



Help shape the future of school bus services in the Hutt Valley

Feedback open from
17 August till 6 September 2026



We're reviewing bus services across the Hutt Valley to make sure the network continues to work well for you now and in the future. As part of this, we're looking at how to balance accessibility and affordability while providing a network that meets the community's needs.

Some services may change, some may reduce, and some new connections are being considered. Before any decisions are made, we want to hear what matters most to you.

Provide your feedback online between 17 August and 6 September.

Visit metlink.org.nz/hutt-bus-review



About the review

We're considering a range of options

No decisions have been made. We're seeking feedback on a range of possible changes before recommendations are developed for Council.

We need to understand community priorities

We're interested in what matters most to communities when balancing affordability, frequency, coverage, connections and access to services.

The proposals include both improvements and reductions

The options include a mix of proposed service changes, service reductions and new connections designed to better meet current and future travel needs.

Your feedback will help shape recommendations

Community feedback, alongside customer research and operational analysis, will help inform the recommendations presented to Council.

Changes to school bus services

Proposed changes to school bus services include route removals, route changes, updated bus capacity, and safety improvements.

Summary of proposed school bus changes



Buses

Route	Service change	Summary of changes
848	Route removed – alternative services	Service removed, passengers could use Route 149.
849	Route change	Route extension from Waterloo Station.
886	Route removed	Service removed, passengers could use Route 83 instead.
901	Route shortened	Service would finish at Upper Hutt Station.
906	Route removed	Route would be removed. There would be no direct replacement service.
915	Vehicle change	Replace two buses with a higher capacity double decker.
916	Vehicle change	Replace bus with a higher capacity double decker.
929	Route shortened	Route would finish at Emerald Hill. Passengers could use a proposed new 112 or 110 extension.
930	Vehicle change	Afternoon school services would be provided using fewer buses providing similar capacity.
951	Route change	Route changed to improve safety and remove the need for passengers to wait on the state highway.

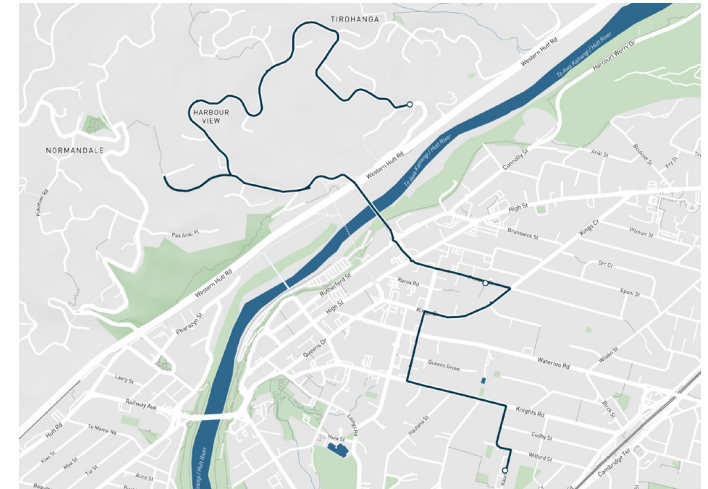
Details of changes by route



848 – Hutt Intermediate, St Peter and Paul & Eastern Hutt Schools (Primary Schools) – Harbour View

We are proposing to **remove** this service. Students would be able to use Route 149 instead.

