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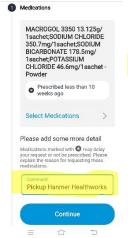
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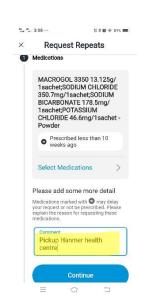
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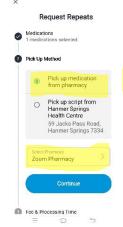


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IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 111



lamb rissoles with beetroot yoghurt

Rissoles have fallen out of favour in recent years. These are given an update by being served with a flavourful beetroot yoghurt.

Ingredients

1 brown onion, grated

1 zucchini, grated

3 garlic cloves, minced

500g lamb mince

½ cup fresh breadcrumbs

• 1 egg

1 tsp curry powder

1/4 cup roughly chopped parsley, extra to serve

1/4 cup olive oil2-4 pita, to serve

lemon wedges, to serve

BEETROOT YOGHURT

500g raw beetrootjuice of ½ lemon

• 300ml thick yoghurt

• 3 spring onions

1/4 cup roughly chopped parsley

Method

• Step 1

To make the yoghurt, place the beetroot into a saucepan of cold, salted water and bring to a simmer. Simmer for 30 minutes, then drain and rub off the skins. Dice the beetroot into half-centimetre cubes and place them in a bowl. Squeeze over the lemon juice and season well with salt and pepper. Refrigerate until cool, then mix through the yoghurt, spring onions and parsley.

Step 2

For the rissoles, combine the onion, zucchini, garlic, lamb, breadcrumbs, egg, curry powder, parsley and 1 teaspoon of salt and mix well, stirring in one direction to combine. Divide into 12 equal portions and shape into flat discs about 2 centimetres thick. Refrigerate until ready to cook.

Step 3

Heat a large frypan over medium heat and add the olive oil. Fry the rissoles in batches for about 4 minutes on each side until cooked through.

• Step 4

Toast the pita in a dry frypan and cut into wedges. Spread a serving plate with the yoghurt and arrange the rissoles on top. Scatter with parsley, season with salt and pepper and serve with lemon wedges and the pita.

Macadamia and Honey Cigars

These filo cigars mix macadamias and almonds with a rich honey syrup, but you can use any nuts you like.

Ingredients

- 120g unsalted macadamias, roughly chopped
- 120g blanched almonds, finely chopped
- 50g caster sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp flake salt
- 150g butter, melted
- 10 sheets filo pastry

HONEY SYRUP

- juice and peeled zest of 1 lemon
- 100g caster sugar
- ½ cup honey
- 1 stick cinnamon

Method

Step 1

For the syrup, combine lemon juice, zest, sugar, honey and cinnamon in a small pan and add 1 cup of water. Bring to a simmer and simmer for 5 minutes, then remove from the heat to stand.

• Step 2

Heat your oven to 170C fan-forced (190C conventional). Combine the nuts, sugar, cinnamon and salt. Brush a piece of filo liberally with butter and spread 2 tablespoons of nut mixture along its length. Roll it up, leaving the ends open. Repeat for the remaining pastry.

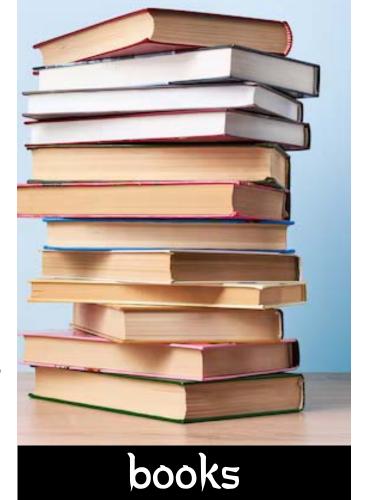
• Step 3

Take a baking dish that will fit your cigars tightly in a single layer(any shape is fine, even a round cake tin). Brush the inside of the dish with the remaining melted butter and lay in the cigars. You can trim them to fit, or coil them in circles if using a round cake tin. Bake for 30 minutes, until golden brown, then remove from the oven and pour over the syrup. Allow to cool before serving.





