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## POOLS NEWS

The Pinkie met up with Graeme Abbot last week for a catch up on all things Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa. Good news is that over the summer the complex is seen a growth of just over 4% on the previous year.

"Figures are promising," Graeme told us, "And we are just short of our pre-Covid turn-outs."

"All we need to achieve that is have the return of our foreign tourists and their numbers are rising, with every indication that they are coming back."

"We are also beginning to see a boost from some of the cruise ship bus excursions coming back."

Over the Christmas holiday period they put through 4,100 people in one day with a total of 78,000 people since Boxing Day (until 24th January).

The new slides have proven very popular with an average of 5400 rides a day.

The Tea Kiosk is also doing very well with excellent figures over the summer period. They did 400 pizzas on day alone. It is a matter of being able to produce them quickly enough to meet the demand and they are working on streamlining their processes in order to speed up their service.

With regard to summer hours and 9 pm closing, Graeme told us, "We have the best bunch of staff we have had in ages and we will definitely be staying open until 9 pm until Easter and maybe beyond."

### Fly Ride

The hearing of objections to the granting of approval to the Fly Ride has been set down for March 18. The hearing is going to be heard in Hanmer Springs and is set down to last the whole week. Approval was granted some time ago but the group calling themselves 'Friends of Conical Hill' put in an objection. The hearing had been set down for last November, but was delayed due to the a bereavement in the family of a Commissioner.

### Soldiers Block

The start of work on the Soldiers Block renovation and rebuild is getting closer. The Council call for expressions of interest in the project received eight responses from contractors. This has now been reduced to three who have received documentation for tenders.

It is hoped that construction work will start within two or three months. At this stage Weta Workshops are still very keen to be involved in the project.



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## HANMER SPRINGS FOODBANK



Did you know there is a "Foodbank" in Hanmer Springs that has funds available to help those that are struggling at the moment. This Foodbank money has been made available from generous donations by the Hanmer Springs community. A Four Square grocery voucher will be given to those eligible. If you, or you know someone that lives in the Hanmer Springs community that may be eligible please email:

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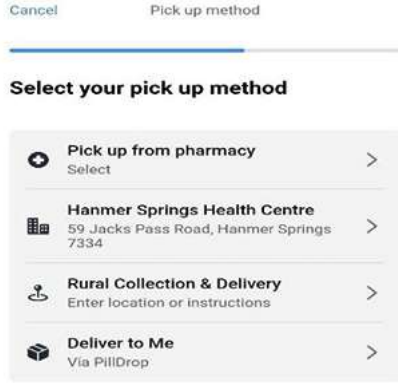


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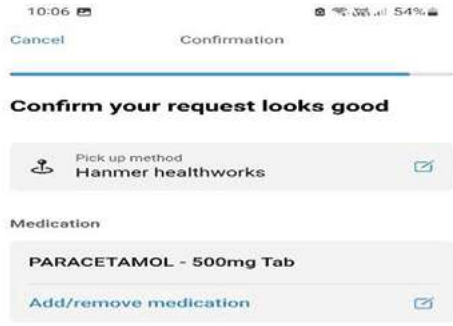
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trivia.

Quiz



1. What was burned in 1883 to produce "The Ashes" cricket trophy?
2. Who was the athlete who won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics?
3. What is the term for the main group of cyclists in a race?
4. Who did Muhammad Ali defeat to become the world heavyweight champion in 1964?
5. Who was the only racing driver to win the world championship driving his own car?
6. Who was known as 'The Golden Bear'?
7. Which word game was invented by the architect Alfred Butts?
8. How many properties on a Monopoly board?
9. What are the periods of play in a polo match called?
10. In poker what is a blaze?
11. Which game derives its name from the Persian word 'shah' meaning 'king'?
12. Who was the only world heavyweight boxing champion to retire undefeated?
13. What is an 'albatross' at golf?
14. Three South American teams have won the World Cup: Argentina, Brazil and who?
15. What is the longest athletics race at the Olympics?
16. The US Masters golf tournament is always held at which course every year?
17. Which cricketer had a test batting average of 99.94 when he retired?
18. What was the original name of 'bingo'?

19. What does the acronym SCUBA stand for?
20. How many holes does a ten pin bowling ball have?
21. Which city's football supporters do you associate with the song 'You'll Never Walk Alone'?
22. What was unusual about the University Boat Race in 1912?
23. Who is the coach of the New Zealand cricket team?
24. Where was the world's first motor racing Grand Prix held (in 1906)?