Current route

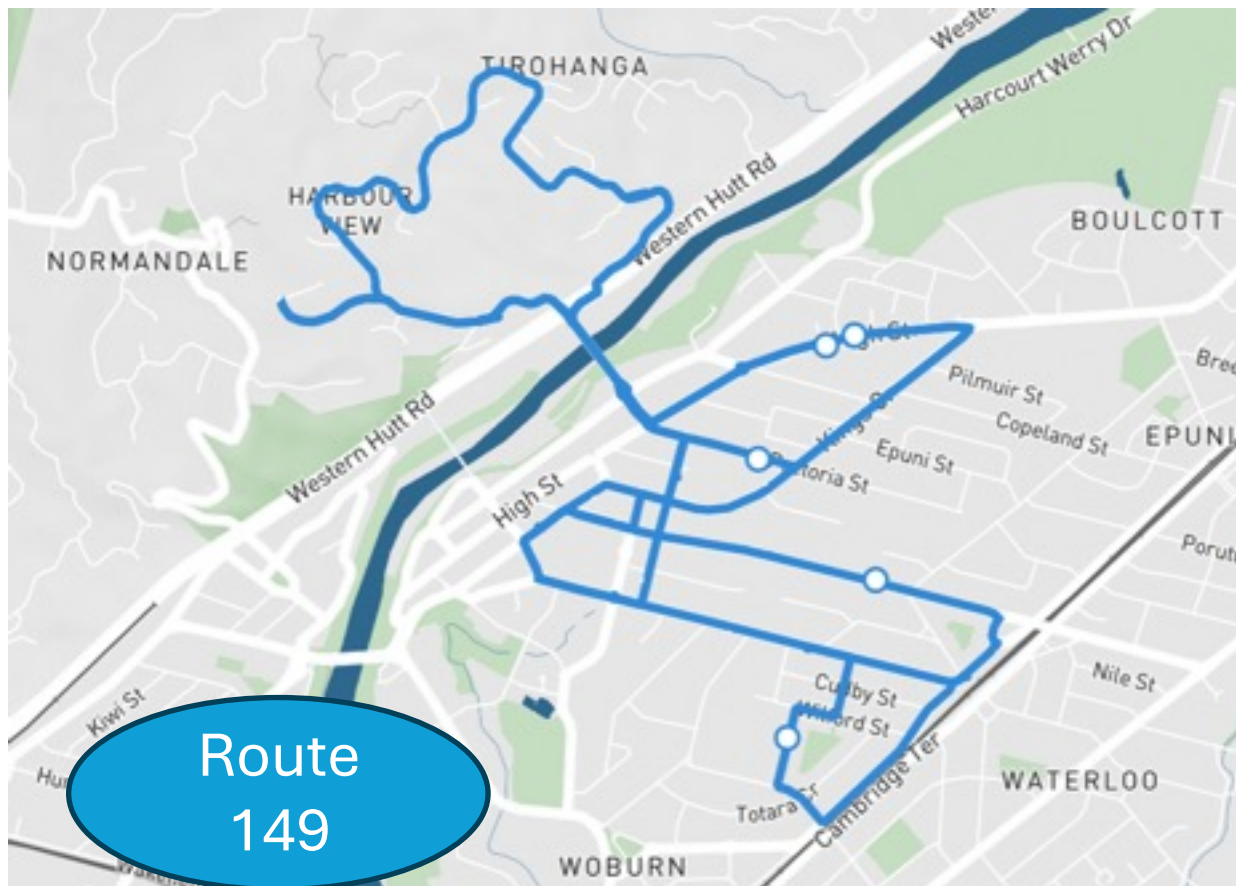


Pros: Saves money for ratepayers.

Cons: None.

Alternative route options: Students could use Route 149 instead. Route 149 is scheduled to stop at Hutt Intermediate at 3.11pm and Eastern Hutt School at 3.17pm.

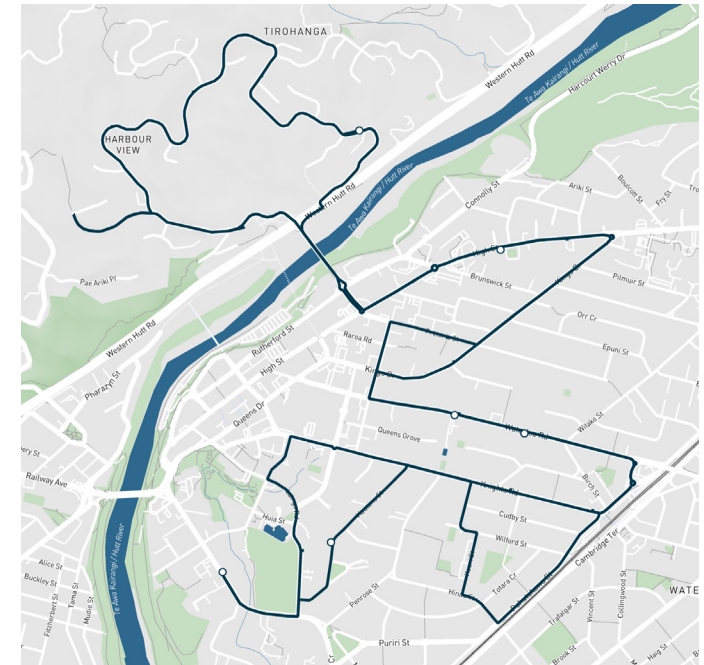
Note: Route 149 is a public service, not a dedicated school bus.



