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Maidstone Intermediate

## A week at Maidstone: 17th of September – 22nd of September 2025

### Remutaka Camp

Over the week Maidstone Intermediate's Remutaka rōpū have been on their camp. Including a trip to the Abel Tasman track, speed climbing competitions, downhill go-karts, an epic waterslide, and a flying fox.

### Volleyball Exchange

Maidstone Intermediate's volleyball teams performed well at the the Volleyball exchange.

The Boys Team came in 7th overall, the Girls A Team at 6th overall, and the Girls B Team at 12th overall.

### Korean Exchange Journey

The Korean exchange ākonga have been enjoying themselves in Korea. Including sharing kai, visiting the temples, and sharing a waiata to mark Te Wiki o te Reo Māori from Korea.

### World of WearableArt

The Maidstone Intermediate ākonga were able to experience the WOW for the very first time. Even though there was the wild weather outside, it was unforgettable night of creativity and inspiration.

All photos related to this article can be viewed at <https://uhconnection.co.nz/school-news/a-week-at-maidstone-17th-of-september-22nd-of-september-2025/>

Source: Maidstone Intermediate / A "thank you" to Maidstone Intermediate for their permission to share their school news on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Te reo māori: <https://maoridictionary.co.nz>

- **ākonga:** (noun) student, pupil, learner, protégé.
- **rōpū:** (noun) group, party of people, company, gang, association, entourage, committee, organisation, category.
- **Waiata:** (verb) (-hia,-tia) to sing. / (noun) song, chant, psalm.
- **Te Wiki o te Reo Māori:** Māori Language Week



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## Give your body time to adjust when Daylight Saving begins

As daylight saving time begins this Sunday, (2am becomes 3am) Kiwis can look forward to longer evenings and summer activities.

However, this shift comes with significant health risks. Research indicates a 24% increase in heart attacks on the Monday following the time change, with a 4% rise in risk persisting for two weeks. Additionally, road crashes may increase by 6% during this period, highlighting the dangers of losing even an hour of sleep. Fatigue can impair reaction times and mood, posing risks for drivers, especially those in professional roles. As we adjust our clocks, it's crucial to prioritize sleep and recognize the potential impacts on heart health and road safety.

See the full article on health risks at <https://www.autosense.co.nz/post/spring-forward-stay-alert-daylight-savings-sleep-shift-increases-heart-risk-for-drivers>

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

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*Monique Ford / Stuff*

## Infometrics chief executive warns to beware of election promises about low rate rises

More than 350 candidates in New Zealand have signed up to a Tax Payers' Union pledge to "oppose any measures that will see the total burden of rates, levies and additional council charges exceed the level of inflation and population growth". This number accounts for 16% of candidates nationwide and more are expected to join.

However with costs increasing dramatically and infrastructure deficits affecting communities, Infometrics chief executive Brad Olsen is saying that this pledge is "frustrating" and "lacking in economic literacy". Lowering council costs is what the pledge hinges on, but it doesn't take into account the additional costs which will now be added from the Government's Local Water Done Well.

Read the full article at: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/360828115/rates-expectations-beware-election-promises-about-low-rises-economists-warn?>

A "thank you" to Jasper for requesting that this article be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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## It takes the people of Upper Hutt to make The Upper Hutt Connection

How many staff do you think work at The Upper Hutt Connection? Twenty? Ten? Five? – Neither, the true answer is one.

You might not realise it but The Upper Hutt Connection is really a one-man-band operation. All the maintenance of the website, and the assembling and mailing out of the Wednesday Edition is all done by one guy.

It's everyone else who really makes The Upper Hutt Connection what it is, though. Upper Hutt City Council who allow me to put up their articles, Upper Hutt Libraries, individuals in the community, and the various sports groups in Upper Hutt that have given me the permission to put up their items too...

But if you don't want things to always just be this way, I do need your help too. I don't have journalists and reporters – I need you, the people of Upper Hutt, to send in articles too if you'd like The Upper Hutt Connection to be more interesting than it is now.

I have a Send in an Article page on The Upper Hutt Connection which makes it nice and simple. Fill in the form which includes the genre, the article headline, the text of your article, and any images you'd like included. You can even include a prompt for the AI image generator I use, if you like.

<https://uhconnection.co.nz/send-an-article-to-the-upper-hutt-connection/>

I do hope you'll send in articles and we can make The Upper Hutt Connection an even better online newspaper for the people of Upper Hutt. A newspaper where all citizens are involved.

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

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**NOTE:** All articles need to be Upper Hutt related. The Upper Hutt Connection is **NOT** a place for covering national or international events. This includes Letter to the Editor as well. Decisions from the New Zealand government that affect all citizens of New Zealand (and that means including Upper Hutt) **ARE** welcome.