- 1. Who wrote the novel You Only Live Twice?
- 2. Where, according to the Bible, is the site of the final battle between nations that will end the world?
- 3. In which Dickens novel did the character Uriah Heep appear?
- 4. What is the subject of Desmond Morris's book *The Naked Ape?*
- 5. Which fictional detective made his first appearance in A *Study in Scarlet?*
- 6. Who wrote Das Kapital?
- 7. Which fictional barrister was created by John Mortimer?
- 8. For which book by Salman Rushdie the Ayatollah impose a fatwa?
- 9. The Day of the Jackal is about an assassination plot on whom?
- 10. Which former jockey made a career from writing horse racing whodunnits?
- 11. Who wrote *The Female Eunuch* in 1970?
- 12. What is the surname of Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It was also Hyacinth's surname?
- 13. What type of book was Samuel Pepys famous for?
- 14. *Uncle Toms Cabin* was a novel which argued against what?
- 15. Who was the famous manservant created by P G Wodehouse?
- 16. What is the subject of Benjamin Spock's books?
- 17. What is the second book of the Old Testament?
- 18. What is Mario Puzo's most famous novel, published in 1969?
- 19. Which Charles Dickens novel is about the French revolution?
- 20. Who created George Smiley?



- 21. Which author wrote over one hundred books featuring the detective Maigret?
- 22. In which university is the Bodleian Library?
- 23. What is the world's largest library?
- 24. What was the follow-up to *50 Shades of Grey?*
- What was the name of the book byMichael Ondaatje that was made into anOscar winning film with Ralph Fiennes?



Letter from China, some surprises.

At last, the temperatures are beginning to fall, and we have said goodbye to mid to low 30's with high humidity. We are now looking to more comfortable mid 20's and have turned off the aircon. Maybe we will need the sweaters we bought after all.

One of the most surprising things about China is the lack of advertising. Whether it be in sport, streets, subway, buses and just about everywhere, there is an absence of advertisements. It's quite refreshing to not be bombarded by commercials at every opportunity.

Having now been to numerous sports events, not only is there a lack of advertising, but there is never alcohol on sale. People in general here, rarely consume beer and wine, let alone spirits. The atmosphere at all sports events is good humoured, appreciative and thoroughly relaxing and enjoyable. They are also family friendly perhaps indicative of a culture less focused on alcohol consumption. Bars where you pop in for a drink are very few and far between and tend to be of western design. Within walking distance, I would say within 3km, there is only one bar we know of although you can in most places get a beer with your meal.

The generosity of our hosts here is simply incredible. This is the local way of showing appreciation for our voluntary efforts. At every opportunity we are given gifts, from candles, to food, ties, wine, stamps, scarves, fans and much more. I really don't know how we are going to manage to bring it all back.

Electric vehicles abound with most buses fully electric and the number and design of Tesla's beyond belief. BMW's, Mercs, VW's are the most common with large VWs leading the field. There are also numerous local electric vehicles with unusual

names. There are no clapped-out cars spewing out diesel or exhaust fumes. All taxis too are hybrid or electric. Roads up to fourteen lanes wide are not unusual. The road outside the campus, for example has six lanes. Likewise, electric scooters and bikes are found in abundance and there are different segregation systems here. Sometimes there are dedicated bike and scooter lanes, at others there are distinctive road markings that are adhered to by all. At junctions there are shelters from the sun and rain for bikes and scooters. The wait at big junctions when you may have eight lanes crossing another eight lanes, can require long waits.

On-street parking of bikes, scooters and cars is rare as there are dedicated parks everywhere. Embarrassingly I parked my bike in a wrong place. I was gently reminded by a cop about parking restrictions, then he sent me off to the shop while he guarded my illegally parked bike.

On Friday I celebrated my birthday with friends and colleagues at a wonderful banquet. Despite my passing years I am welcome here as a guest and honorary lecturer. However, the retirement rules here are very different. Men retire at 60 and women retire at 50 or 55 depending upon their profession. The most physical forms of work retire earliest. In education advisory and part time positions are available to the most eminent staff but paid positions of responsibility are not possible.