849 – Harbour View – Hutt Central Schools (Primary and High Schools)

We are proposing to **extend** some morning services to start from Waterloo Station, providing access to Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School.

Current route



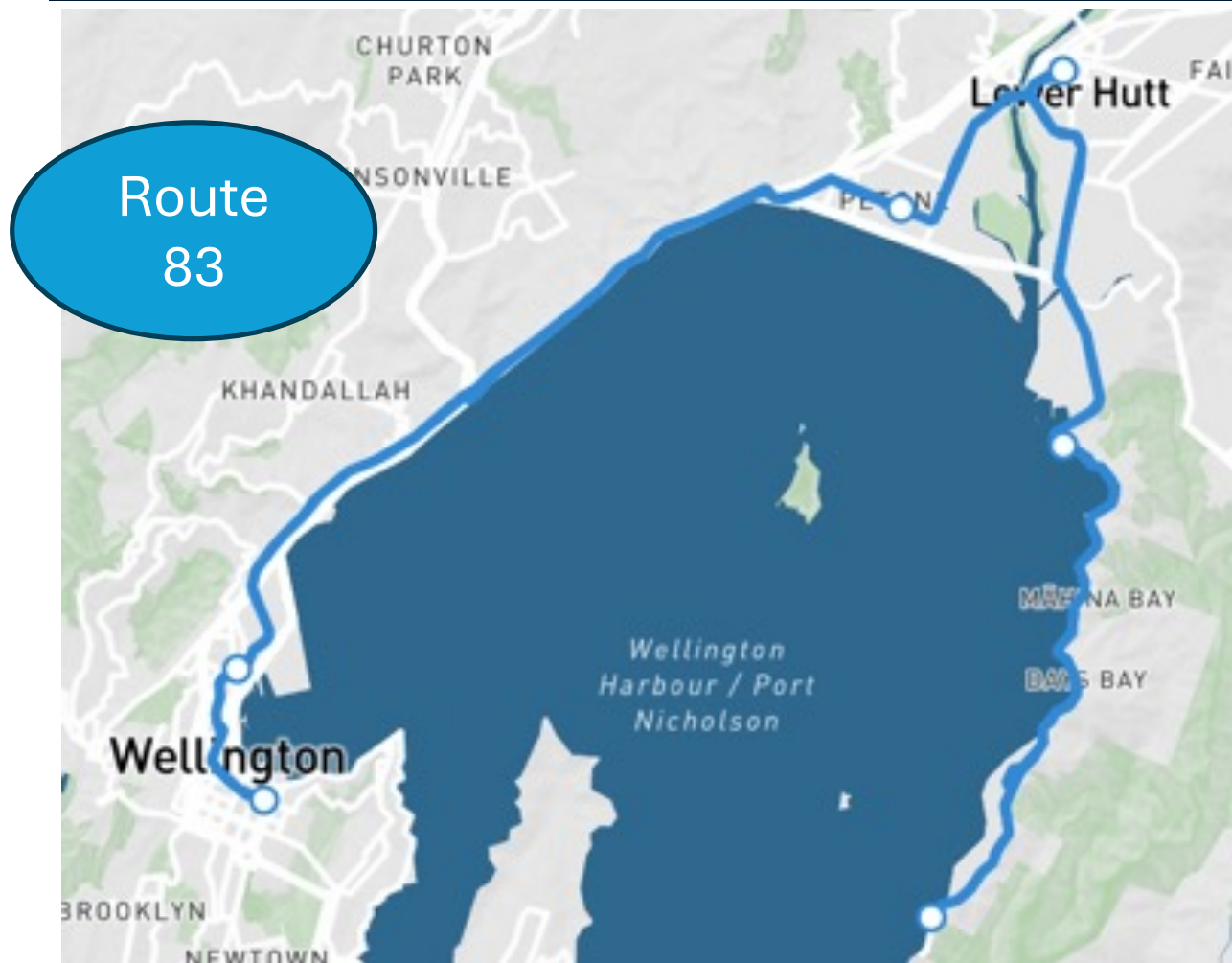
Pros: New connection from Waterloo Station to Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School.

