

# Valley News

June 2017 | Upper Hutt City Council news



## A message from the mayor

It was a great pleasure on 2 June to present three young citizens of Upper Hutt with Mayoral Certificates after they came to the aid of a fellow citizen in the city centre. It was also an honour to present several Youth Civic Awards at the Young Achievers event last week. Our young people are setting the bar for what a strong community looks like. Their dedication and contribution is highlighting what defines a great community—one that I am proud to be a part of.

Speaking of which, we're again seeking nominations for our Upper Hutt Civic Awards. And we'll be celebrating our local heroes this month by saying "Cheers to our volunteers" during National Volunteer Week.

Our physical upgrade of the city centre continues. Although the Princes Street stage of the project has faced some challenges, it's great to see it all taking shape. I am confident that the gains will be worth it, with improved access between Upper Hutt Station and Main Street for residents and visitors alike.

It's also great to see the Haywards interchange project heading toward completion. Combined with SH58 upgrades

and a connection to Transmission Gully, the upgraded access is going to be a game-changer for our region and our city. These improvements are going to bring the rest of the North Island one step closer, and with it, significant industrial and economic benefit.

At the recent Wellington Regional Strategy meeting, I moved that our councils consider building a regional indoor arena. Industry feedback suggests such a venue would be instrumental in securing significant national and international performances and events. Participating councils have agreed to report back on this in August.

The development of Upper Hutt's Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028 is now underway. Pre-consultation starts soon, and in the coming months we'll be seeking feedback on the way forward for our city.

The Bridge Road bridge is finally complete. Although minor works are still to be finished, such as removal of the temporary services bridge, we expect that life is returning to normal for our Bridge Road residents. We'd like to thank you all for your patience and cooperation during this time. We talk more about this on page 2.



Wayne Guppy | MAYOR

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## Civic Awards

Do you know someone who has done some outstanding and innovative voluntary work for our city and community?

Any resident of Upper Hutt who has done meritorious voluntary community service for the city is eligible to be nominated for a Civic Award.

A Civic Award recipient will not have received other public recognition for their community service in the form of other awards (unless in exceptional circumstances).

A nomination must be signed by at least two residents of Upper Hutt. A nomination from an Upper Hutt organisation must be signed by at least two executive members of that organisation.

**Nominations received by Friday, 30 June will be considered for this year's awards.**

If a nomination is successful, we will contact the nominee to find out if they wish to accept the award.



Get more information and download a nomination form at:

**UPPERHUTCITY.COM /CIVIC-AWARDS**

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# A big THANK YOU

## Community to the rescue

**Upper Hutt Community Rescue** played a huge roll in the bridge collapse response. They partnered with Council, improving our ability to respond quickly to the needs of Bridge Road residents.

**BIG THANKS** to the patient residents of Bridge Road who, after 18 months of waiting, are finally able to use the new bridge at Birchville.

With the previous bridge partially collapsing in a storm on 29 October 2015, it was 'all systems go' for Council to respond, finding a way for Bridge Road residents and businesses to resume access between their properties and the rest of the city. Core services were restored, and within 3 weeks a walking track from Totara Park was converted to a temporary single lane road as Council began the process of replacing the bridge.

Council received high praise from various parts of the community (including neighbouring councils) for its ability to react dynamically, and quickly put a replacement project in place.

However, as with any project of this size and nature, unforeseen issues came up that could only be dealt with once they materialised. This included inclement weather, fish spawning seasons, technical difficulties, and equipment malfunction.

With all of that, Council's chief concern was making sure that the new bridge was robustly built and safely installed. We've worked hard to communicate progress and delays where possible.

Ultimately though, it has been the residents of Bridge Road who we'd like to thank. Their patience and endurance during this time has been remarkable, and we'd like to acknowledge them for their forbearance, feedback, and assistance as we have had to navigate through what at times has been a tricky process. The project has also not come to fruition without affecting the wider Birchville and Akatarawa community, along with the residents of Larchmont Grove and Totara Park, who have also had to endure traffic delays, significant noise, and other disruptions.

**Thanks to you all so much.**

## A word from Councillor Chris Carson

As a first-time Councillor, I am honoured and proud to have been elected. It's been a fast and enjoyable learning experience.

The Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) is running four free emergency preparedness sessions at Upper Hutt Central Library on Mondays at 7.00 pm, from 12 June to 3 July. This is a good opportunity to find out how you, your household, and your neighbourhood can keep safe during and after a natural disaster, and to find out about Community Emergency Hubs.

Don't wait for a disaster to happen. You should take steps now to be prepared.

When a disaster does happen, do what you can to make you and your household safe. Then, if you can, go out and check on your neighbours. Also check the surrounding streets. If necessary, go to your local Community Emergency Hub. This is a place where your local community can coordinate a response. If help is needed that cannot be provided within your community, then the Emergency Operations Centre at Council should be contacted.

The recycling station in Park Street is certainly proving to be popular. It provides another avenue for recyclables and its usage will hopefully ensure that it becomes permanent. If you find the bins full or go on a day that it's closed, please don't dump your recyclables. Please be considerate and return on another day.

Well that's all from me. I hope that you keep safe and warm during the winter.

Chris



## Open Space Strategy

Upper Hutt City Council is developing *Our parks and open spaces*—a strategy that will guide and support the planning and development of open spaces in Upper Hutt.

For more information, go to [consultation.upperhuttcity.com](http://consultation.upperhuttcity.com)



When we shop in Upper Hutt we are investing in our own community, enabling growth, and helping to lift and improve the retail offering.

## Locals invest

For some years our community has been asking for increase and improvement to our retail environment. With the support of both the local and wider community, a large proportion of our retailers have been able to reinvest in our community by renovating or moving and expanding. Doing so has improved the standard of presentation and the retail variety we have available. This can only happen when we shop locally and support local businesses. When businesses thrive they create jobs, stronger communities, and a stronger economy. This in turn helps provide new businesses with the confidence to commit to Upper Hutt.

*Bespoke Tailored Curtains and Blinds* started off in Russell Street. Due to the wonderful support from both locals and those further afield, and the growth they are achieving, they have now expanded into larger premises.

This thoughtfully-styled store is spacious and light, and is stocked with an inspiring range of exquisite fabrics, wallpapers, blinds, and a small selection of furniture. Keep an eye out for the hot pink signage at the intersection of Main and Royal Streets.



The following stores are all either new to Upper Hutt or have moved, renovated or expanded—improving both the look, feel, and viability of our business community.

Some of these stores also support online retail through their websites and Facebook pages.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Avison's Home and Giftware  | 20 One Sushi             |
| 2 Avison's Living and Leisure | 21 Pita Pit              |
| 3 Bark City Groomers          | 22 Plush Studio          |
| 4 Bentley Real Estate         | 23 Pure Life Yoga        |
| 5 Botanical Beauty Co.        | 24 Rasha Taylor          |
| 6 Café Blume                  | 25 Shady Lady Barbers    |
| 7 Cake and Kitchen            | 26 Subway                |
| 8 Callidus Architects         | 27 The Gun Shop          |
| 9 Carpet Court                | 28 The Cycle Centre      |
| 10 CartridgeWorld             | 29 Thimbles and Threads  |
| 11 Created Homewares          | 30 Tigerlily             |
| 12 Grind Coffee Lounge        | 31 TJ's Barbers          |
| 13 Hair Fx @ 494              | 32 Tricky's Sandwich Bar |
| 14 Jock's Vapes               | 33 Wheeler's Footwear    |
| 15 Lash and Brow Bar          |                          |
| 16 Little Haven               |                          |
| 17 Marc Walker Real Estate    |                          |
| 18 Muffin Break               |                          |
| 19 Narayan Spices & Foods     |                          |



By making a conscious choice to shop locally when we can, the retail environment flourishes and helps provide the confidence for other business to set up here as we have seen recently with the national brand *Pita Pit* opening on Main St.

Thank you Upper Hutt for spending your money, when you can, where you live!



## VISA WOAP— Food Truck Rally returns

The *VISA Wellington on a Plate Food Truck Rally* is hitting the road once again, offering up delectable burgers at Trentham Racecourse on Sunday 27 August. Council is excited to again offer free outdoor films. The event will have a distinct New Zealand flavour with both the food and films being inspired by New Zealand's diverse culture.

The food trucks will assemble from 1pm and families will be encouraged to make an afternoon of it, bringing picnic blankets and cushions to cosy up with some tasty food as they watch a film. The films will be chosen by the public via voting on our Facebook page in July. Follow us to have your say on which films will be screened at this family fun event.

