariki 2024 workshops lit up Upper Hutt with creativity, connection, and culture. From Manu Aute (kite making) to Raranga (weaving), people of all ages came together to explore mātauranga Māori through hands-on experiences.

Our kite-making workshop on 18 June soared as the most popular event, drawing attendees from across the region. With four sessions fully booked and glowing feedback, it's clear the community loved the welcoming vibe, expert facilitators, and rich cultural storytelling.

We heard you: more workshops, longer sessions and better signage. We're already excited for what next year will bring!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, supported, or spread the word. Matariki 2024 was a beautiful reminder of what we can create when we come together.

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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Guitar stolen from Blend Bar & Bistro in the early hours of Friday morning

An electric guitar with Jim Beam branding was stolen from Blend Bar & Bistro on King Street, in the early hours of Friday morning. The guitar is identifiable due to the obvious Jim Beam branding. Details are as follows.

NOTE: If you do see the guitar, then please contact Euan at Blend Bar & Bistro privately so it can then be forwarded to the police.

- Man approaches the venue, appears to be on foot, from west end of King Street
- Man attempts to break-in using his fists approx. 1.46am but fails and runs off
- Man comes back approx. 2.40am with a sledge hammer, demolishes a glass pane of the front sliding door and gain entry
- Man goes straight to the electric guitar hanging on the wall in the restaurant, appears he knew exactly where to go and what he was looking for.
- Man rips the electric guitar of the wall which was attached by a screwed in mount
- Man exits the building, in and out within 15-20 seconds
- Man escapes on foot running back down west end of King Street

Footage provided showing a photo of the thief.

A "thank you" to Euan for providing this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Euan: Blend Bar & Bistro



Wellington District Police

Have you seen Robert Keepa? Then please contact Wellington Police

Wellington Police are seeking Robert Keepa, who has a warrant for his arrest.

Keepa, aged 44, is believed to be residing in the Upper Hutt area.

Anyone who has seen Keepa, or has information on his whereabouts, is asked to contact Police, quoting the following file numbers: 250619/4484 and 250619/3988.

Information can also be provided anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Source: Wellington District Police

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New Zealand Police

Off the leash: After 50 years in Police – 45 of them in Dog Section – this week Sergeant Al Campbell is hanging up the leash

Sergeant Alan Campbell has served more than 300 years on Dog Section. Dog years, that is, but even in human years it's a decent length of time.

Al joined Police on 12 May 1975 at the age of 20 and has spent 45 of the past 50 years with Dog Section.

He is finally retiring after 50 years of “amazing, rewarding and satisfying experiences”.

Al spent 16 years working with patrol dogs and another 16 working with detector dogs in Wellington. For the past 13 years, he has been a trainer at the Dog Training Centre (DTC) at Trentham.

Al graduated as a fresh faced ‘newbie’ in a black uniform and started duty on 14 August 1975.

He spent a few years patrolling the streets of Porirua, doing the usual callouts to family harm, thefts, assaults, pub fights, disorder jobs and sudden deaths.

In 1979, the then 23-year-old Al was deployed to one of the most intense operations – Operation Overdue, the investigation into the crash of Flight TE901 on Mt Erebus, Antarctica.

He was drafted on to the mortuary phase of the operation – identifying victims, liaising with families, and repatriating remains. He worked Auckland along with 119 other Police staff and told his then-fiancée Chris he may not be home for Christmas.

Many staff, like Al, had undertaken DVI training, and some had been on standby for the ice recovery phase.

He had a longstanding interest in aviation, with 200-plus flying hours, and had read many air accident reports – but when the call came, it was for the mortuary phase. “At that point I had no idea what was going to happen or how long it would take”.

The DVI processes were new and relatively untested. “We were making up the rules as we went basically, evolving and streamlining what we had.”

The phase successfully identified 214 of the 257 people on the aircraft and returned them to their families.

Al remembers many significant jobs from his frontline time, but none quite the lasting impact as Operation Overdue.

Other than Operation Overdue, Al took part in many notable policing events.

He policed the Wellington parts of the Springbok Tour while on Dog Section. “Pete Hayes and I just had young untrained pups at that point so weren’t deployed throughout the country.

“We stayed in Wellington and helped on the days (Wednesdays and Saturdays) without dogs, just as frontline officers.”

Another significant task was around 10 years working as a spotter on the cannabis recovery operations.