Cons: None.

Note: From Waterloo Station the bus would go to Tirohanga and continue on its current route from there.

886 – Muritai (Primary School) - Moera

We are proposing to **remove** this service. Students would be able to use Route 83 instead.



Current route



Pros: Saves money for ratepayers.

Cons: Minimal impact due to alternative services available.

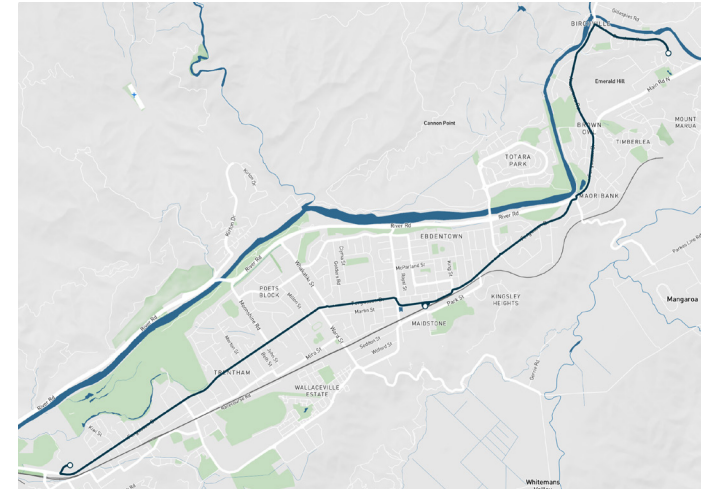
Alternative route options: Students could use Route 83 instead. A Route 83 service departs from the Muritai Road/Makaro Gardens bus stop at 3.10pm and follows the same route to Lower Hutt.

Note: Route 83 is a public service, not a dedicated school bus.

901 – Emerald Hill – Upper Hutt – St Patrick's College

We are proposing to **shorten** this route so that it starts and ends at Upper Hutt Station. Students travelling from Emerald Hill would be able to use Route 110 to connect with the service.

Current route



Pros: Saves money for ratepayers.

Cons: Minimal impact due to alternative services available.

Alternative route options: Passengers travelling north of Upper Hutt Station could use Route 110 to travel to and from Emerald Hill.

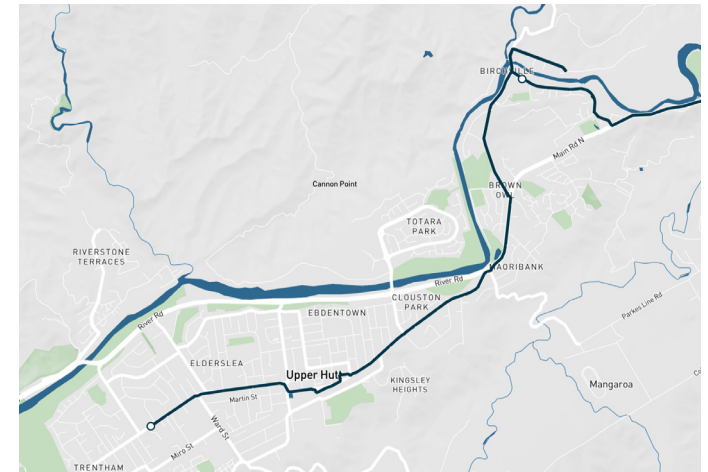
Note: This route change is subject to the outcome / decision on the proposed merging of Route 110 and Route 112, north of Upper Hutt.

Routes 110 and 112 are public services, not dedicated school buses.

906 – Plateau & Birchville Schools – Birchville – Brown Owl – Trentham

We are proposing to **remove** this service. There would be no direct replacement service. This would remove the afternoon connection between Plateau School and Emerald Hill.

Current route



Pros: Saves money for ratepayers.

Cons: Up to 11 students travelling home from Plateau School to Emerald Hill in the afternoon would no longer have a direct public transport option.

Alternative route options: Route 110.

