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Maidstone Intermediate

A week at Maidstone: 14th of October – 19th of October

Maidstone Intermediate won the Rope and Ball Game prize draw from the recent Outclass Outdoor Learning Environments survey. The Akatarawa rōpū had their camp in the South Island, activities included archery, waterslides, rock climbing, go-karts, zip-lining, among other things.

On Thursday Maidstone hosted a rōpū of tumuaki from Tāmaki Makaurau. They were interested in what Maidstone Intermediate offered to its ākonga in regards to enrichments and opportunities – why Intermediates are great!

And the assembly was full of culture, celebration, and talent when the Pasifika group treated the rest of the school to a powerful performance as they geared up for Wednesday's Intermediate Pasifika event. We also shared the story of our beautiful pou with the kura, reminding us of our identity and connection. And to top it off, we even saw some slick K-Pop moves on stage!

<https://maoridictionary.co.nz/>

To see all photos related to this article, please view <https://uhconnection.co.nz/school-news/a-week-at-maidstone-14th-of-october-19th-of-october/>

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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Upper Hutt City Council

Final results for Upper Hutt Local Body Elections 2025

The final result for the Upper Hutt City Council elections held on Saturday 11th October is as follows.

Mayorality Votes Received

- ZEE, Peri 5,479
- GUPPY, Wayne 3,931
- MCLEOD, Angela 1,941
- GRIFFITHS, Blair 1,892
- HOLDERNESS, Emma (Independent) 1,843
- SWALES, Hellen (Change we need, voice you deserve) 1,511
- INFORMAL 15
- BLANK VOTING PAPERS 116

Peri ZEE is declared elected.

Council – At Large (10 vacancies) Votes Received

- HOLDERNESS, Emma (Independent) 9,251
- ULTRA, Tracey (Independent) 7,903
- MCLEOD, Angela 7,651
- WHEELER, Dave 6,836
- WHITE, Corey (Independent) 6,807
- SWALES, Hellen (The voice you deserve) 6,424
- HAMMOND, Bill (Independent) 6,117
- WELCH, Daniel (Backing the Future of Upper Hutt) 5,963
- CAREY, Matt (Independent) 5,892

- DHILLON, Gurpreet 5,777
- GUSH, Tofa (Our Community) 5,710
- ANDREWS, Euan 5,552
- GREY, Henry 5,381
- KINGI, Rachel Tukaki 5,182
- THOMSON, Brett 5,029
- MCKENNA, Kylie (Independent) 4,565
- NEWELL, Heather 4,248
- BURT, Dave (Hope resilience and a shared future) 3,853
- CASHMORE, Wade (Independent) 3,760
- ADHIKARI, Ramil 3,733
- ANDERSON, Michael J 3,460
- MCNICHOLAS, David (DJ) 3,164
- HOMAN, Teresa (Independent) 3,087
- BLISSETT, Heather 2,878
- MANDER, Nigel (Serve the community) 2,844
- INFORMAL 51
- BLANK VOTING PAPERS 172

Matt CAREY, Gurpreet DHILLON, Bill HAMMOND, Emma HOLDERNESS, Angela MCLEOD, Hellen SWALES, Tracey ULTRA, Daniel WELCH, Dave WHEELER and Corey WHITE are declared elected.

Rimutaka Licensing Trust (6 vacancies) Votes Received

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Bruce BOLD, Bob

HANLON, Colleen HILDER, Tom JONES, Sean NEAREY are elected unopposed.

The voter return was 50.06%, being 16,728 votes, including special votes.

**Warwick Lampp
Electoral Officer
Upper Hutt City Council
16 October 2025**

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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Upper Hutt City Council

Flags flown half-mast at Upper Hutt City Council to honour the passing of former Prime Minister Jim Bolger

We're flying our flags at half-mast today to honour Jim Bolger, Prime Minister of New Zealand from 1990 to 1997, who has passed away aged 90.

He led the country's first MMP government in coalition with Winston Peters and is remembered for his role in the Treaty settlement process during the 1990s.

Rest in peace, Jim Bolger.