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It's the climate, stupid

Climate change has been relegated in this election campaign to a minor topic on the periphery even though climate threats are existential. While the campaign focuses on our short-term economic welfare, daily reminders of climate threats fail to get the priority attention they deserve. Recently more than 10,000 people died in a devastating flood in Libya. Last week floods in our own country brought silt and slash out of the Queenstown hills following on from the terribly destructive events in Auckland, Tairāwhiti and Wairoa earlier this year. This summer we are told to expect severe droughts here and an aggressive, life-threatening fire season across the Tasman.

At last week's *Climate Change and Business Conference* we heard how the emissions curve is bending down, but we are still well short of our 2030 targets. Climate Change Commissioner Dr Rod Carr reinforced the need for robust urgent action. We need to join up the dots and connect these extreme weather events to the urgent need for more, faster climate mitigation and the economic transformation it requires.

We welcome the major parties' commitments to our 2030 and 2050 targets. Labour has just released a detailed Climate Manifesto and we await one from National. The Greens understandably have progressive climate change policies whilst Act wants to do away with the Climate Change Commission and the Zero Carbon Act altogether.



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Sadly, this is now in jeopardy as the advertising support we get from local companies and local bodies has reduced considerably to the point where the Pinkie is barely covering costs.

This is somewhat ironic, since a couple of years ago when we were printing 200 copies a week (and the publication was selling for \$2 a copy) advertising revenue has dropped considerably - the irony being that we have in the interim made it free, added a website and every Monday morning are emailing a link to The Pinkie website and the latest edition to a subscription list in excess of 600 people. In some cases (like business card advertising) we have actually reduced the price of advertising by up to 35%.

We have reached the stage where despite the fact we are now going out to 400% more people and companies, we have had to absorb substantial increases in costs and our revenue stream has dropped considerably.

We really need the support of local companies and local bodies to continue serving that area of the community that needs our help.

Unless we receive an increase in advertising it is likely that the Pinkie may have to fold, which would be an indictment on the community we have been supporting in various form for almost one hundred years.



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The big differences to ball golf are time and cost. An 18 hole round of disc golf can take 45-90mins and a starter pack of discs will only set you back \$50-\$60 which then allows you play as much as you like as 95% of courses are free to play in local parks and recreation spots.

For the Hanmer Springs tournament on October 15, 72 players and their support crews will descend on Hanmer Golf Course for the Inaugural Hanmer Hot Rounds Disc Golf Tournament.

Players will play two rounds on the day with a mixture of Pro, Amateur, Junior and age protected divisions being able to play. An 18 hole custom layout will be created over the first 9 of the normal holes at the golf club for what is hoped to be the first of a regular annual event. Temporary 'pop up' disc golf courses on regular 'ball golf' course are popular with players (who are accustomed to playing in more public reserves and wooded forests) due to the manicured nature of the green space. Also Disc golfers enjoy using the parts of the course that are rarely used by 'ball golfers' i.e the trees!.

With many of the players taking the opportunity to travel to Hanmer early with their families to enjoy the local hospitality it is hoped that events like this can have a positive impact on the local economy and create sponsorship opportunities and opportunities to grow the sport in the region.

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Hanmer Springs School Pinkie Report Holidays Week 2

Journalists - Amelia Saric, Rosie Abbott, Amelia Nelson, Sharnie Inglis, Charlie Bryant, Kiara Bratschi



Information report writing by Kārearea class Y7/8.

Kārearea class have been learning about native New Zealand birds and have written information reports about kiwi.

Kiwi.

Kiwi are native birds of Aotearoa. They are only found in New Zealand and belong to a group of birds known as ratites. Kiwi are flightless and vulnerable to predators so we need to protect them.



Some names of kiwi are Brown Kiwi, Great Spotted Kiwi, Rowi and Tokoeka. Kiwi dig burrow with their powerful legs which they also use for running and fighting. Kiwi have a unique appearance, for example; they have brown hair like feathers and they have a long beak with nostrils at the end. Kiwi have undeveloped wings and chest muscles. They also don't have breast bones which are known as sternum or a tail.

Kiwi's original habitats are moist coniferous forest dominated by kauri and tree ferns, native forest and scrub, to rough farmland and plantation forest, right through to sand dunes, snowy tussocks and even mangroves. Some kiwi like Rowi or Okarito kiwi live on the West Coast of the South Island.