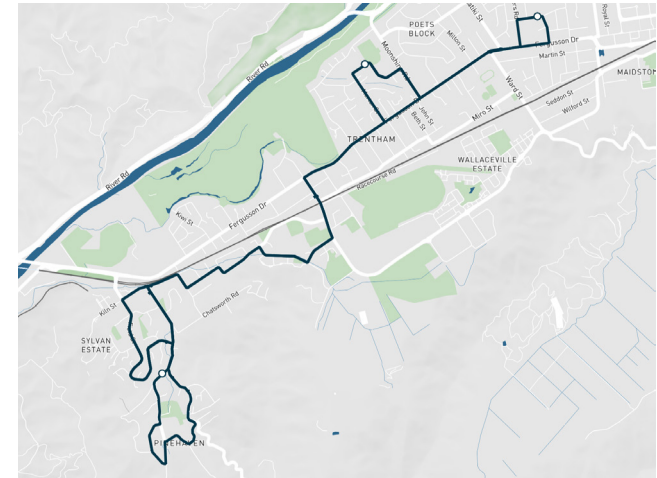
Notes: This proposal is dependent on the outcome of the proposed changes to Routes 110 and 112 north of Upper Hutt.

Routes 110 and 112 are public services, not dedicated school buses.

915 – Pinehaven - Silverstream, Fergusson Intermediate & Maidstone Intermediate Schools

We are proposing to **replace** the two buses currently operating this service with a higher-capacity double-decker bus.

Current route



Pros: a) Saves money for ratepayers.

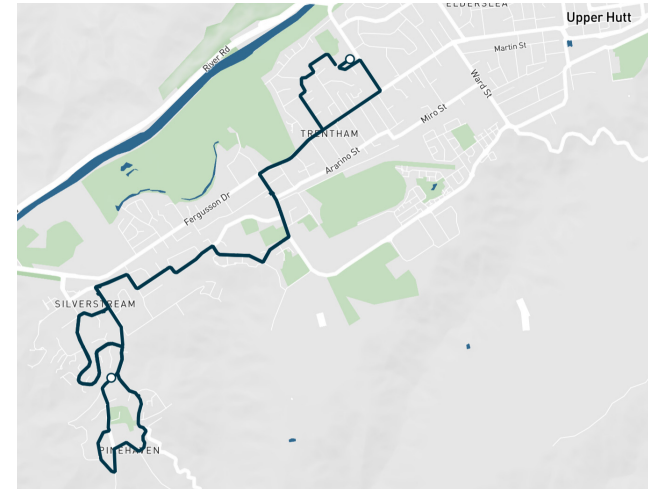
b) Will provide a more efficient service.

Note: No impact for current passengers.

916 – Pinehaven – Silverstream School & Upper Hutt College

We are proposing to **replace** the current bus with a higher-capacity double-decker bus.

Current route

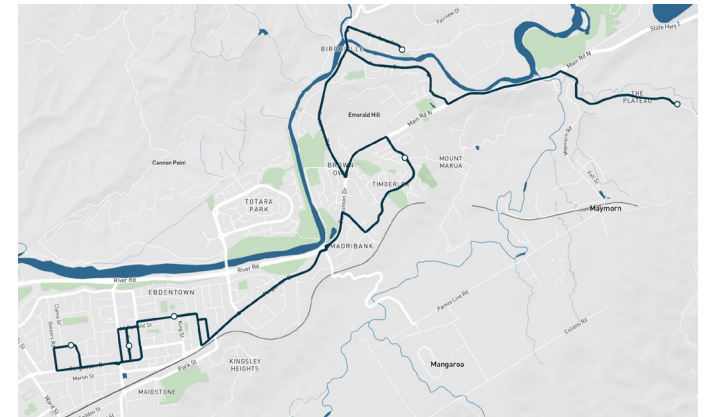


Pros: Increases capacity.

929 – Te Marua – Birchville – Oxford Crescent, St Josephs, Fraser Crescent & Maidstone Intermediate Schools

We are proposing to **shorten** this route so that it ends at Emerald Hill rather than continuing to Te Marua.

Current route



Pros: Saves money for ratepayers.