“It involved flying about in a light aircraft and later a chopper. Even though I’d spent a lot of my spare time around aircraft and the aviation industry, I used to get violently ill with the low-level flying.

There was plenty of variety in policing, but what took his fancy was working with dogs.

Dog handlers in those days had to be married, which was taken to mean a stable home life. Less than a year after Operation Overdue ended, Al and Chris married. Within a week of the wedding Al had submitted his application for Dog Section.

Al joined Dog Section on 20 November 1980 and graduated on his birthday – 11 March 1982 – with his first dog, Pacer.

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Over 16 years he worked with four patrol dogs – German shepherds Pacer, Champ, Kia and Max.

“Back then, as a junior handler at the start of your career, it was quite hierarchical,” he says. “When you were asked to do something by your senior colleagues or sergeant, you just did it.

“I got called by a senior handler to pick him up one night late from the Cook Strait ferry. I went down in my dog van – which is only two-seater due to the dog box in the back.

“Unbeknownst to me the handler and his wife, who were foot-passengers, got off the ferry with a goat purchased in the South Island and brought back to keep the grass down on a plot of land in Wellington.

Al’s favourite dog was Kia, a black German shepherd who was brilliant at tracking. “He was an amazing police dog and really boosted my confidence.”

Kia and Al still hold the record for the highest number of catches in a week of night shifts – 13 operational successes and 42 offenders caught at a time when frontline staff worked seven nights in a row.

After 16 years, Al became a detector dog handler with a Labrador called Floyd, inherited from retiring handler Peter Hill in the 1990s.

Then came a curly coat retriever called Gus, Daniel the spaniel, another lab Emma, and German shepherd Jay – “an awesome little dog”.

Despite initially missing the adrenaline rush of patrol dogs, Al found but they could still get their share of excitement.

“Back in the day, as detector dog handlers we didn’t often wait for the Armed Offenders Squad (AOS) as backup at search warrants. We’d be there for the breach and, being first in, we’d come across more firearms and drugs and so on.”

He never saw himself being promoted or taking an instructor’s role, but when the opportunity came up at the DTC, he took it. “I’d found my niche.”

A second Floyd, fostered, trained and worked by Al, became a champion for Sergeant Chris ‘Harry’ Harris in the 2000s, taking top honours for narcotic detector dogs at the Police National Championships twice, and the Australasian Championships once. Harry attributes the success largely to Al and the big influence he had.

Al trained and fostered eight dogs deployed to Pacific Islands as well as throughout New Zealand. Most recently he trained Spy, who graduated and deployed to New Caledonia with his handler last month.

Al worked in the Pacific – mostly Fiji and Samoa – every four months. Although he loved it, spending up to 10 weeks a year overseas was a big ask with family and other commitments at home.

He rates Eto, who was deployed to Fiji, as the most successful of his trainees.

Al kept all his dogs as family pets after they retired. It must have made an impression on the family because it inspired his son Rob to join Police and Dog Section.

Al’s motivation to stick with the same job for so long is the same as for most dog handlers. “It’s a great job with a great partner.”

“It’s quite a challenge when you start training dogs. Firstly, they are young, new, and learning, and you’re repeating tasks. Then they grow and get better and transition to operational work.

“It’s initially hard, then it gets easier and enjoyable as the dog knows what to do and does it well. Then later, when they’re older, they start slowing down – that’s when you start looking for a new dog. It’s a cycle.”

The 50 years have flown by, he says.

“I’ve thoroughly enjoyed the challenges Dog Section and the Dog Training Centre offered me. I’m very proud of the reputation our New Zealand Police Dog Section has on an international scale.”

Fishing and motorbikes are on the horizon for retirement: “I’m sorting out a bigger boat. I’m not one to sit back and relax.”

Source: Jill Reid / New Zealand Police

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Contributor – Kim / Stepping Stones
Community Child Care Centre

Stepping Stones 50th Jubilee!

In August Stepping Stones Childcare Centre is celebrating FIFTY years, that's right, the big 50! Stepping Stones has been serving our community, churning out amazing little Upper Huttians who have been going out and conquering the big bad world since 1975. So on the 30th of August we are going to celebrate!

You might've been through as a tamariki yourself, had your own kiddos attend the centre, you might've been a kaiako or served on the trust or helped out at a working bee or fundraising event – if you've got a connection with the centre then come along and share stories and see how the space has evolved over the years.

We're gathering registrations of interest so fill out the short form below and we'll be in touch as we firm up plans for the date.