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*The Illustrated Encyclopedia of New Zealand – Bateman, 1986*

## Kate Sheppard – New Zealand's Most Famous Suffragette

*The second article relating to democracy and elections.*

Sheppard, Kate Wislon, nee Malcolm (1848-1934), leader of the women's suffrage movement, was described by poet Jessie Mackay as "the woman whose life and personality made the deepest mark upon New Zealand's history".

Born at Islay, she emigrated to New Zealand in 1869 with her mother and sister, and joined the newly-formed Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) in 1885.

In 1887 she took charge of WCTU's suffrage campaign, and in 1888 the first of five suffrage petitions was presented to Parliament asking for the removal of the Electoral Bill stipulation that "Persons does not include female". The final petition of 1893 carried 31,872 names, about a third of the adult female population, and on the 19th of September women finally won the right to vote.

### Pioneer Feminist Journalist

Kate Sheppard was a pioneer feminist journalist. From June 1891 she edited the WCTU page in the Vanguard and from 1895 she co-edited the WCTU's own paper The White Ribbon.

After a visit to England in 1894, where she became interested in the International Council of Women, she helped to organise the 1896 Christchurch convention representing 11 women's societies which set up the National Council of Women. She was repeatedly elected its national president, and in 1922 became its first life member.

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Widowed in 1915, in 1925 she married W Lovell-Smith. She has no descendants. Her only son married the only daughter of Margaret Sievwright, but their one child died young.

"A woman of intelligence, good sense and forceful personality," wrote Patricia Grimshaw, historian of the suffrage movement, "undaunted by criticism and moderate in her methods, she proved an excellent leader."

Kate Sheppard's image can still be seen today on every New Zealand \$10 bank note.

Source: *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of New Zealand – Bateman, 1986*

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*Menzshed Upper Hutt*

## **Menzshed Upper Hutt: September 2025 – and Website Update**

Following on from our last announcement of our Code Compliance, we intend to have an Official Opening later this year, date to be confirmed. This will be an opportunity for us to invite all the people and organizations and sponsors who have helped us on our journey to establish our site at McLeod Park and will mark 10 years since our formation in 2015.

### **Website**

During the last few months we have had technical issues with our Website and access was very limited with loss of available data. After a great deal of work which required a complete rebuild by Steve in Technical Support, we can now advise that the Website is up and running. To make things simpler, we have re-created the site to look the same as the previous version so users will be familiar to the layout and information provided. The website can be described as "Vanilla" but that will change.

During the next couple of months we will be adding new functionality and the ability to customise each page to appeal to a greater audience than just members. Previously, we had a few photo's of our historical completed projects for viewing. This has been improved so we can include up to date progress on projects as well as a gallery of past achievements.

As a charity we are often approached by the public to assist with clearing out garages or disposal of pre-loved tools and equipment. These requests are unpredictable and from time to time we find ourselves in excess of donated items with little room to accommodate them. Wherever possible, we will find new homes for these items but this may take some time. To speed up the process and to avail the Community of the opportunity to own these items, we will create a dedicated page "For Sale" items.

Further improvements will be made to enhance the experience for users and make the website more user friendly and easy to navigate.

You can visit our website here: <https://upperhuttmenzshed.kiwi>

Later this month or early next month we will be having a Garage Sale. This will be advertised prior to the event and we are currently assembling items for inclusion. Earlier this year we were gifted a garage (adjacent to the bowling club building). This was on the proviso that we relocate the structure by EO year. To this end, we are getting ready for this move and also for our new engineering facility by reorganising the layout of the site. We are now preparing a concrete base for the garage and moving our two shipping containers to free up the space for our 4th building.

As a result of our recent burglaries, we determined to make our site more secure. This included installing more CCTV, erecting barriers between buildings and we are currently repairing the Council fence at our cost.

We are still on the lookout for new members. Maybe you have seen our display in the Mall which shows some of the things we do and who we do them for? If you have and would like more info, contact us for a free tour and meet the team.

[contactus@upperhuttmenzshed.kiwi](mailto:contactus@upperhuttmenzshed.kiwi)

If you want to join us, even for just a cup of tea and a yarn, pop in to see us, you will be more than welcome. Just come along @ 10am Tue to Fri. We are open 9 – 12 Tues to Fri. You will find us at McLeod Park just past the BMX track.

All images related with this article can be seen at: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/clubs/menzshed-upper-hutt/menzshed-upper-hutt-september-2025-and-website-update/>

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

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Chino Barrett-Lovie / Stuff

## Mum gets \$85 parking notice from using the drive-through at McDonalds – It was later waived but this isn't a one-off event

Mother Bridie Philip received a parking breach notice after using the McDonalds drive-through in Upper Hutt three times in one day. As she says "I didn't park, I didn't even leave my car and I got an \$85 ticket."

The parking breach notice claimed she had been parked illegally from 3.12 pm which was the time of her first visit, to 7.27 pm the time of her last visit.

A few other customers have had similar experiences with parking notices at McDonalds Upper Hutt.