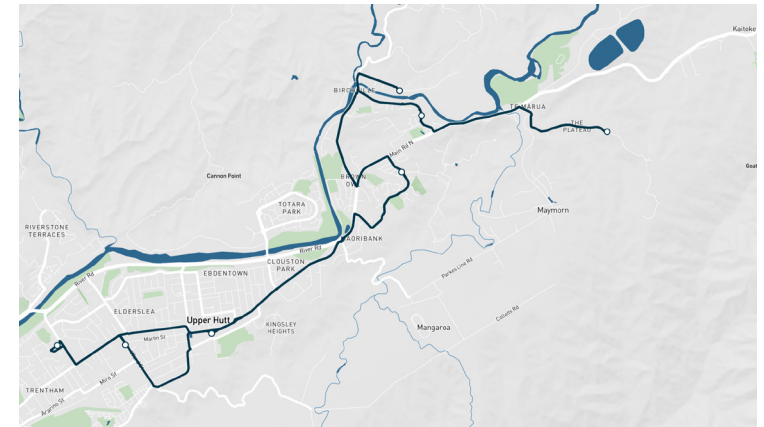
Alternative route options: Students travelling to and from Timberlea, Te Marua and Plateau could use the proposed extended school service on Route 112 or Route 110.

Notes: This proposal is dependent on the outcome of the proposed changes to Routes 110 and 112 north of Upper Hutt. Routes 110 and 112 are public services, not dedicated school buses.

930 – Te Marua – Birchville – Timberlea – Heretaunga, Upper Hutt Colleges & Fergusson Intermediate School

We are proposing a **vehicle change** that will combine three standard buses into two double decker buses.

Current route



Pros: a) Saves money for ratepayers

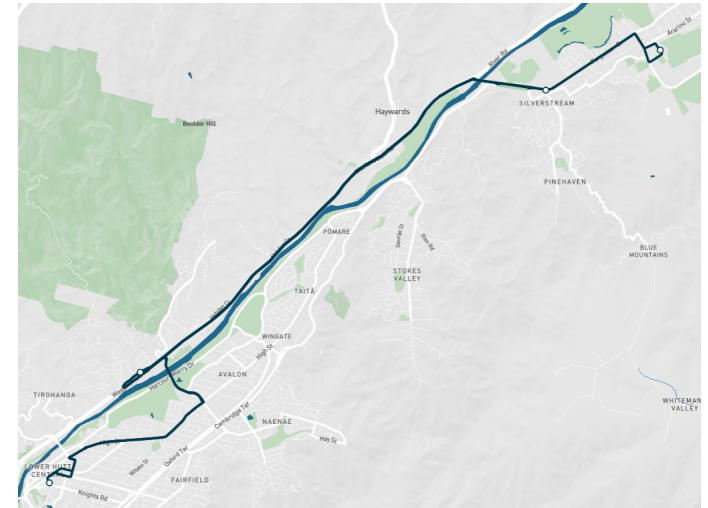
b) Continues to provide enough space for students while making more efficient use of buses.

Note: Current users are expected to see little to no change to their journey.

951 – Lower Hutt – Avalon – St Patrick's College & Hutt International Boys' School

We are proposing a **route change** to improve safety and remove the need for passengers to wait on the state highway.

Current route



Pros: Improves safety by traveling along High Street and Eastern Hutt Road instead of traveling on the state highway.

Cons: Students who currently use the Kelson Layby stop traveling along High Street and Eastern Hutt Road instead of traveling in the morning or the Grounsel Crescent stop in the afternoon would need to use an alternative stop.

Come talk to the team at one of our drop-in sessions.

Wednesday 19 August, 10:30 - 11:30am

Wainuiomata - Kokiri Marae Pātaka Kai

Saturday 22 August, 8am - 12pm

Riverbank Markets

Monday 24 August, 11am - 12pm

Stokes Valley - Kōraunui Stokes Valley Neighbourhood Hub

Monday 24 August, 1 - 2pm

Upper Hutt - Upper Hutt Central Library

Wednesday 26 August, 10 - 11am

Taitā - Walter Nash Centre

Friday 28 August, 1:30pm - 3pm

Wainuiomata - Neighbourhood Hub/Library

Sunday 30 August 3 - 4pm

Timberlea Community Hall (soup kitchen)

Monday 31 August, 10:30 - 11:30am

Petone Community House

Thursday 3 September, 10 - 11am

Eastbourne / Days Bay Library

Thursday 3 September, 12pm - 1pm

Lower Hutt - War Memorial Library



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