<https://forms.gle/ic4sMQ8YUGtj9wbC6>

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

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Wellington Water

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Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe

Still some work to do but almost there – Inside the renovations at Staglands

We're almost there — fingers crossed!

Our stunning new main entrance building is on track to open late July!

With the interior scaffolding now removed, we wanted to give you a sneak peek of this incredible new space.

A huge thank you for your continued patience and support throughout this project – your support means the world to us!

Watch this space for more updates!

Source: Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe

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Update on the Logan Street pipe renewal

Kia ora Upper Hutt,

Works to install new drinking and wastewater pipes along Logan Street are well underway! This will mean more resilient and reliable pipes for Logan Street, reducing the need for unexpected repairs and disruptions that come with that.

Crews are working hard, sometimes in the early hours of 3 am to minimise disruption for local services and businesses.

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When crews reach the Queen St roundabout by around mid-July, the roundabout will be partially closed for around four days to allow crews to safely connect the new wastewater pipe to the network. After that, we'll finish connecting Logan Street homes to the new wastewater pipe.

Signage and traffic management crews will help guide traffic.

Key things to keep in mind:

- We expect to complete the project by August.
- We expect to finish up where Sinclair St meets Logan Street in about a week, with traffic management removed.
- We're not anticipating a need for any more temporary drinking water shutdowns.
- Parking is available again opposite the Cossie Club (in front of the Toy Library).

Find out more info through the link: <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/logan-street-wastewater-renewal?tab=0>

Source: Wellington Water

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Using SH2 during the school holidays? Good news – Your commute won't be affected by the Silverstream Pipebridge project!

Heading north on SH2 over the school holidays?

Great news – your commute won't be impacted as the connecting works on Whakawhirinaki, the Silverstream pipe bridge will not be underway yet.

We need to do a bit more prep work on the pipe bridge before connecting it to the drinking water network. We'll provide an update on timing as soon as possible.

In the meantime, prep works on Fergusson Drive are progressing well! To date the installation of an access manhole and thrust block are almost complete. An access manhole would make underground pipe maintenance easier, while a thrust block is a concrete support that holds the pipe in place under pressure or movements.

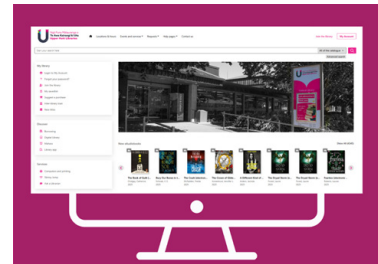
Depending on weather conditions, we expect traffic management to be removed temporarily early July until the cut-in works take place.

Stay tuned for further updates on the project.

For more info, head to <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/silverstream-pipe-bridge-project>

Source: Wellington Water

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Upper Hutt Libraries

Welcome to our new catalogue

We're excited to launch our new catalogue!

The upgrade from our old software to the new system has been completed. Thank you for your patience over the past two weeks, while the final phase of this huge project was under way.

It's now time to explore and browse – your next great read awaits: <https://uhlibraries.spydus.co.nz/>

Testing and finetuning

As with any major computer upgrade, there will still be a significant amount of work going on behind the scenes over the coming days to ensure that the new catalogue and system work as they should.

Some of our services may take a little longer to resume (e.g. Suggest to Buy). Our magazines collection will be available for browsing and borrowing – however, placing holds on magazines is unavailable at the moment. Work is under way to have them available for holds as soon as possible.

We appreciate your continued support during this time.

Our library app: updates in progress

There is still some work under way to finalise updates and switch the app over to our new computer system.

Please note: Once you've reset your password on the new catalogue, you will need to sign in again on the app using your new password.

For all the information that you need to get started with the new system, please visit: www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/News/New-Catalogue

Source: Upper Hutt Libraries

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RNZ / Reece Baker

Wellington Water to be replaced by new stand-alone entity next year

Wellington's troubled water services provider will be replaced with a new stand-alone entity by this time next year, which councils say will be less costly for ratepayers.

Upper Hutt City Council agreed yesterday to back the "reset", which already had the support of Porirua, Lower Hutt and Wellington City Councils and Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Lower Hutt mayor Campbell Barry, who chairs the Wellington Water Committee, welcomed today's "milestone", saying the decision marked "a reset for water services in the region".

Unlike Wellington Water, the new entity would own the water infrastructure that was currently owned by councils, which meant it would be able to generate its own income, manage its own debt, and "not be constrained by council funding".