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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Greater Wellington Regional Council 2025 Triennial Elections: Declaration of Results concerning Upper Hutt and Māori Wards

The final result for the Greater Wellington Regional Council elections held on Saturday 11th October is as follows – The only results shown below are those that affect Upper Hutt and the data concerning the poll on the māori wards.

Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta/Upper Hutt Regional Constituency (1 vacancy):

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Ros CONNELLY is elected unopposed.

Te Upoko o te ika a Maui Maori Regional Constituency (1 vacancy)

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Shamia MAKARINI is elected unopposed.

Māori Constituency Poll – Votes Received

- I VOTE TO KEEP THE MĀORI CONSTITUENCY 109,644
- I VOTE TO REMOVE THE MĀORI CONSTITUENCY 63,029
- INFORMAL 44
- BLANK VOTING PAPERS 15,155

I declare that the option to KEEP THE MĀORI CONSTITUENCY has received the most votes. The poll result is binding and will apply for Greater Wellington Regional Council elections to be held in 2028 and 2031.

**Warwick Lampp
Electoral Officer
Greater Wellington Regional Council
18 October 2025**

Source: *elections.nz*

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Google Maps

Lane Street Studios are up for sale

The film studios on Lane Street in Wallaceville is up for sale. Studio chief executive Kristy Grant said in a statement the studio was looking for a new owner.

She said the film, TV and media sector in New Zealand was having a “tough time of it, with a big economic downturn impacting so many”. She added that this problem is also not unique to New Zealand.

The studio has housed several large and smaller scale productions since it had open, with the capacity to host more than 500 production crew and cast.

Upper Hutt mayor Peri Zee said she hoped the facility would continue as a film studio.

“It’s an amazing, incredible facility for Upper Hutt, and it’s kind of no wonder that this has happened given the really tough conditions for screens both internationally and nationally.”

The studios are currently listed on [realestate.co.nz](https://www.realestate.co.nz)

Source: *Radio New Zealand*

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Menzshed Upper Hutt

Menzshed October Update: 2025

Menzshed Update – Oct 2025

We are planning an Official Opening during November, date to be confirmed which will also include a garage sale. This will include excess tools and a variety of other items which we have available for sale. This is planned as a two-day event, so we hope to have lots of customers pop in and see what's on offer and where we are.

Website

The Website is now up and running thanks to Steve in Technical support who has put in many hours of hard graft to get there. We hope to keep improving the experience for both the members and the public at large.

You can visit our website here: –

<https://upperhuttmenzshed.kiwi>

Progress on relocating the garage has progressed, with the foundations being laid ready for the transfer later this year. John S has tirelessly beavered away to get everything in place so the concrete could be poured with the help of other members. We managed to get the concrete at a good price from Holcim and they also provided a morning tea! The weather was kind, and the pad was completed in a little over 3 hrs with help from a very talented neighbour, Hector who showed us his concreting skills.

We have managed a few customer projects, small and large during the last few weeks. Previously we mentioned a large “mystery” project which we were working on. This was kept under wraps as the item was a surprise centre piece for a Paris themed student ball. The item made was a 3-metre-tall model of the Eiffel Tower! Doug worked on this project for 4 weeks, constructing the item from recycled timber and CoroFlute Advertising board. It was made in 3 sections, bolted together to make transport easier and decorated with the steelwork being added by the customer. The result was “monumental”, and we were rewarded with a sumptuous morning tea and a generous donation for our funds.

On the small side we were asked to refurbish a model Steam Roller which had been out of action for many years. Some replacement parts were needed, which the customer sourced from overseas and Keiron completed the job – and a fine job he made too! Just like new!

Other projects completed were, a dining table cut down from 8 place to 4 place for a member, an old sewing machine converted to a side table and of course some more rat tunnels!