Read the full article at: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/360828614/total-madness-mum-gets-85-parking-ticket-after-going-through-mcdonalds-drive-through>

Source: Stuff

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## Upper Hutt Cossie Club's Tui sign taken down after footing compromised by wind and weather

What a day!, the wind got the better of us and an Upper Hutt Icon has said goodbye, sadly the wind and weather had compromised the Cossie Tui sign's footing and very quickly we had to organise for it to come down. Huge thanks to Nipper, Blair, Nigel, Andy and Hammond Transport Ltd for their help to get it down before it fell!

Source: Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club

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## Overnight closures on SH2 between Silverstream and Tōtara Park: Saturday 20th of September – Friday 26th of September

- Silverstream to Tōtara Park. Overnight CLOSURE between Silverstream and Gibbons St on Sunday for maintenance
- Silverstream to Tōtara Park. Overnight CLOSURES between Silverstream and Tōtara Park Rd from Monday to Thursday for maintenance

Please note, roadworks are weather dependent and may change at short notice.

Source: NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi – Wellington

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Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club



*Upper Hutt City Council*

## Upper Hutt's fantail sign is lit up purple for global ITP week

From today through to Sunday, 28 September, the fantail will light up Purple for Global ITP Awareness Week.

We're helping raise awareness for the of the rare autoimmune disease, immune thrombocytopenia, and spotlight the ITP patient experience.

Go here to find out more: <https://itpaustralia.org.au>

*Source: Upper Hutt City Council*

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*Contributor: Stu*

## Why I Love Upper Hutt – Birchville Park

Birchville Park and the adjacent Birchville wildlife area is a great place to take the kids for picnic, a play on the equipment and a short loop nature walk in the wildlife area which was recently planted out by Forest & Bird. This little gem of an area is right beside SH2 Gemstone/ Emerald Hill. Turn left at Topaz Street, then first left into Pearl Grove.

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

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## LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS 2025



**Want all the info on the candidates for council and mayor?**

Check out: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/local-body-elections-2025/>



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**Want to have some influence on how the local elections turn out this year? Why not do the simple thing and vote!**

It's kind of true what they say that if you can't be bothered to vote, then you don't really have a valid reason to complain if the election results don't turn out how you would have liked them to.

It may seem small but your vote really can make a difference in the elections. Whether you want things to remain the same, or if you'd like to see a change in who is a councillor or mayor, make sure to vote this year.

Your voting papers will be arriving in your mailbox between the 9th of September – 22nd September.

Voting closes on the 11th of October at 12.00 pm, voting locations and candidate profiles can be found at:

- Where you can return your voting paper in this year's local body elections: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/local-body-elections-2025/where-you-can-return-your-voting-paper-in-this-years-local-body-elections/>
- Local Body Elections 2025: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/local-body-elections-2025/>



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**Where you can return your voting paper in this year's local body elections**

You can either post it into any NZ Post or DX Mail postbox by Tuesday 7th of October, 2025

OR you can drop your completed voting paper into any of the orange ballot bins at the following locations.

- Upper Hutt City Council: Civic Administration Building, 838-842 Fergusson Drive
- Upper Hutt Library: 844 Fergusson Drive
- Pinehaven Library: Cnr Pinehaven Road and Jocelyn Crescent
- New World Silverstream: 28 Whitemans Road
- PAK'nSAVE: Gibbons Street
- Maidstone Woolworths: Russell Street
- Upper Hutt Woolworths: Queen Street
- Mitre 10 MEGA: 9 Park Street

Source: <https://www.electionz.com>

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Upper Hutt Grey Power

### Local Elections 2025 – Lew Rohloff / Upper Hutt Grey Power Association

Grey Power has serious concern that the 'run away' inflation of Local Government rates in recent years, in terms of impact on low to median income households has exceeded all reasonable measurements of fairness, equity and, indeed; affordability.

The 'four well-beings' provision in the Local Government Act 2002 requires Local Government to establish 'affordability parameters' in long term and annual planning procedures, not only for council activities but also for rating revenue impacting on households. Councils have the legislative power to adjust the proportionate impact of rating on households to ensure the affordability principle is not breached.

Councils have not conscientiously employed this legislated safeguard. Effectively, while elected to represent low to median income households, whether property owners or renters: the financial security of such people has been compromised to favour development and economic growth.

Over the many decades since the early 1980's when Local Government began its divestment of internal planning and works teams and pursued its obligations through contracting via 'public and private' partnerships; 'community outcomes' in terms of 'value for money' and 'delivery of public services' have markedly deteriorated.

Councils and the Mayors who have led them have not demonstrated any sustained devotion to 'leadership' of a 'people first' orientation sufficient to reverse this undesirable social degradation.

This statement is derived from research based on anecdotes our vulnerable families are telling us. They identify the core contributing factors which are leading to rapid deterioration of public confidence in local government and, for that matter, central government's failure to adequately resource it.