"The new entity unlocks the financial tools needed to make smart investments in water infrastructure, without placing an unsustainable burden on ratepayers.

"It will enable better decision-making across the entire network and ensure more consistent service delivery."

Turning around "historical underinvestment" in water infrastructure would take time and water bills would still increase under the new entity to meet the needs of the region's ageing network, he admitted.

However, high-level modelling showed that any rise in water charges would be about 30 percent less than what households would face under the current model.

"Our main goal is to introduce a new way of delivering water services that allows for more investment in the network with an entity that is more efficient; while keeping costs more affordable and sustainable over the long-term," Barry said.

The entity will be governed by a board of independent professional directors who will be appointed by a steering committee of council and iwi representatives.

The decision comes as part of the government's Local Water Done Well reform, which requires councils to decide on a long term water services model and submit delivery plans by September 2025.

The new entity will take over the ownership and management of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure by 1 July 2026.

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Send in a general news article to The Upper Hutt Connection

Do you have a general news article that you'd like put up on The Upper Hutt Connection?

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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 - or you can fill out the form at: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/send-an-article-to-the-upper-hutt-connection/>

Please include your first name / surname / initials that you wish to be credited by. Sorry, but pseudonyms aren't accepted/

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Upper Hutt City Council

Ordinary Council – 11th of June, 2025

The purpose of this meeting was to deliberate on the Local Water Done Well water service delivery model consultation and the Annual Plan 2025/26, Revenue and Financing Policy, Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy, Alcohol Fees Bylaw, Schedule of Fees and Charges, and to discuss a revocation or alteration of a Council resolution.

Council Agenda – 11th of June 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/meetings/2025/cycle-4/council-agenda-20250611.pdf>

Council Minutes – 11th of June 2025: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/meetings/2025/cycle-4/council-minutes-11-june-2025.pdf>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crime in Upper Hutt – Hellen Swales, Deputy Mayor

Over the last week, several concerning break-ins have occurred at local businesses in Upper Hutt. We know the community feels unsafe due to home invasions, car break-ins, stolen cars, homelessness, and retail crime. This is a real concern for these businesses, our community, and myself. Our council representatives are meeting with the Police Area Commander on Wednesday 2nd July 2025, and I will raise these issues. The question for him is how he plans to address the recent increases in crime across most categories.

Last week, an Upper Hutt Police Community Constable attended the monthly Grey Power Meeting, which I also attended. This discussion focused on self-protection and detection of scams for Grey Power members.



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Area Commander Wade Jennings also attended the Upper Hutt Multicultural Council meeting a week ago, where I was present as the Deputy Mayor of Upper Hutt. The discussions with the Area Commander centered on retail crime and general crime statistics for Upper Hutt. He commented on the rise in social issues as one of the common drivers.

The Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce hosted a meeting last week on retail crime, attended by Sunny Kaushal, Chairman of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Retail Crime at the Ministry of Justice, Area Commander Wade Jennings, and myself as Upper Hutt's Deputy Mayor. The agenda included:

- Recent and upcoming legislative changes impacting retailers
- Open discussion on challenges faced by large and small retail businesses
- Sharing concerns directly with Ministry of Justice representatives
- Collaborating on solutions to make communities and businesses safer

A number of Upper Hutt retailers attended the Chamber event. An Upper Hutt council officer shared that our Upper Hutt retailers have an advanced network among themselves and direct access to the police through this network. While the council can't provide a large network of cameras, I believe that through the cooperation of businesses and the public, they have good coverage of the Central Business District. However, in light of recent events, the retailer and camera networks may need reviewing—a point for discussion next week with the Area Commander.

If anyone has concerns or views they would like raised with the Area Commander, please send them to hellen.swales@uhcc.govt.nz, and I will include them in our discussions. We look forward to further discussions with Wade and our elected members next Wednesday, 2nd July.