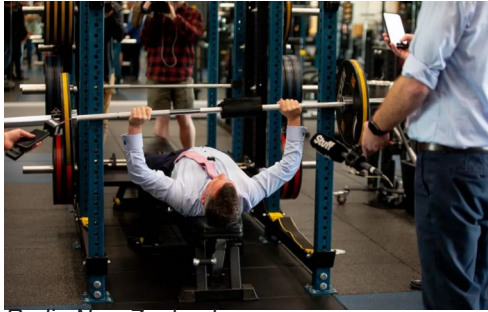
We are still on the lookout for new members. Maybe you have seen our display in the Mall which shows some of the things we do and who we do them. If you have and would like more info, contact us for a free tour and meet the team: contactus@upperhuttmenzshed.kiwi

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.

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

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To see all photos related to this article, please view <https://uhconnection.co.nz/clubs/menzshed-upper-hutt/menzshed-october-update-2025/>



Radio New Zealand

New Zealand's latest charter school to open at NZCIS in 2026

A new Upper Hutt sports academy based at NZCIS will start running from term 1 in 2026. The aim of the New Zealand Performance Academy Aotearoa (NZPAA) will be to provide students with sporting ambitions, skills for a successful career while ensuring they meet their academic needs.

Associate Education Minister, David Seymour said the charter school meant students would not have to sacrifice their education in pursuit of sporting dreams, or vice versa. He said it would teach a nationally recognised curriculum and world-class athletic development.

The New Zealand Performance Academy Aotearoa would bring the total number of charter schools in the country to 15. David Seymour expects more to be announced by the end of the year, along with the first state schools to convert to charter schools. Fifty-two applications had been considered by the Charter School Agency, Seymour said.

Source: Radio New Zealand

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New Zealand Police

Seven new Police Patrol Dog Teams celebrated graduation on Thursday

Police Commissioner Richard Chambers welcomed seven new Patrol Dog Teams during their graduation at the Police Dog Training Centre (DTC) in Trentham, Upper Hutt on Thursday.

The teams celebrated the occasion in a ceremony hosted by New Zealand Police in front of whānau and friends, and members of the Police Executive.

Commissioner Chambers acknowledged the celebration of fine police officers and dogs, and the achievement of graduation, marking the end of weeks of demanding training, perseverance and patience to become an operational team.

"It is wonderful to see you taking the next step and achieving your goals in your policing careers.

"To family and friends, it is wonderful to have you here and for your support of your handlers. They rely on the support you provide."

It was the first patrol dog graduation for Superintendent Sam Keats as Director of the Royal New Zealand Police College, where he called on the handlers to rise to the challenge of being a handler.

"For our frontline you represent confidence, they feel more courageous when you are beside them.

"You lift, you build, and you give strength and confidence to others"

Four of the seven graduates are first-time dog handlers, with the patrol dog teams heading to Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Central, Tasman, and Canterbury Districts.

Constable Levi Bent is heading back to Bay of Plenty with Police Dog 'Zig'. "Growing up on a dairy farm and working with farm dogs made me want to become a handler. I saw the success the dog section had in policing and that was something I wanted to be a part of.

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"I like the fact we can harness the energy of these dogs that have amazing abilities and put it into a context where it helps our communities and keeps people safe. Zig likes the fact he gets a chicken nugget or two as an after-shift snack."

Tasman bound Senior Constable Dan Waluszewski with Police Dog 'Banksy' says, "I was a professional cyclist, and being a dog handler is like cycling, not everything goes right, but you overcome challenges and build resilience."

"Banksy is my fourth operational dog, and every single one of them has been different. Dogs are a representation of a person and have different personalities, Banksy is my cheekiest and loudest."

Inspector Todd Southall, National Coordinator Police Dogs, says "To all seven handlers, you can be very proud of your achievements and the fact you and your dog are graduating today."

Inspector Todd Southall also acknowledged the team behind the scenes, who make the section successful and ensure the handlers and dogs are frontline ready.

"Our leaders, district trainers, and our DTC trainers and kennels, they are all part of helping get these handlers and dogs hit the road running on day one."

Source: New Zealand Police

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Upper Hutt City Council

Speargrass and Clyma next on the list for playground upgrades

Speargrass Park Playground and the Clyma Park Playground are the next playgrounds in line for upgrades by Upper Hutt City Council. Concept plans have already been drawn up, and the council would like your feedback.

For more information on the parks and what is being planned, as well as being able to give your questions and comments about the design process, click the link below.