Readers who are Grey Power members together with their families and neighbours will shortly be faced with the responsibility of electing a new Council. Do not vote too soon. Take the opportunity to hear the emerging issues to form an impression of the likely 'character' of the council emerging and then, importantly, the best candidate to lead it.

The Local Government team we choose must have the character to resist 'capture' by developer interests and it must begin to prioritise people and families well-being.

#### ***Look for a candidate who:***

- 1. In the legitimate interests of lower-income households, campaigns for central government funding of the 'growth' component in capital costs of infrastructural assets and treatment charges for 'safe' drinking water.***
- 2. Identifies an acceptable solution to the unsustainable 'user charges' on essential public services which government requires vulnerable households to bear at proportions far exceeding traditional benchmarks.***
- 3. Undertakes to inform communities of the adverse implications of legislative reforms and is prepared to facilitate and lead 'public interest' deputations to government ministries.***

Grey Power Upper Hutt is making this statement to acquaint all candidates with the attributes sought from those who advance to represent their community for the next triennium.

Our monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday 17th September will provide an opportunity to hear Mayoral Candidates' responses to our 'public interest' expectations.

Authorised by: **Lew Rohloff**

Vice President / Grey Power Upper Hutt Association

*Note to readers: This letter will be published regularly up until the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.*

## SPORTS



Blair Morgan / Pinehaven Tennis Club

### Saturday Morning Junior Tennis – Pinehaven Tennis Club

We're excited to announce that Saturday morning Junior Tennis has started!

This season's first session runs from **9:30am** and will be split into two groups – one for beginners and one for those who are a little more confident. The second session runs from **10:30am to 11:30am** for more advanced junior players.

Arrive about **15 minutes early** to have a warm-up hit with family and friends before we get started.

Our fantastic professional coach, **Tom Morley from Evolve Tennis Coaching**, will be joining us after the school holidays. Until then, we'll ease into the season with a mix of fun games and light coaching.

You'll find the full season schedule attached, or online here:

<https://clubspark.kiwi/PinehavenTennisClub/JuniorClub/JrCoaching>

If the weather is wet, coaching will be cancelled and a notice will be posted on our Facebook page by 8:30am Saturday:

[www.facebook.com/pinehaventennisclub/](https://www.facebook.com/pinehaventennisclub/)

We know there may still be some winter sports overlap, so no worries if you can't make it for the first few weeks — we'll be glad to see you whenever you can join us!

See you on court this Saturday!

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

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### Weekend football results: Saturday 20th of September / Sunday 21st of September

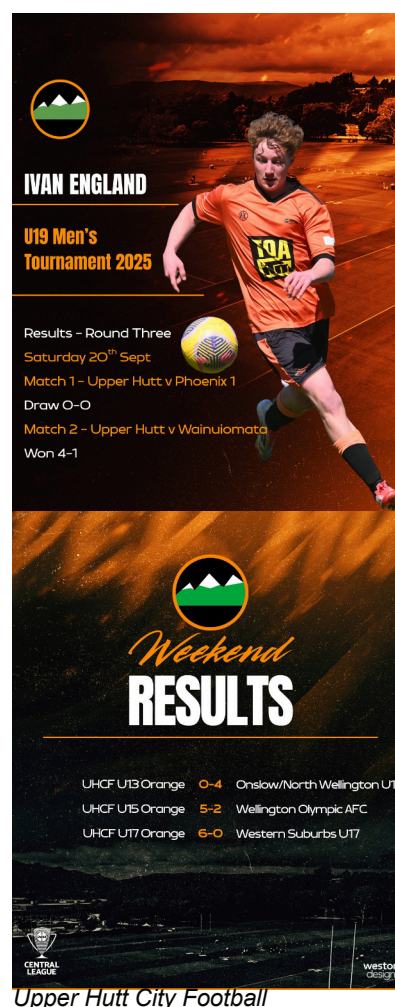
Weekend wrap up with our TDP teams still playing strong. Our U19s are currently in 2nd for Pool A and with one round to go it will be an exciting round next weekend. Congrats to the boys for the results on Saturday.

U15s and U17s also coming away with the win on Sunday with the U13s pushing right til the end but unfortunately goals not going in their favour.

We were on the ground yesterday at Douglas Villa for Day 2 of their tournament, was awesome to see so many junior and youth players representing UHCF and doing awesome!