Hellen Swales, Deputy Mayor

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We need to be careful what we wish for – Teresa Homan

I suggest that we need to be careful what we wish for. Central government is talking up the need for local government reform and if regional governance is even practical anymore, some regional Mayors pushing amalgamation, saying that this is more cost effective, and a collective push by local councils to install water meters, the tool for generating income for a combined water entity, and locals blaming our local council for rates rises. The purpose of local government is local democracy the further away from local input the less opportunity we have for participatory democracy. We need a strong collective voice to ensure local needs take precedent over the so called bigger is better philosophy that is a combined water entity and amalgamation. Many lament the in-house council maintenance of water delivery proven by the water done well overspend on contractors. Where will a new so called improved water entity lead. It will without doubt set its on pricing scale and charge a connection fee and have control of our collectively owned water assets. Water meters will be the tool for charging us and there will be a connection charge much like our electrical line charges. All ready for privatization over seen by central government. The RMA has guttered local councils' ability to regulate buildings and manage local environmental concerns by taking over control of these regulations and consents. Central government seeks to increase this control by reducing or eliminating regional councils. Beware of ACT candidates running for council wanting even greater control with their Regulatory standards Bill. In all this the losers will be us the local people and local democracy we will lose all input or influence on local issues due to no council to speak or set regulations on our behalf. We can all focus on rates and think that we will somehow reduce what services cost us by economics of scale. I think this is a false dream destined to turn into a nightmare if we don't protect our right to participate in managing those things that matter to us by strong independent local government. I believe we need to start by calling for all rate payers to be shareholders as of right in our combined water entity and to vote in coming local election for people who believe in local democracy and tell us the truth about our budget requirements to deliver public services rather than telling us they can keep rates down.

Teresa Homan

Upper Hutt local

A "thank you" to Teresa Homan for sending this letter to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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SPORTS

Football results for the weekend: 28th / 29th of June

Our weekend fixtures wrap up, some fantastic results across the board. Shout out to our Men's 1st, Reserves and 3rds who won their respective games as well as our Women's 3rds, U13 TDP, U14 CDL who won their games.

Special shout out to the U17 TDP for their incredible result of 12-2 win against Onslow/North Wellington, this has them sitting 1 point behind Phoenix Academy U17 for their fight at the top of the standings for the league.

Saturday RESULTS		Sunday RESULTS	
UHC Men's 1st	2-1 Island Bay United	UHC Women's First	Bye
UHC Men's Reserves	2-1 Stop Out Sports Club	UHC Women's Reserves	CAN Miramar Rangers AFC
UHC Men's 3rds	6-2 North Wellington Thirds	UHC Women's 3rds	2-1 Island Bay Gentfish
UHC Toranas	2-4 Petone Argh/Mel Knees	UHC U18 Orange	6-1 Miramar Rangers AFC U18
UHC R2s	CAN Wellington Olympic TFF's	UHC U14 CDL Mearkats	1-0 North Wellington U18 Wolves
UHC Anabiques	CAN Paringa AFC	UHC U15 Orange	2-5 Onslow/North Wellington U18
UHC Marauders	1-9 Seatoun Originals	UHC U16 CDL Amazons	0-0 Petone CDL 15" CDL
UHC Saints	CAN Island Bay Internationals	UHC U17 Orange	12-2 Onslow/North Wellington U17
UHC 4th's	3-4 Victoria University Wildcats		

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Sir Clicks-A-Lot Roller Derby

Matariki Mashup – Bright Stars win against Night Sky 206 – 200, at Kapiti

Kapiti Coast Derby Crew hosted a mix of skaters from Remutaka Roller Derby, Kapiti Coast Derby Crew, Richter City Roller Derby (Wellington), and Swamp City Roller Derby (Palmerston North)

A fantastic time had by all yesterday at Matariki Mashup! It was a very close game, Bright Stars just taking the win from Night Sky with 206 points to 200. A great game played by all!

Also congratulations to our newest skaters for their first game!

Thanks Kapiti Coast Derby Crew for hosting! We can't wait for the next one! Thanks also to Sir Clicks-A-Lot Roller Derby Photography for the photos! Check out the rest on his page! <https://www.facebook.com/SirClicksALot55>

Source: Remutaka Roller Derby

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DEATH NOTICES / OBITUARIES



New Zealand Herald

Paula Bloomfield passes away after battle with cancer

Paula Bloomfield passed away on Wednesday afternoon at Te Omanga Hospice aged 52, after her battle with bladder cancer. She was a former teacher at Heretaunga College and was involved with the Scouts, the Totara Park Playcentre, and the Upper Hutt City Football Club. The family have received many tributes on social media from the groups Paula had supported over the years.

ASB described her as “a cherished member of the Upper Hutt community” and “a beacon of joy and strength”, upon being awarded the Good as Gold award on Seven Sharp, which included being given \$10,000.

“I would like to share it though, it’s gonna be shared”, Bloomfield said at the time, but agreed to spend some of the money on her family.