Look out for updates on [facebook.com/upperhuttcitycouncil](https://facebook.com/upperhuttcitycouncil) and for other *Visa Wellington on a Plate* events in Upper Hutt, go to [visawoap.com](http://visawoap.com)

## Annual Plan 2017 – 2018 update

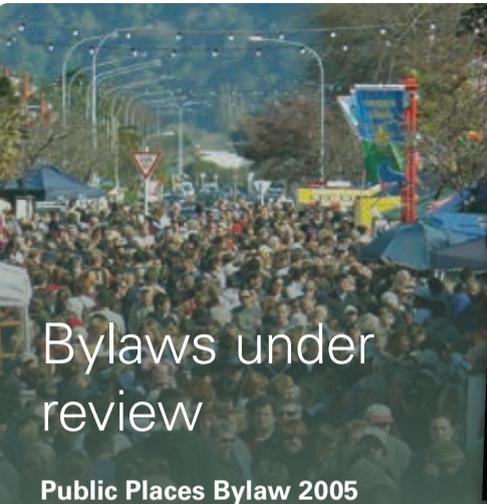
Council received approximately 121 submissions on the Annual Plan. Two hearing meetings have also been held. We have now also considered all the feedback and, along with any changes, the Annual Plan will be adopted at an extraordinary Council meeting on 28 June.



## Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028 coming

That's right, we're now underway with the preliminary work for the Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028. The following time line is a rough guide for our milestones working towards adoption by the end of June 2018.





## Bylaws under review

### Public Places Bylaw 2005

We're proposing to amend the bylaw as follows:

- Incorporate provisions to regulate trading in public places.
- Make it clearer, including some new definitions, and remove some duplication and outdated provisions.
- Introduce penalties for breach of the bylaw under the Local Government Act 2002.

### Trading in Public Places Bylaw 2005

Because we're proposing that provisions to regulate trading in public places be incorporated into the Public Places Bylaw 2005, we're also proposing that the Trading in Public Places Bylaw 2005 be revoked (formally cancelled and removed from use). Our review found that there is no requirement for a separate bylaw for trading in public places, as trading is effectively a subset of activities occurring in public places. We think it will be simpler and more user-friendly to have all Council's provisions relating to public places in one bylaw.

Consultation is open until **5.00 pm, Friday 23 June**. Go to [consultation.upperhuttcity.com](http://consultation.upperhuttcity.com) for more information.



## More thanks

As part of *National Volunteer Week* (18 – 24 June), Upper Hutt City Council is saying thanks through our, 'Cheers to our Volunteers' campaign. Once again, we're putting up a series of community noticeboard signs, along with email, audio-visual, and social media imaging, showcasing just a few of our city's volunteers in some real-life situations.

Volunteering is of huge benefit to the wellbeing of our city and represents a significant amount of work that can be difficult to measure.

We want to acknowledge this work and give our heartfelt thanks for the amazing effort that all our volunteers put in and contribute to our community and city.

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## EVs welcome in Upper Hutt

Friday 28 April saw the opening of our city centre's first commercial electric vehicle (EV) charging station. ChargeNet NZ were in town for the event, coinciding with MTA's 100th anniversary weekend in Wellington.

The EV charging station sits next to a designated parking space behind the ANZ bank. It has two different charging plugs to suit most EVs. Vehicle owners will need an account with ChargeNet NZ to use the charger.

For more information go to [charge.net.nz](http://charge.net.nz)



## Community Grants funding

Applications for Community Grants are now open for community organisations, clubs, and schools. You can apply for a grant to cover operational expenses and/or projects that benefit the Upper Hutt community.

**Applications close 31 July.**

Go to [upperhuttcity.com/community-grants](http://upperhuttcity.com/community-grants) for more information.



## Event funding improvements on the way

To better align the awarding of our Events Fund Grants to our Council vision we are reviewing the criteria for receiving funding and introducing a dedicated funding round, which will apply for events held from 1 July. We will be holding two (1 hour) workshops on the new process at Upper Hutt Central Library at 7.30 am on 28 June and 7.00 pm on 29 June. To register your interest, please email [adam.reynard@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:adam.reynard@uhcc.govt.nz). Go to [upperhuttcity.com/local-events](http://upperhuttcity.com/local-events) for more information.



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