<https://letskorero.upperhutt.govt.nz/playgrounds-in-progress>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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To clarify recent SeniorNet articles

Recently you have been reading some articles about AI and its impact on older people, submitted by SeniorNet Wellington. Here in Upper Hutt our Seniors programme is currently focused on learning more about the functions of your phone. We meet every Tuesday at the library at 1.30pm. Our next session on 28 October will be photos and camera tips.

However, if you want someone to come and talk to your community group about the impacts of AI, Heather Newell is available and can be contacted through heather@foresee.co.nz. Heather is currently a doctoral student at Massey University. Her topic is the impact of AI on older people and their organisations. Some of you will know Heather Newell as a former city councillor.

A "thank you" to Heather Newell from SeniorNet Upper Hutt for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club

Upper Hutt Cossie Club announced as a finalist at the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

We're Finalists!

We're proud to announce that the Upper Hutt Cossie Club has been named as a finalist in the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Awards!

A massive thank you to our amazing staff and loyal members — this recognition is all thanks to your support, teamwork, and community spirit.

We're honoured to represent Upper Hutt and celebrate what makes our Club such a special place.

Source: Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club

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Caption: Peri Zee confirmed as Mayor following the official declaration of results for the Upper Hutt's 2025 local elections – Upper Hutt City Council

Upper Hutt welcomes new Mayor and Councillors

Upper Hutt is welcoming new leadership of the city, with Peri Zee confirmed as Mayor following the official declaration of results for the 2025 local elections.

The Mayor and Council, which includes a mix of returning and newly elected members, will officially take office once they have been sworn in at the Inaugural Council meeting on 30 October.

Mayor-Elect Peri Zee brings to the Council a professional background in advising local government, iwi and social enterprises all over the motu on strategic planning, project management and government relations.

She says her approach as Mayor will be grounded in transparency, evidence-based decision-making, and genuine partnership with residents, businesses, and mana whenua.

"I'm really excited about what lies ahead for the city and my goal now is to lead a team that is approachable, actively listens to what our residents are saying and works together to strengthen the connection with our community."

The Mayor-Elect has been quick to acknowledge outgoing Mayor Wayne Guppy for his 24 years of leadership and long-standing contribution to the city and thanked him and other outgoing council members.

"Upper Hutt has benefited greatly from the commitment of those who've served before us," she says. "Their contribution provides a strong foundation for us to build on."

She also thanked all the candidates who put their hands up to serve the city by standing for Council, and those who voted.

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Upper Hutt saw a 50.06 percent in voter return this election, which was notably higher than the 43.15 percent in 2022.

"That level of engagement shows how much Upper Hutt residents care about where our city is heading," Mayor-Elect Peri says.

She welcomes to her team as Councillors:

- Emma Holderness
- Tracey Ultra
- Angela McLeod
- Dave Wheeler
- Corey White
- Hellen Swales
- Bill Hammond
- Daniel Welch
- Matt Carey
- Gurpreet Dhillon

Official results for the election can be found on our website here: <https://www.upperhutt.govt.nz/upperhutt.govt.nz/final-elections-results>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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Send an article to The Upper Hutt Connection

I always welcome to any articles that are related to Upper Hutt. You can either send in articles by filling in the form on the website, via email, or by messaging The Upper Hutt Connection on Facebook.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/TheUHConnection>

To better understand why I encourage the sending of articles and events from members of the public, please visit the link: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/it-takes-the-people-of-upper-hutt-to-make-the-upper-hutt-connection/>

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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Election reflection – Teresa Homan