Source: Upper Hutt City Football

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**IVAN ENGLAND**

**U19 Men's Tournament 2025**

Results - Round Three  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Match 1 - Upper Hutt v Phoenix 1  
Draw 0-0

Match 2 - Upper Hutt v Wainuiomata  
Won 4-1

**Weekend RESULTS**

UHCF U13 Orange	0-4	Onslow/North Wellington U13
UHCF U15 Orange	5-2	Wellington Olympic AFC
UHCF U17 Orange	6-0	Western Suburbs U17

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

**SCHOOL'S OUT, RUGBY'S ON!**  
Harmony Koutai | 027418127 | hkoutai08@gmail.com

## Holiday Programme

## All Girls Rugby ages 9 - 13

To inspire and empower young wāhine to grow in confidence, strength, and teamwork through rugby



### KEY DETAILS

<b>DATES:</b> Mon 29, Sep - Fri 3, Oct 2025	 Rugby sessions & Tackling drills
<b>TIME:</b> 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	 Fitness & Hill runs
<b>COST:</b> \$30 per child, per day (\$150 total for the week)	 H2O extreme recovery days
<b>VENUE:</b> Maidstone Sports Hub, Upper Hutt	 Arts & crafts
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Limited to 25 children - places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendance is required for the full week of the programme and all activities are included in the programme fee.	 Team building activities
	 And many more fun games!

Upper Hutt Rams RFC

## All Girls Rugby Holiday Programme: Monday 29th of September – Friday 3rd of October

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

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Lilia Alexander / Blossom Valley

## Blossom Valley 2025: 6th of September – 5th of October

**Location:** Aston Norwood Gardens, Kaitoke, 1747 State Highway 2, Upper Hutt

Blossom Valley started in 2021 after two years of growing numbers turning up to see the blossoms. Numbers started at 3000 and have steadily grown to in excess of 30,000 each year with guests arriving from all over New Zealand and a growing number from around the world including us in their travel plans.

WellingtonNZ set up during COVID to promote local events sponsored us for two years enabling a trial of the now very popular After Dark experience where literally 14 acres of gardens are lit up for the Blossom festival.

Blossom Valley 2025 runs from September 6 through October 5. As always the Stables food area will be available and this year sees the return of the Japanese Streetfood style of catering. There is also the introduction of the flexipass which enables guests to pick the day they want to come. This means you can wait for the perfect day and best blossom to make your visit.

Blossom Valley is a family friendly annual event which enjoys a diverse range of ethnicities visiting and ages literally from 1 day old to 100 years. We are really excited to once again host this event at Aston Norwood Gardens, Kaitoke, Upper Hutt.

Tickets are available at [Blossomvalley.nz](https://Blossomvalley.nz)

A "thank you" to Mark at Aston Norwood for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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*Note to readers: This event is going to be run until the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.*





Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Café

**Celebrate the opening of Staglands' new Main Entrance and Café with 1/2 Priced Kids Entry these school holidays! 20th of September – 5th of October**

Staglands' new Main Entrance & Café is officially open!

To celebrate this exciting milestone, ALL KIDS GET ½ PRICE ENTRY these school holidays. Gather the whānau, come and explore our beautiful new space, and be part of the celebrations.

Offer valid: 20th September – 5th October

Not available with any other offer.

[www.staglands.co.nz](http://www.staglands.co.nz)

A "thank you" to Wendy at Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Café for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club



County Lane Fair

**County Lane Fair: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm, Saturday 22nd of November**

County Lane Fair gave permission for this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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**Frenzy – Live @ The Upper Hutt Cossie: 7.30 pm, Saturday 11th of October**

Live in the Main bar from 7:30pm

Rock Covers from the 70s -2000s –

Kiwi, Oz, Classic Rock and more

Contact the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club for further details.

Source: Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club

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**BPW UPPER  
HUTT**

## **Meet the Councillor Candidates**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
Ground Floor**

**Whirinaki Whare Taonga Upper Hutt  
7.00pm - 9.30pm**

**RSVP TO [hellen.swales@gmail.com](mailto:hellen.swales@gmail.com)**

**Come with your questions**

MC for the night Zoe Juniper (Whirinaki CEO)



**Meet the Councillor Candidates: 7.00  
pm – 9.30 pm, Wednesday 24th of  
September**

Location: Whirinaki Whare Taonga

As President of the Business and Professional Women (BPW Upper Hutt), I am pleased to announce that we are hosting a Meet the Candidates event for those standing for Council. This forum is specifically for candidates seeking election as one of the 10 City Councillors for the 2025–2028 term.

I will not be participating as a speaker, aside from providing a brief introduction to the evening. This may well be the final opportunity for you to put your questions directly to the candidates who are asking for your support to be your voice at the Council table.

Hellen Swales

President

BPW Upper Hutt

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Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club

### Midnight Special – Live @ The Cossie! 7.30 pm, Saturday 4th of October

Playing the hits of Rock 'N' Roll and popular music which spans the decades from the 50's through the 90's, Midnight Special's primary focus finds itself steeped in the classic rock genre.

The band consistently deliver the goods necessary to energize any gathering and make your event a success. Whether it's music from The Rolling Stones to The Beatles or Stevie Ray Vaughan to CCR, The Doobie Bros, The Eagles and plenty more classic rock artist... Midnight Special has got it covered!

For further details contact the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club.