Before people arrived in New Zealand kiwi had a great life without predators. They didn't need to fly because they didn't have predators. Today our forest is silent and the kiwi population has fallen to around 68,000 birds. Only 5% of chicks born in the wild make it to adulthood and 95% have been killed by human introduced animals. Lastly I would like to request everyone in the world not to cut trees and habitat of all organisms. Let them live peacefully by not cutting or burning trees. Thank you! By Raanvi

Kiwi.

Kiwi are native birds in New Zealand. It is not very common to find many kiwi in the wild. They live in burrows in forests throughout New Zealand. They cannot fly unlike lots of other birds. They have big feet to search in the ground. Kiwi have brown hair like feathers. Kiwi use their long beak to search in the ground for worms and insects which are a big part of their diet.



Kiwi are pear shaped and flightless birds with short legs and a long beak. They have brown feathers that's like hair. Kiwi have big feet for fighting, running and digging in the ground. Kiwi have whiskers around the base of their beak. These super sensitive whiskers are likely to have evolved to help the bird feel its way through the dark.

Kiwi are native to New Zealand. They live in native forests, scrubs and native bushes. They especially like places where stands of trees run down to rivers and include pockets of wetland vegetation. They live across New Zealand, from Tawharanui in the South to Whakaangi in the North.

Kiwi are omnivorous and although worms are a big part of their diet, they will also readily eat woodlice, millipedes, centipedes, slugs, snails, spiders, insects, seeds, berries and plant material. Kiwi feed at night and probe into the ground with their bill up to a depth of 12cm. Kiwi use their long beak to sniff

out food from the ground. They have nostrils at the end of their beak so they often have to blow out alot.

Kiwi are unique to New Zealand and in some parts of New Zealand they are endangered. It is important to take care of their habitat and the kiwi bird so they don't become extinct. By Preeti

Food Forest.

Towards the end of Term 3 the Y7&8 boys were welcomed down to the Hanmer Springs food forest by Grum. They spent the morning down there learning about the background of the food forest and working hard to lay mulch down on the ground. The boys did an exceptional job all morning with Blake and Noah even working through smoko! They hope to get back down there in Term 4 as it's a great way to give back and be part of the local community. They are also working towards the William Pike Challenge which requires 20 hours of community service and what better way to achieve this! Thanks Grum, see you next term.



A FEW THOUGHTS, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE TWO MAIN NEW ZEALAND POLITICAL PARTIES RECENTLY ANNOUNCED FORWARD FINANCIAL PLANS From Pita Alexander

The best starting point here is a close look at the Treasury report to Government on 12 September 2023, simply because it shows exact data for the last 11 years, and deep estimated data for the next four years.

A. What is the key data: (Government balance date is 30 June each year)

(All data in billions of NZ\$)

		Actual data 2023	Estimated data 2024	Estimated data 2025	Estimated data 2026	Estimated data 2027
1	Gross Government Debt	\$141.224	\$165.770	\$190.994	\$207.579	\$223.719
2	(Increase) in Debt	(\$22.274)	(\$24.546)	(\$25.225)	(\$16.585)	(\$16.140)
3	Government Gross Income (GDP)	\$393.512	\$416.553	\$437.963	\$463.388	\$488.645
4	Gross Debt as Percentage of GDP	35.88%	39.79%	43.61%	44.79%	45.78%
5	Government Net Assets	\$183.479	\$175.709	\$175.947	\$180.978	\$190.075

- B. Some comments concerning the data in the schedule:
 - 1. An estimated increase in New Zealand Government debt over the five years to end 30 June 2027 of \$104.769 billion an increase of 88% since 30 June 2022.
 - 2. An estimated increase in gross income (called gross domestic product) over the five years of \$125.39 billion an increase of 34.52% since 30 June 2022.
 - 3. An estimated increase in Government net assets over the five years of \$23.039 billion an increase of 13.79% since 30 June 2022.
 - 4. Points (1), (2) and (3) are all signs of a business living beyond its means the New Zealand Government debt in 2013 (only 10 years ago) was \$77.964 billion by 2027 (14 years later) the debt figure is estimated to be \$223.719 billion in percentage terms, an increase over the 14 years of 187%.
 - 5. The increase in Government net assets does not mean too much some of it is new infrastructure (and is actual cash costs) but some of it is a valuation of New Zealand owned roads, bridges, hospitals and schools which are book value entries, even though they may be real enough.
 - 6. Based simply on the increase in New Zealand Government debt over the five years, the country is going backwards in cold-blooded cash terms of \$104.769 billion an average of \$20.9538 billion per year (mostly interest but some rent and lease costs).