Upon reflection on the latest local body elections across the Wellington region, that secured the participation of generally no more than 30% of electors, it is imperative that there is active consultation regarding the major issues facing the community. That is the financial limiting of access to water, by the installation of household volumetric water meters, a proposal of the regional council, and the pushing of amalgamation. A vote in Hutt City and Porirua saw just over 15% of electors in these areas were in favour of a referendum on the subject. The lack of active participation by voters in general suggests there is something wrong with our voting system. The changing of the local body election system from first past the post to another system is not the answer. What is required is what all Upper Hutt candidates promised that is active consultation with voters, that is achieved by participatory democracy. The basic and guiding principal of local councils was the principal of subsidiarity that is where a larger group does not do for a smaller group that which it can do for itself. The historical loss of local wards has reduced participatory democracy, as has the decision to hand over our water assets to a council corporation due to council being put under duress by central government. Even the attempt to include the voice of Māori by a place, as of right, at the council table by means of a Māori ward, was taken away without consultation. I stood for council to oppose water meters and amalgamation I intend to create the opportunity for people across the Wellington region, to come together to join me in opposing them as well as protesting the creation of a combined council's water entity, as I promised. Teresa Homan Teresa 5 Elm Street

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

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SPORTS



Upper Hutt United Cricket Club

Navroz Singh plays his 150th game for Upper Hutt United Cricket Club.

Some achievements are big, and some are legendary. And on Saturday, we celebrated a legendary one.

A massive shout-out to the one and only Navroz (Nav) Singh, who stepped onto the field for his 150th game for Upper Hutt United!

Nav's journey with UHUC started long ago. He joined the club while still a student at St Pat's Silverstream, showing immense promise by training with the Premiers and Reserves as a 14-year-old. It was clear from the start he was destined for big things. He quickly became a central figure, earning a promotion into the Prem team shortly after leaving school, a spot he has rightfully held ever since.

150 games is a testament to that incredible loyalty and love for the club. Nav is the definition of a UHUC man through and through. Not only does he give his all on the pitch, but as our Treasurer and a key Committee Member, he's the engine that keeps our club running. He is, without a doubt, the backbone of this place — and a staunch supporter of the all-important post-match debrief at the bar!

Congrats on the huge milestone, Nav! Well deserved.

NOTE: This article has been edited from the original. Navroz played his 150th game on the 18th of October.

Source: Upper Hutt United Cricket Club

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Saturday cricket results – 18th of October

View all cricket results for Saturday the 18th of October at: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/sports/upper-hutt-united-cricket-club/saturday-cricket-results-18th-of-october/>

Source: Upper Hutt United Cricket Club

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



Trentham United Harriers & Walkers

Remutaka Rail Trail Run & Walk, 21 km / 14 km / 7 km: Saturday 1st of November

Location: Kaitoke Kart Track, Incline Road, just off Kaitoke Loop Rd & SH2, Upper Hutt. The Remutaka/Rimutaka Rail Trail is well sign-posted either coming from Kaitoke or the Wairarapa

This is a fun run & walk on the Remutaka Rail Trail through the Remutaka Ranges. We start at 254m above sea level and cruise up a shallow gradient (<1 in 40) all the way to the turn around near the summit. This is a scenic and historic route that is a jewel in the Wellington region. The steep, bush clad valley, the river below, tunnels, bridges and plenty of sweaty people make for a great morning out. This course can easily be negotiated by any modestly fit person. All distances are predominantly on hard packed gravel track. Water is supplied throughout the course and there will also be a coffee cart near the Kart Club clubroom.

Please note that there won't be any EFTPOS services available, so please bring cash for hot drinks/food.

Click the link below for more information including registration, entry fees, etc: <https://www.trenthamunited.com/events/remutaka>

A "thank you" to Phil from Trentham United Harriers & Walkers who gave permission for this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Staying Safe Refresher Driving Course: 23rd of October / 18th of February

Staying Safe is a classroom-based refresher workshop for senior road users. Age Concern runs these workshops in partnership with Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

The workshop aims to maintain and improve safe driving practices and increase the knowledge of other transport options available to help senior road users remain safely mobile.

The free interactive workshop runs for around 4 hours, with light refreshments provided. Spaces at each workshop are limited so please register using the form below.