Source: Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club

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A poster for a Scouts New Zealand fundraiser. At the top is the Scouts logo and 'SCOUTS® New Zealand'. Below that, 'ORGANIC COMPOST' is written in large, green, leafy letters. The title 'St Joseph's Scout Group Fundraiser' is in white on a dark background. The price '\$10.00 - 40L bags' is in large purple letters, with 'Delivered from 12/10/25' below it. The text describes the deal: 'Back by popular demand - we've done a deal with a "top shelf" supplier of certified organic garden compost to give you a great product at a great price this spring.' It then says 'We are getting it delivered in bulk, the scouts are adding their labour to fill 40L bags and we'll deliver to your door.' and '(Order &amp; Pay Online to St Joseph's Scouts)'. It concludes with 'All profits go to support our youth. Please think of them and your garden by ordering heaps.' There is a QR code with 'Order here!' below it. At the bottom is a photo of garden tools and flowers. The contact info 'ph 0226524002 / fundraising.stjosephs@group.scouts.nz' is at the very bottom.

**St. Joseph's Scout Group Certified Organic Compost Fundraiser: \$10 per 40 litre bag – delivery day, 12th of October**



Wellington Heritage Festival 2025

## Wellington Heritage Festival 2025: 18th of October – 9th of November

The Wellington Heritage Festival 2025 is on between the 18th of October and the 9th of November. Listed below are the events held in Upper Hutt.

### Graveyard Tour St John's Church, Trentham: Sunday 2nd of November, 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Location: 561 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

A tour to hear life stories of some of the people now buried in the historic graveyard, which dates back to 1861, of St John's church

We will walk about the graveyard and hear the life story of many early and some more recent Upper Hutt residents

For more information, including health and safety: <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/graveyard-tour-st-johns-church-trentham-25/>

### Bodgies to Bogans: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm during the week, for the duration of the festival

Location: Whirinaki Whare Taonga – 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

'Bodgies to Bogans' tells the story of the juvenile delinquencies and teenager rebellion of the 1950s to the Bogans of the 1980s.

Whether you were listening to rock and roll, riding motorcycles and drinking milk shakes at milk bars in the 50s or growing a mullet and thrashing out the leathers to heavy metal in the 80s, this exhibition documents the history of youth culture in Upper Hutt, and New Zealand.

Curated and developed by Whirinaki Whare Taonga.

Proudly supported by The Rimutaka Trust.

Open 10am–4pm, seven days a week.

For more information, including health and safety: <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/bodgies-to-bogans/>

### Visit the Upper Hutt Blockhouse: 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, Saturday 8th of November / Sunday 9th of November

Location: 27 McHardie St, Upper Hutt

Admission: \$10 – \$15

This Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga property is not open to the public often, so bring the family between 11am and 1pm.

Visit Upper Hutt Blockhouse as part of the Wellington Heritage Festival 2025.

The Upper Hutt Blockhouse is one of the few remaining buildings associated with the New Zealand Wars, as well as a monument to Pākehā settler anxiety, built in fear of an attack by Māori that never came.

Visit today and you'll get a sense of the defensive 'last stand' mindset. On both floors you'll find a series of balistraria, tightly angled gun slots through which members of the militia would defend their posts.

Keep an eye out, too, for an exposed panel where you can see the fine gravel that was packed between the exterior weatherboards and inch-thick interior boards to absorb the impact of answering gunfire. Don't be fooled by the windows – they were added later. Originally, the loop holes you'll spy on the walls were the only way to see out.

Inside the Blockhouse, there's an exhibition from Whirinaki Whare Taonga, telling the early story of Upper Hutt and its Blockhouse.

We will have some knowledgeable people available to share stories, answer questions and some light refreshments. Drop in between 11-1pm and stay as long as you like!

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For more information, including health and safety: <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/visit-the-upper-hutt-blockhouse/>

**Silverstream Hospital: an illustrated presentation and tour: 1.00 – 2.30 pm, Saturday 1st of November**

Location: 3 Reynolds Bach Drive, Silverstream

A rare opportunity to learn about and tour the former site of Silverstream Hospital, originally used for US troops during WWII.

An illustrated presentation about the history of Silverstream Hospital, followed by a tour of its former site (now Silverstream Retreat). Originally operated by the US Navy during WWII to care for US troops sick or injured while fighting in the Pacific, it subsequently provided long term hospital care for the Wellington District, before closing in 1989.

For more information, including health and safety: <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/silverstream-hospital-an-illustrated-presentation-and-tour/>

**Wellington Naturist Club Open Day – Sunday 2nd of November, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm**

Location: 20 Molloys Road, Te Marua, Upper Hutt

Reconnect with your senses and your environment. Try it, let your skin breathe and de-stress from your busy world.

You are invited to visit our beautiful grounds at Te Marua, Upper Hutt on Sunday 2 November. Lounge by the pool, have a spa or hot tub, play petanque, pickleball, kubb or just chill under a tree, the choice is yours.