- 7. The Government financing cost in 2027 is estimated at \$9.84 billion which is an enormous increase since 2013 this financing cost will be Government's fourth largest cost after welfare, health and education in 2027.
- 8. If it were not for Government having some significant capital gains in its investments regarding New Zealand Super Fund and ACC, the financial data for the year ended 30 June 2023 would have been a lot worse.
- 9. C. So what really is required here:
 - 1. The Government fiscal income (that is taxes) is not high enough or, if you like, the Government overall revenue is simply a long way from covering its present expenses.
 - 2. Reducing Government expenses is something no government seems to be any good at (this applies right around the world) but a dose of austerity and consolidation is very much called for.
 - 3. How much is the present administration intending, at this point, to borrow during the year to end 30 June 2024: \$24.546 billion.
 - What are a few areas not well thought through by the Political Parties in our opinion:
 - The removal of GST on fruit and vegetables, saving families perhaps \$5-\$6 per week, is economic nonsense.

- 1. The \$14 billion of tax refunds proposed over a four year period is also nonsense the country cannot afford this at this time.
- 2. Government is going to find that its corporate tax take for 2024, and maybe 2025, is going to be a lot lower than anticipated mainly due to lower demand/lower prices from China.
- 3. Both the two main parties financial plans for the next five years are unrealistic an inflation rate of, say, 4% over each of the next five years Government expenses represents an increase in Government annual costs of around \$5 billion a year.
- 4. A drop in the welfare costs (around \$43 billion in the current year), which is much the single biggest Government cost by a long way, should be entertained, but the best Government could do is perhaps limit the previous point an absolute reduction of any significance looks unlikely.
- 5. Both agriculture and tourism will add income on a gradual basis, but really they are both quite mature businesses and any major income increases are again unlikely, at least in terms of the current Government financial problems.
- 6. The way things are going, any major costs to be thrust upon agriculture regarding climate control issues will need to be very carefully put together agriculture at the moment is miles away from facing a significant cost in this area.
- 7. Every 11.5 years or so the world has faced a 'Black Swan' event (worldwide crisis of some kind) there is nothing in the treasury report to cope with this, although there are pages and pages about risk management. Within the next five years, it would be optimistic to think nothing out of the ordinary will crop up.
- Where might Government find, say, the 50% of its otherwise proposed new debt for the year to end 30 June 2024:
- 1. An increase in GST rate from 15% to, say, 18% (a 20% increase) this would (based on the 2023 year) produce an increase of: \$5.6 billion
- 2. Increase all Government charges by 10% perhaps an increase of: **\$0.5billion**
- 3. Sell and lease back long term some buildings they presently own would realise, say: **\$2.0 billion**

- 4. Reduce some Government personal costs regarding employees would reduce costs, say: **\$0.8billion**
- 5. Increase corporate tax cost by moving it from 28% to 30% (an increase of 7.15%) **\$1.27 billio**n
- 6. Face up to a reduction in the overall welfare payment say a 5% reduction \$2.07 billion

 Total \$122.24 billion

It is no good you thinking that you don't like anything we have suggested here - the reality is that the New Zealand Government financial status quo is a long way from working and all of us need to face up to issues we don't like personally, but the country needs.

F. Lastly,

A few positive features:

- 1. Many countries around the world are a lot weaker financially than New Zealand.
- 2. The New Zealand Government needs better management, more thought through decisions, and much less wellbeing issues maybe this is coming.
- 3. House values have stabilised and look as though they could be on the rise again.
- 4. New Zealand is one of the better areas around the world for climate change effects.
- 5. The world is going to have more and more problems around fresh water New Zealand is very well situated in this regard.
- 6. New Zealand does not have air pollution issues large parts of Europe (740 million people) have a serious air pollution problem.
- 7. A slight further increase in the world's temperature around the equator and there will be climate migration (almost all northwards) on a scale much higher than we have witnessed so far.
- 8. New Zealand (mainly due to Michael Cullen and Bill English) still has borrowing power as a country but we need to keep it this way.
- 9. New Zealand is still one of the best countries in the world in which to bring up our children and retire in.
- 10. Asia has around 4.7 billion people who all need to eat, and as they move up the income chain, they more and more need what New Zealand produces we only need 1% of their market.