<https://www.acwellington.org.nz/events/staying-safe/>

Source: Age Concern Wellington

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Michael Small

Summerset on the Course Village Fair: Saturday 15th of November, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

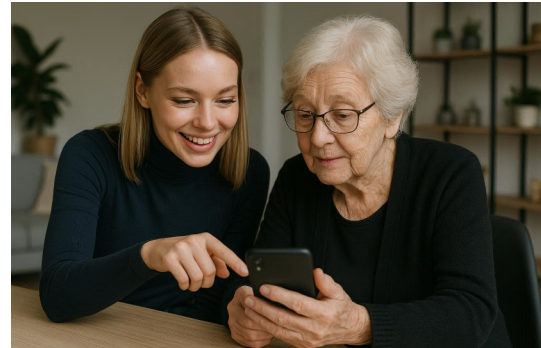
Save the date: We are holding a village Fair on Saturday 15th November 9am to 1pm

We will have lots of stalls, selling

- Jams and chutneys
- Cake stall
- Chocolate stall - home made delights
- Xmas stall - with some wonderful surprises for Christmas
- Knitted toys
- Cards, cooling towels, necklaces
- White elephant - with some amazing goods at a bargain
- Products
- Raffles
- Books and puzzles - lots of these
- Plants
- Art
- Paper craft
- Nutrimetics
- Candles
- Jewellery
- Crochet items

Come and get some goodies, lots of Christmas gifts.

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Tea, Tech and Scam Prevention presentation: Wednesday 19th of November, 9.30 am – 12.00 noon

Location: Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club

Come along to a free technology support session to help you navigate technology, and a scam prevention presentation.

- Baffled by technology
- Want to learn how to do Internet banking?
- Need to connect with the grandkids on WhatsApp?
- Come to our free Tea & Tech workshop!

Bring your digital device and get help from some friendly volunteers from AMP.

Please click on the link to register – or just drop in, but registrations preferred.

<https://www.acwellington.org.nz/events/teatech/>

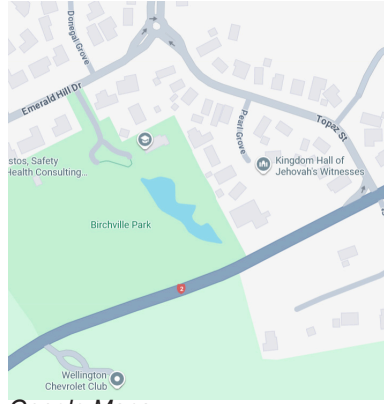
Source: Age Concern Wellington

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

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Google Maps

Upper Hutt Forest & Bird: Volunteers wanted this Thursday evening, 23rd of October

- **Where:** Birchville Park, off SH2 – see map.
- **When:** Thursday 23 October, – 5pm till 7pm with optional picnic supper after.
- **What:** Releasing previous plantings from weeds.

Please txt Lynne (021 66 00 76) if you are staying for supper so we know how much food to buy.

We also have a small number of plants to get in the ground and the rest of the work will be clearing long grass from around the most recently planted natives.

We have 10 pairs shears for you to use. Bring your own favourite tools if you have them.

We are also going to try adding Fert Tabs to slow growing plants to speed their growth.

Note. We don't want the soil around the plant stem exposed. While it looks good in your garden it only causes the ground to dry out faster in the wild.

Cut to a height of 100 – 200mm unless the plant is very small.

Hope to see you Thursday evening

Nursery team

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

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Upper Hutt Social Connection Hub: Wednesday 26th of November, 12.00 pm

Location: Heretaunga Community Church, 51 Lane Street, Upper Hutt

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

When: Wednesday 26 Nov, 12pm. Special Christmas-themed event. Music and singing with Archie Thom

Where: Heretaunga Community Church, Upper Hutt

Drop in or call **04 499 6646** for more information.

Source: Age Concern Wellington

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Wicked: Part Two – Movie Night Fundraiser: Sunday 30th of November, 4.00 pm

A Wickedly Good Night Out – Movie Fundraiser Supporting Parents of Twins and Triplets

Petone, Lower Hutt – Local charity Multiples Hutt Valley is inviting the community to a magical night at the movies with a special fundraiser screening of Wicked: Part Two on Sunday, 30 November 2025, at Lighthouse Cinema Petone.

Lighthouse Cinema Petone: 52 Beach St, Petone

This fun night out has a powerful purpose: to raise funds for the charity's Mental Health Care Support Pack, which aims to provide access to professional counselling services for parents of twins, triplets, and more who are struggling.