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## Soba noodles in chilled chicken broth

This is a super-easy soup to make, especially as you can use store-bought chicken broth. Leave the stock in the freezer until very cold – the colder, the better on a hot day. You can use cooked buckwheat instead of the soba noodles; and could also replace the prawns with chunks of cooked chicken with the skin removed.

### Ingredients

- 1.6L homemade or good-quality shop-bought chicken stock
- 15g ginger, thinly sliced
- 60ml rice wine vinegar, plus extra to serve
- 40ml soy sauce, plus extra to serve
- 400g soba noodles
- 30ml sesame oil
- 8 king prawns, peeled and cooked
- ½ nashi pear or bosc pear, peeled, cored and julienned just before serving to avoid discolouring
- 70g cucumber, halved, deseeded and julienned
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and halved
- 10g spring onion, white part only, finely chopped
- 20g toasted sesame seeds
- wasabi paste

### Method

- **Step 1**  
Combine stock and ginger in a heavy-based saucepan and bring to the boil over medium heat. Remove from the heat and add rice wine vinegar and soy sauce. Allow to cool before pouring into a freezer-safe bowl and placing into the freezer to chill for an hour.
- **Step 2**  
Bring a large, heavy-based saucepan of water to the boil, add the noodles and cook for 3 minutes or until just cooked through. Drain and refresh multiple times in cold water until the noodles are cold. Drain well, then toss with sesame oil to prevent them from sticking together. Refrigerate until well chilled.
- **Step 3**  
Divide noodles among 4 bowls, ladle over the chilled broth, then garnish with prawns, pear, cucumber, hard-boiled egg and spring onion before scattering with toasted sesame seeds. Serve with extra rice wine vinegar, soy sauce and wasabi so that everyone can season to taste.



## Steak and avocado salad with fried garlic vinaigrette

Fried garlic takes a simple vinaigrette to another level, infusing the oil with its toasty flavour. It's the keystone that locks together juicy steak, creamy avocado and fresh crisp salad leaves. This is one of my favourite salads of all time.

### Ingredients

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 3 anchovies, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 tsp dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- a good pinch of sugar
- salt, for seasoning
- 2 x 300g sirloin steaks
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 small yellow capsicum, very finely sliced
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1 small red onion, very finely sliced
- 6 cups mixed baby spinach and rocket leaves
- 1 cup snow-pea shoots (optional)
- 1 tbsp finely chopped parsley

### Method

- Heat a medium frying pan over medium heat and add the oil, then the anchovies and garlic. Cook for about 3 minutes, stirring regularly until the garlic is browned and crisp and the anchovies have nearly disappeared. Pour the entire contents of the pan into a heatproof bowl and whisk in the mustard, lemon juice, white wine vinegar and sugar and set aside to cool to room temperature.  
Return the pan to high heat. When the small amount of oil still remaining in the pan starts to smoke, season the steaks well and fry the steaks until cooked to your liking. Rest in a warm place until ready to serve.  
Toss the tomatoes, capsicum, avocado, onion, salad leaves and, if using, snowpea shoots together. Thickly slice the steak and arrange on top of the salad. Combine any meat juices with the dressing, add the parsley and whisk to combine. Pour the dressing over the salad to serve.






## Holidays; Coming to a Close

Well, what a summer it has been. I suppose many of us will say it's been too hot but then again, we always like to have a moan about the weather. I have to say I take my hat off to all the staff in our local businesses. Having to work in this heat with so many visitors, they have been true heroes. Well done and sincere thanks.

I would also say a big thank you to the emergency services who also have had a busy year. We are so grateful you are on hand to help us and support us and the visitors in times of need. It has been reassuring that you are available. I am sure many of us have our hearts in our mouths when we hear the fire siren go off. We know it is so dry and the forests and wilderness are tinder boxes. Couple the fire risks and water shortages and many have been very nervous during the last few weeks. Thankfully the forests and trails are closed and by and large most are respecting that. Most too, respected the ban on sprinklers. Our water conservation worked, and restrictions have been lifted, but we still need vigilance and there is no excuse for profligacy.