OCTOBER '23

- Hanmer Springs Film Club. Golf Club @ 6.40 pm
- 15 Hanmer Hot Rounds Disc Golf Tournament
- 22 Family Event Remnant House
- 26-29 Hurunui Garden Festival
- 27 Hanmer Springs Fete
- 29 Amuri Lions Charity Golf 4some

NOVEMBER

- 2&3 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Amuri Players 7.30 pm
- Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 2pm 4
- 4th Waiau Fireworks
- Shootout Golf Final 5
- 8,9,10 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 7 pm
- Anglican Church Fete (if wet Sunday 19th) 18
- 18 BBQ with Lucky Koha Remnant House
- 19 Service with Lucky @ remnant House

DECEMBER '23

- Alpine Marathon
- 11 Hanmer's little Big Band @ The Library 3-4pm
- Hanmer's little Big Band @ The 5 Stags 5-6pm 11
- 9 Family Christmas Party Remnant House
- Christmas Hamper Golf Tournament 16
- 17 Christmas Picnic in the Park &
 - H S School Grounds
- Special Christmas Service @ remnant House 24

Please let us know if you have any future special events and we will list them here. Research has shown that this calendar is frequently consulted

AMURI LIONS CLUB

Canadian Foursomes Charity Match

Categories for both MEN and LADIES and non-handicapped players.

AMURI GOLF COURSE Sunday 29th October 2023

Tee off 11.30 am

Get a partner and come along for a fun day of golf. We are raising money for young people in our community. We sponsor them to go on sporting competitions, Spirit of New Zealand sailing, Outward Bound and other major youth activities.

We have a complimentary BBQ stand after you have played 9 holes and a great country hospitality afternoon tea at the end of the round There are great prizes with the best gross and best nett claiming the major prize but many others on the prize table.

We also have a raffle and there is a cash bar.

\$25 per player

Please contact :

Mike Satterthwaite 0272212675

Gregor Mackenzie 027 621 6164



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Hurunui District Councillors

Please feel free to contact us, as your closest representatives

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Dave Hislop

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Ross Barnes, Mount Lyford 03 315 6583

ross. barnes@hurunui.govt.nz

Karen Armstrong, Waikari 03 314 4042 or 0274 383 464 karen.armstrong@hurunui.govt.nz

HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Results 05/10/2023 1st – J Pillidge & D East

GOLF RESULTS

No golf results this week as the Men's 54 Hole tournament is in progress

JPs in Hanmer Springs

Alice Stielow 021 317 001 Joy Wilson 027 220 2511 Rod Ell 315 7222 or 027 437 2464 Jonathan Gardiner 315 7925 or 027 685 9276 Ann Toomey 03 384 2564 or 021 155 7622

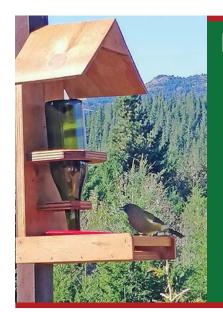
Please help make an event of the last movie night of the year with a fantastic turnout for

The Dressmaker

light snacks are available.

6.40 pm Friday

@ the Golf Club



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CLASSES & FITNESS, CLUBS & MUSIC

HANMER SINGS Adults Choir

Come and raise the roof with us! We are a super–friendly and welcoming bunch who simply love singing. We sing a wide variety of songs (always open to requests!) while learning harmonies and singing techniques.

Hanmer Sings is FREE! The more the merrier! Donations are optional.

Tuesday nights 7pm-8.30pm @ the School

HANMER SPRINGS TENNIS CLUB

During season twilight tennis plus kid's coaching.