She and her family decided to use a portion of the funds on a campervan trip around the South Island which was booked for next Tuesday, but never got the chance.

Bloomfield’s family have agreed to still take the trip one day, to honour Paula.

Source: New Zealand Herald

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Has someone important to you passed away? Why not have an obituary on The Upper Hutt Connection?

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

Kartsport Wellington “Have a Go” Day: Saturday, 5th of July

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Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club

School holiday roller discos: Friday 4th of July / Friday 11th of July, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Location: 4A Railway Avenue

We are open these school holidays on Friday 4th July and Friday 11th July from 1-3pm! Come on down to escape the school holiday blues and have some fun.

\$10 entry including skate hire

Source: *Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club*

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Silverstream Lions Club

Silverstream Railway Clean Up: Sunday 17th of August, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

Let's Give Silverstream Station area a Tidy-Up!

Silverstream Lions, Keep Hutt Valley Beautiful NZ, and KiwiRail are teaming up to clean up around the Silverstream Railway Station — and we'd love your help!

We'll be picking up rubbish, painting over graffiti, and weeding/mulching along the rail corridor.

Keen to lend a hand?

Bring some sturdy shoes, gloves, and a bucket if you've got one — we'll sort the grabber sticks and high-vis vests.

When:

Come along for as long as you can — even half an hour helps! We'll finish up by 2pm and there'll be some refreshments to say thanks.

Where:

Find us by the wee bridge on the corner of Kiln Street and Whitemans Road — just look for the flags!

Let's work together to Keep Silverstream Beautiful. See you there!

Silverstream Lions Club gave permission for this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Upper Hutt City Football

Upper Hutt City Football Fantails programme registrations now open: Sessions start Friday 25th of July

Registrations for our Term 3 Fantails Programme is now open.

After so much fun and success last term we will be kicking sessions back off from Friday 25 July, down at Maidstone Park from 6-7pm

More info please follow the registration link below or message us directly.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/340949>

Upper Hutt City Football

Source: *Upper Hutt City Football*

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Weaving the Harakeke: Daytime hui at Upper Hutt Library, 2nd of July 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm



Whirinaki Whare Taonga

The Last Night of the Proms: Saturday 26th of July, 2.00 pm / 7.00 pm

Location: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

Upper Hutt Brass Band presents

A spectacular evening that blends the beloved traditions of London's Royal Albert Hall with a distinctive New Zealand flavour. Joining the celebration are The Hutt Valley Singers, alongside a host of talented local artists and soloists. Raise your voice and wave your flag as you revel in stirring favourites like Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory, Sea Songs, and rousing patriotic marches — timeless highlights that capture the true spirit of this grand musical tradition.

Adult \$25.00 | Concession (Seniors 65+ with Gold Card) \$20.00 | Child (11 years and under) \$10.00 | Booking and transaction fees apply | Bookings required

Book through iTicket.com: www.iticket.co.nz/events/2025/jul/last-night-of-the-proms

Source: Whirinaki Whare Taonga – A “thank you” to Jacquie for requesting this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Taoist Tai Chi: Mondays, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

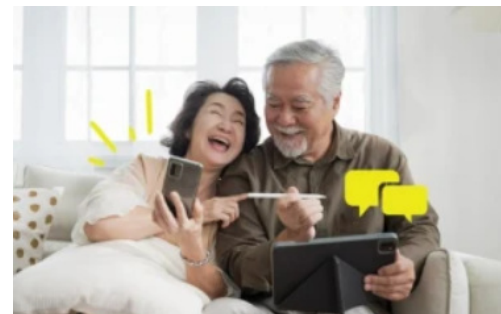
Taoist Tai Chi sessions

Mondays 6.30-8.00pm.

Trentham School Hall.

Start any time.

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



Upper Hutt Libraries

SeniorNet: Tuesdays 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Location: Upper Hutt Library

Not completely comfortable with technology? Wondering how you are going to cope when everyone is using their mobile phones?

Come along to Upper Hutt SeniorNet, every Tuesday at 1.30 – 2.30pm at the library where a happy group of older people meet to discuss technology and learn how to be confident in the digital world.

Just turn up and say hello!

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

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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*.



St. Margaret's Church - Silverstream

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*.

06/05/25

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.