Visit our website for further information.

Wellington Naturist Club celebrating 75 years in Upper Hutt

For more information, including healthy and safety: <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/wellington-naturist-club-open-day/>

**Artisan Craft Fair – Saturday 8th of November: 11.00 am – 3.00 pm**

Location: 20 Molloys Road, Te Marua, Upper Hutt

The Craft Fair will be a unique display of gifted craftspeople from around NZ exhibiting their work in a beautiful environment.

Wellington Naturist Club is holding a Craft Day to celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

You can also take a tour of the gardens, a guided bush walk or browse the plant stall and find something for your garden. Tea and coffee will be available for a gold coin donation.

The craft fair will be held rain or shine and will be a clothed event for our members and visitors.

For more information including health and safety: <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/wellington-naturist-club-artisan-craft-fair/>

**Pumpkin Cottage Artists and Early Silverstream: a digital tour: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm, Sunday 2nd of November**

Location: Whirinaki Whare Taonga – 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

A launch event for a new online resource linking works by Pumpkin Cottage artists to the local Silverstream environment in which they were painted.

The public launch of a new online resource linking paintings by artists associated with the Pumpkin Cottage school of en plein air impressionism with the Upper Hutt landscape they depicted in their paintings. As well as providing an introduction to this new resource, this event will include displays of some of the included works. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information: <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/pumpkin-cottage-artists-and-early-silverstream/>

**Wellington Vintage Machinery Open Days: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, Sunday 19th of October / Monday 27th of October / Sunday 2nd of November / Sunday 9th of November**

Location: 155a Mangaroa Hill Road, Mangaroa, Upper Hutt

Admission: Koha

Get a close look and hands on experience with machinery of yesteryear. Weather permitting, we will have our Fowler Traction engine in steam too!

Find the machine that was used to make the 1950 Empire Games medals. Many of the machines have a association with the Wellington area.

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Take a nostalgic trip through the vintage kitchen and other displays of household, and retail items from the past. Wellington Vintage Machinery is housed in an old Cheese Factory built in 1925. The factory has had an interesting past from cheese factory, to milk bottling plant, munitions store during WWII, and other uses before becoming home for the vintage machinery.

The building is one of the few remaining dairy factories designed by architects Duffill & Gibson of Hawera and built by CE Roebuck of New Plymouth.

For more information, including health and safety: <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/wellington-vintage-machinery-open-days-25/>

**KOHA DAY at Upper Hutt's Golder's Cottage:  
1.30 pm – 4.00 pm, Saturday 1st of November**

Location: 707 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

Admission: Koha

Come and see how our pioneers coped from the 1860's without inside toilets, no running water and no electricity.

See for yourselves how they coped. With 'potties' under the beds and candles and kerosene lamps – you will find them all there. And carrying buckets of water from the pump in the garden meant Mum's didn't need to go to the gym!

And on Koha Day, a visit to the Cottage has never been more affordable!

For more information, including health and safety: <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/koha-day-at-upper-hutts-golders-cottage/>

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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

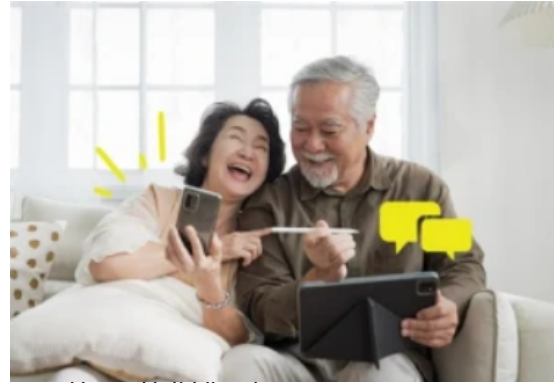
### St. Margaret's Playgroup: Tuesday Mornings, 10.00 am – 11.30 am (term time only)

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.

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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 Newell for sending  
this article to 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.

**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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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT



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### Strings Attached Ukulele Group

We need a few new players/performers for our ukulele /singing/ performance group, based in Upper Hutt. More than anything we love people with enthusiasm who are keen to interact with an audience. We perform mostly at retirement villages but have also performed at birthday parties and celebrations of life. We focus on songs from the 50's to the 80's but most importantly we are there for our audiences and what they enjoy.

- you need to be able to hold a tune.
- the ability to play a ukulele would be great but if you don't we can teach you!

If you are keen or know of someone who would be an asset to our group' please ring Virginia on 0273920920.

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

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### The Upper Hutt Womens' Carers' Group

Our group consists of women who have someone in their lives who has had a stroke or has Alzheimers, that they are caring for.

We meet once a fortnight for two hours. We offer a supportive listening environment with lots of laughs as we walk our challenging journeys together. If there are women out there who feel we could be of support, please contact Jenny on 0284340102 for further details.