"Parenting multiples can be incredibly intense – emotionally, physically, and financially," says Hannah Barnao, event organiser and volunteer. "We know mental health support can be life-changing, but it's often out of reach. This fundraiser will help us make it available when families need it most."

Proceeds will also support other key initiatives, including:

- Support for newborn families during the early weeks
- Grocery vouchers for families experiencing financial hardship
- Other practical and emotional care services that build connection and community

Tickets are just \$25 or two for \$40 and include the screening, with a raffle on the night to boost the fundraising total.

Buy Tickets: <https://www.multipleshv.org/wicked-fundraiser>

About Multiples Hutt Valley:

Multiples Hutt Valley is a volunteer-run charity supporting local families of twins, triplets, and more across the Hutt Valley and Wairarapa. The organisation provides practical help, emotional support, equipment hire, community connection, and access to resources for families raising multiples.

A "thank you" to Hannah Barnao 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.

Reduce stress, find calmness, balance, strength and flexibility with Taoist Tai Chi™ practice. Join us to have a go a great way to improve your life and health. <https://www.taoisttaichi.org/find-a-location/>

A "thank you" to Glenn 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.



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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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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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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New recipe this week: Belgian Biscuits

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 1,059 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.

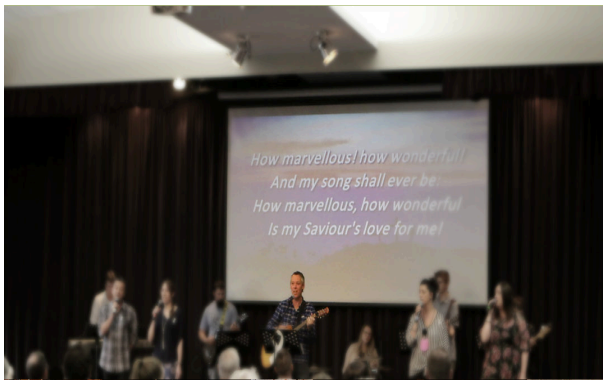
Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

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 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 23rd of October 2025

FRANKENSTEIN

Running time: 149 minutes

Rated: R16 (Graphic violence & content that may disturb)

Oscar-winning director Guillermo del Toro adapts Mary Shelley's classic tale of Victor Frankenstein, a brilliant but egotistical scientist who brings a creature to life in a monstrous experiment that ultimately leads to the undoing of both the creator and his tragic creation.

Book here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/frankenstein>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1312221/videooplayer/vi722389017/?ref=mv_sr_srsrg_3_tt_6_nm_0_in_0_q_Frankenstein



Frankenstein

REGRETTING YOU

Running time: 116 minutes

Rated: M (Drug use & sex scenes)

Centers on the strained relationship between young mother Morgan Grant and her teenage daughter Clara, exacerbated by Morgan's husband Chris's tragic death, forcing them to navigate life's challenges together.

Book here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/regretting-you>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt33088452/videooplayer/vi1775093785/?ref=mv_sr_srsrg_1_tt_5_nm_0_in_0_q_Regretting%2520you



Regretting You

SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE

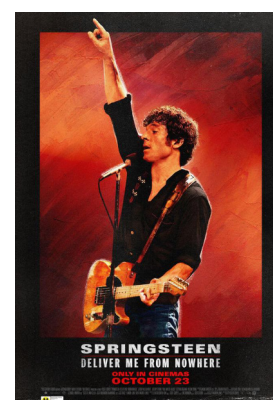
Running time: 120 minutes

Rated: M (Mental health themes, coarse language, sex scenes)

Bruce Springsteen's journey crafting his 1982 album Nebraska, which emerged as he recorded Born in the USA with the E Street Band. Based on Warren Zanes' book.

Book here: <https://www.montereyupperhutt.co.nz/movie/springsteen-deliver-me-from-nowhere>

View trailer at IMDB.com: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt31923069/videooplayer/vi1350289433/?ref=mv_sr_srsrg_1_tt_4_nm_4_in_0_q_Springsteen



Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere

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