Contacts:

Olivia Reid 021 548 776 (adults) Sarah Currie 021 082 64557 (kids)

HANMER SPRINGS COMMUNITY GYM

For use by members. Located downstairs @ Sports Pavilion. Machines for Cardio & Weight exercise. Membership enquiries phone

Shane Adcock 021 921 109

HANMER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Dinner meetings every 2nd Thursday of the month at Five Stags at 6.30pm. All welcome. To join or for more information contact: Boio Sarahu–Hothersall at hanmerspringslionsclub@gmail.com

LOCAL LADIES CATCHUP

Every first Wednesday of the month at **Fire and Ice** from 5.30pm

We are a fun loving, vivacious group and can have from 5 to over 20 of us attend each month

FILM CLUB

Venue: The Golf Club Rooms Next movies: **15th September**, **13th October** @ **6.40pm** \$18 – Cash only

Hot food, soft drinks & snacks available Contact: hanmermusicandarts@gmail.com

PILATES

Pilates classes @ 12 Amuri Ave

Monday 5.30pm

Thursday 8.45am and 10am

Corrie 021 045 7666 Wendy 027 243 2123

LINE DANCING

Memorial Hall Monday 1pm Contact Penny 027 2408 321 Cost: Donation

HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays at the Anglican Church Hall @ 7.15pm Call Joy 027 220 2511

SING & STRUM

Wednesdays during school terms

For more information contact: hanmermusicandarts@gmail.com

AQUACIZE

Thermal Pools Entrance Monday Mornings 10am Informal group. Will need aqua stick. For more information contact: Linda 021 223 8188

TUESDAY WALKERS

Tuesday morn walks in local forest area. Approx 1.5 – 2 hours. Meet 9.45am at Jollies Pass Rd Forest Entry Car Park (by old DoC house).

More info Anne 021 277 7515
or Julian 021 148 2811

TRAMPING GROUP

Day tramps in local mountains and surrounding areas. Every Wednesday.

For more information contact: Janet 021 103 4303 Mt Isobel Tramping Group

HANMER SPRINGS BIG BAND

Monday 7pm @ the School (during Term) New members always welcome. You will need to read music or have a good ear. Contact Marguerite 021 125 4062 Cost: FREE

MORRIS DANCING

Lots of laughs with some added exertion. Dancers and musicians welcome.

Sundays 7pm onwards Contact John 021 395 022

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB HANMER SPRINGS

Meetings first Tuesday each month. Fun and Fellowship for the more mature. To join or for more information contact: Carolyn Hall 027 360 9001 Dennis Hall 021 294 1541

FACILITIES, VENUES & CHURCHES

HANMER SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

Available for hire for functions, weddings, Funerals etc. Fully equipped kitchen. Spacious, warm, carpeted room. Bar facilities. Phone 315 7110

REMNANT CHURCH NZ

Sunday 10am. All welcome. Remnant House 108 Rippingale Rd Children's Church & He Brews Monthly lunches & Evening service A Four Square International Church Phone 021 076 7236 for details

HANMER SPRINGS SPORTS PAVILION

Available for sports groups, weddings, functions etc. Fully equipped kitchen. Large carpeted function room, changing rooms, showers. Contact: The Hurunui District Council, Nicola on 03 314 8816

HANMER CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

31 Jollies Pass Road – Sundays 10am 1st and 3rd Sunday – Morning Worship 2nd and 4th Sunday – Communion Tea & coffee after Sunday Service Contact Jonathan Gardiner (Warden) 315 7925 or 0276 859 276

ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

Available for hire for Community Groups, Meetings, worship, retreats etc.

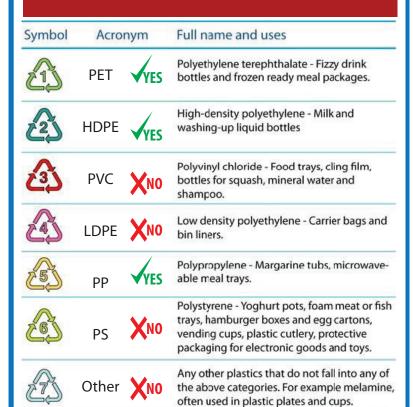
Contact:

Shirley Whitaker 0274 161 415

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HURUNUI

St Roch's Church 27 Amuri Ave. Mass 5pm each Saturday. Culverden Church Mass 6.30pm first Sunday of each month & 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Know your Plastic Codes as In Hurunui 1, 2 and 5 ONLY can be Recycled





HANMER SPRINGS TRANSFER STATION 637 Hanmer Springs Road

Tuesday: 10am to 2.00pm Wednesday: 10am to 2.00pm

• Friday: 10am to 2.00pm • Sunday: 10am to 2.00pm

Out of hours recycling facilities for paper, card, cans, plastics (types 1, 2 & 5 only), and glass bottles

Please ensure recycling is clean, loose and all lids are removed.

Soft plastics (i.e. those you can scrunch in your hand) are not recyclable and must be placed in the refuse.

Kerbside refuse and recycling collection — Monday 8am Only official refuse and recycling bags will be collected.

Clean paper, card, cans and plastics types (1, 2 & 5) only) can be recycled in official recycling bags. If in doubt — place it in the refuse to save contaminating recycling.

Non—complying bags and recycling bags containing glass and/or soft plastics will not be collected.

Rubbish & recycling Hanmer Springs Transfer Station, Hanmer Springs Service Station, bags available from: The Library, The Log Cabin, Super Liquor

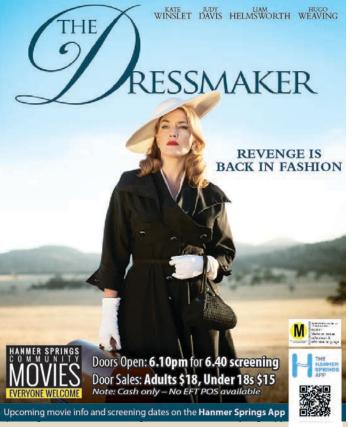
All dressed up with somewhere to go!

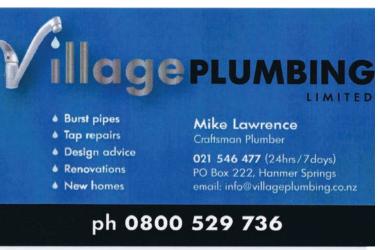
Based on Rosalie Ham's best selling novel, The Dressmaker is the story of femme fatale Tilly Dunnage who returns to her small home town to right the wrongs of the past. A stylish drama with comic undertones about love, revenge and haute couture.

The Dressmaker features a story where the underdog succeeds while promoting Aussie dry wit. Myrtle 'Tilly' Dunnage (Kate Winslet) returns home to rural Australia after spending time abroad developing her fashion designing skills. As a child she was sent to a boarding school in Melbourne by Sergeant Farrat (Hugo Weaving) for she was accused of murdering a boy who bullied her. Her mother, Molly (Judy Davis) initially doesn't recognise her and isn't convinced she's her daughter. She eventually accepts her in her house and Tilly transforms it into a fashion factory where she makes clothes for the women of the town. In the meantime, she becomes romantically involved with Teddy McSwiney (Liam Hemsworth) whom she has known since they were children. The town still hasn't forgiven her for apparently killing the boy and believe she is cursed. Tilly will virtually stop at nothing to exact revenge on those who did her

The Dressmaker's compelling story features a wide range of interesting quintessentially Australian characters. A lot of the dialogue is witty and adds much to the Aussie humour on show. Davis garners most of the laughs in a performance which demonstrates her sensational acting ability. Winslet perfects the Aussie accent and many of the scenes she shares with her screen mother are hilarious. Weaving also has his turn in the spotlight with a wonderful performance as the cross-dressing police officer. Hemsworth plays it straight in comparison to his co-stars and reliably fulfills his role as the love interest. Credit must go to the stunning costume designs with the haute couture style befitting the movie title. With the story being reminiscent of a Clint Eastwood western where the main character comes to town, mingles with the locals then affects their lives one way or another, the music score by David Hirschfelder has some resemblance to a western. It's an exciting score that perfectly sets up the moods of the characters and the theme of the plot. The cinematography by Donald McAlpine also enhances the look of the film, ensuring that the rural town maintains its 'western' appearance. The overall quality of the film ensures that most viewers will be entertained.









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