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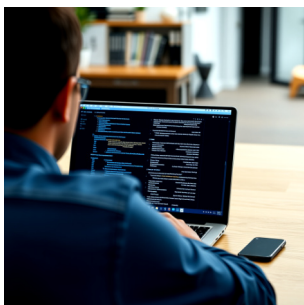
Interested in promoting a community event on The Upper Hutt Connection?

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Upper Hutt Businesses - Would you like to put your job listings on The Upper Hutt Connection?

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AT HOME: Household hints and tips



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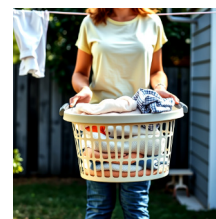
Looking to reduce the sugar content in your baking? It's easy!

Most of the time, halving the amount of sugar in your baking recipes will have no impact on the flavour or results of your baking. There are only a couple of instances where reducing the sugar content isn't recommended, one is when making shortbread. If you reduce the icing sugar in it, the shortbread will taste very bland.

This article was provided by Ben Knowles – Editor / Operator @ The Upper Hutt Connection

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I welcome your household hints and tips.

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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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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. New recipes added this week: Rocky Road

Cheers, Ben

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

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

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

GARAGE SALES



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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!

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A webpage on The Upper Hutt Connection at only \$1 a day

Is your business lacking a website, and you don't want to bother with setting one up yourself? The Upper Hutt Connection can offer you a webpage on The Upper Hutt Connection at only \$1 a day (billed at \$30 a month). Include all the text, images, links etc that you like.

Advertise your business in The Upper Hutt Connection's Wednesday Edition for only \$10 a week - be seen by all 869 subscribers.

Would you like to advertise your business weekly in The Upper Hutt Connection's Wednesday Edition? You can have your business advertised at only \$10 a week (billed at \$40 a month). Include a small paragraph of text along with a small image – OR an image alone, with all your business info included in the image itself. A small line of text can be included for a link to your website, etc. If you have a request where you'd like your ad to be placed in the Wednesday Edition then please say – otherwise I'll use my own judgement.

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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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.

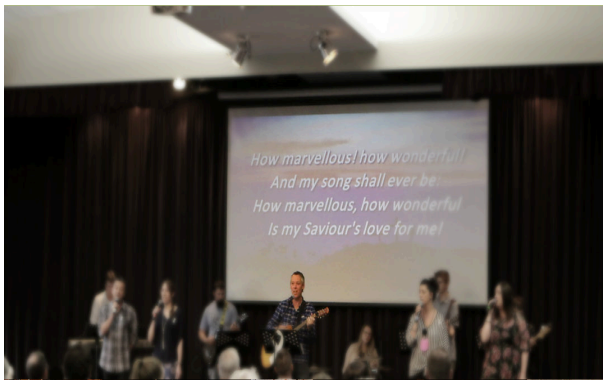
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

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 minister@stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz

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 the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the church hall and lounge during term time. 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.

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.

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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

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

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ENTERTAINMENT

What's new at Monterey Cinemas? Week starting 3rd of July, 2025

JURASSIC WORLD: REBIRTH

Running time: 133 minutes

Rated: M (Violence)

A new era is born.

Next summer, three years after the Jurassic World trilogy concluded with each film surpassing \$1 billion at the global box office, the enduring Jurassic series evolves in an ingenious new direction with Jurassic World Rebirth.

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Jurassic World: Rebirth

Anchored by iconic action superstar Scarlett Johansson, breakthrough talent Jonathan Bailey and two-time Oscar® winner Mahershala Ali, this action-packed new chapter sees an intrepid team racing to secure DNA samples from the three most colossal creatures across land, sea and air. Also starring acclaimed international stars Rupert Friend and Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, the film is directed by dynamic visualist Gareth Edwards (Rogue One: A Star Wars Story) from a script by original Jurassic Park screenwriter David Koepp.

Five years after the events of Jurassic World Dominion, the planet's ecology has proven largely inhospitable to dinosaurs. Those remaining exist in isolated equatorial environments with climates resembling the one in which they once thrived. The three most colossal creatures within that tropical biosphere hold the key to a drug that will bring miraculous life-saving benefits to humankind.

Academy Award® nominee Johansson plays skilled covert operations expert Zora Bennett, contracted to lead a skilled team on a top-secret mission to secure genetic material from the world's three most massive dinosaurs. When Zora's operation intersects with a civilian family whose boating expedition was capsized by marauding aquatic dinos, they all find themselves stranded on an island where they come face-to-face with a sinister, shocking discovery that's been hidden from the world for decades.

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