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

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## RECIPES

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

Cheers, Ben

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

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

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



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## Business Advertising

### 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 1,013 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](mailto:editor@uhconnection.co.nz)

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

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



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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Heretaunga Community Church

*Live for Jesus, Share his Love*

Our Sunday morning service is at 10am and everyone is welcome.

We would love you to stay afterwards for fellowship over morning tea.

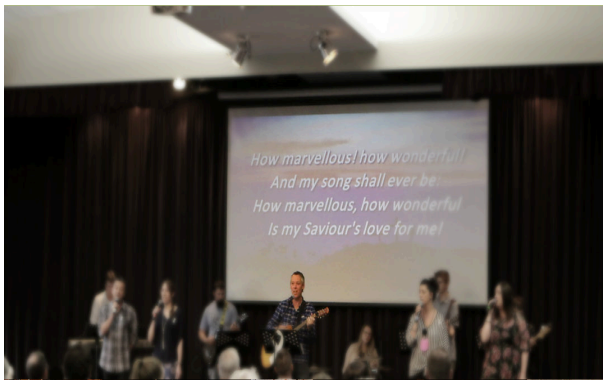
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

Services are live-streamed on YouTube: Heretaunga Community Church

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

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

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



Heretaunga Community Church

### St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream

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

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

If you have any need to contact Rodney he can be reached at the office number 5279604, on his mobile 0211259835 or via email at [minister@stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:mcinnarneys@gmail.com).

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

St Margaret's runs a teenage youth group on 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](mailto:rosanowskic@gmail.com)

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

<https://stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz>



St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream



## Rimutaka Baptist Church

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

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

### Tuesdays

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

Food is available for those who are needing extra assistance. If you have food to contribute to 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*



*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.

### **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*



## Silverstream Reformed Church

**Location:** 8 Blue Mountains Road, Silverstream

### What we Believe:

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

### Who we Are:

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

### Service Times:

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

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

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

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### What's new at Monterey Cinemas? Releasing 25th of September

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

#### ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER

Running time: 162 minutes

Rated: R16 (Violence, offensive language & sexual material)

When their evil enemy resurfaces after 16 years, a group of ex-revolutionaries reunites to rescue one of their own's daughter.

From Warner Bros. Pictures and Academy Award-nominated, BAFTA-winning filmmaker Paul Thomas Anderson comes "One Battle After Another," starring Academy Award and BAFTA winner Leonardo DiCaprio.

Oscar and BAFTA winners Benicio del Toro and Sean Penn also star alongside Regina Hall, Teyana Taylor and Chase Infiniti, as well as Wood Harris and Alana Haim.

Book here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/one-battle-after-another>

View trailer at IMDB.com: [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt30144839/videooplayer/vi2361444377/?ref=mv\\_sr\\_srsq\\_1\\_tt\\_8\\_nm\\_0\\_in\\_0\\_q\\_One%2520battle](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt30144839/videooplayer/vi2361444377/?ref=mv_sr_srsq_1_tt_8_nm_0_in_0_q_One%2520battle)



*One Battle After Another*

#### PRIME MINISTER

Running time: 102 minutes

Rated: M (Offensive language)

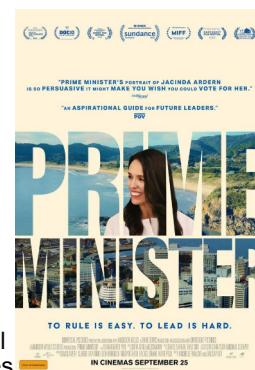
In August 2017, in the lead-up to national elections, Jacinda Ardern unexpectedly became New Zealand's opposition party leader. She had just turned 37. Two frenetic months later, she was Prime Minister. Just before the final vote was in, she discovered she was pregnant. She would become only the second head of state in history to give birth while in office.

Ardern quickly became one of the most recognizable leaders in the world. She drew global attention from people craving a sensitive and compassionate approach to the critical issues of our time. In private, she struggled with being a mother and proving herself to a public skeptical of women's leadership. A series of crises – the Christchurch massacre, pandemic lockdowns, and disinformation-fueled protests outside Parliament – would test that leadership and the feminine touch she brought to it. She resigned from office in January 2023, shocking her supporters and critics alike.

Going behind the scenes of her administration and her private life, PRIME MINISTER follows Jacinda for seven years as she is catapulted to the top of New Zealand politics, becomes a feminist political icon, resigns suddenly from office and continues to champion the fight against isolationism, fear, and the distortion of truth. Intimate home footage shot by her husband and audio interviews that Jacinda did while in office give us unparalleled access. Along with in-depth contemporaneous interviews, these form the emotional backbone of the story, giving viewers an unfiltered window into her years in power.

The world is at a perilous political crossroads. Trust in institutions, expertise, and liberal democracy itself are under dire strain. Which direction will we go? PRIME MINISTER leaves viewers wondering what the world might be like with more Jacindas at the helm.

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