Sitting here drinking an ice-cold water stored in the fridge, we are blessed to have such good and readily available water. So much of the world does not have the quality and availability of water that we are blessed with. Our rivers here are clean and fresh too. How many locals have been jumping in the rivers to cool off. Wonderful.



I am also loving how dog friendly our village is. Most of the villagers seem to own pets and we are very tolerant of our four-legged friends. They bring such joy and push many of us into exercise. And thank you to the bars, restaurants and cafes that allow us space to bring our pets. Very European and very cool. I hate seeing dogs locked and left in cars by their owners. What a pleasure to see so many beautiful dogs on the Domain.

I have had a wonderful time here this holiday and I repeat a huge thanks to all those who have met our needs and been on standby to protect us. Life in our town is simply great, we don't know how lucky we are.

At HDC we are currently working on the Long Term Plan. The repeal of the Three Waters (Affordable Water) Bill has resulted in us having to borrow and invest in new resources which will have a huge impact on borrowing and rates. The Long Term Plan will come out for public consultation soon. Please get involved and ask questions. I hate debt but it is an inevitable consequence of providing high quality water.

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## Olivia Adcock - Joint Head Student at Amuri Next Year

The Pinkie had the great pleasure of an informal chat with Olivia Adcock, who is to be Head Student at Amuri for 2024, a role she will hold conjointly with Laura Cundy, also from Hanmer Springs and with whom we spoke in last week's Pinkie.

"It's a great honour to be awarded this responsibility," Olivia told us. Especially for my last year at high school."

She is very much looking forward to the role, and she is equally looking with great anticipation to a future career as a veterinarian.

This will involve five years' study at Massey in Palmerston North.

We asked her about the exam results just published and she said she had done very well in Biology, Chemistry and Physics all subjects important to her career path.

"You always feel like you could have done better," she said, "But overall I was really happy."

Heading off to Massey the following year will mean a separation from friends and family in Hanmer, but this is something we have no doubt that this very mature young lady will handle with great poise and level headedness.

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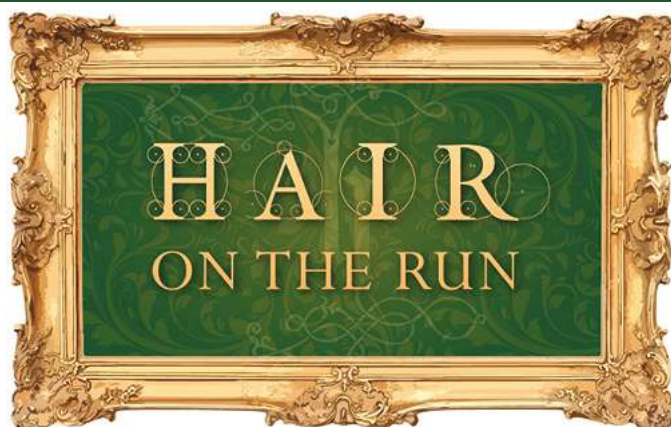
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2. Jesse Owens
3. The peloton
4. Sonny Liston
5. Jack Brabham
6. Golfer Jack Nicklaus
7. Scrabble
8. 28.
9. chukkas
10. A hand containing only court cards
11. Chess
12. Rocky Marciano
13. Three strokes under par on one hole
14. Uruguay
15. The 50 kilometre walk
16. Augusta National
17. Don Bradman
18. Housey housey
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20. Three
21. Liverpool
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Last week we published a short article about the mini-power outages that seem to occur in the early hours of the morning and asked if anyone else had been inconvenienced. We have received quite a response with nine people emailing us to tell us of problems created. As well as our having to reinstall the operating system on our work computer others have had problems with an auto garage door opener which they have had to switch off as the rapid power cuts open their garage doors leaving them vulnerable to theft, a motel with problems created in its booking system, another motel which like us had to spend two hours rebooting systems that had closed down.

We have a UPS system installed to prevent such things but the cuts have been so quick that this system does not have time to react.

We will broach the subject with Mainpower again.



Hanmer Springs Transfer Station will be closed on

Waitangi Day Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.



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# A Few Things Worth being Aware of

## By Pita Alexander

1. The Svalbard Global Seed Vault in Norway, deep within the Arctic Circle holds 100 million seeds, a complete back-up of Earth's food crops. Seeds are stored at minus 18°C to ensure their longevity. These seeds are for the good of the world's people in the event of a worldwide disaster. The first withdrawal was made by Syria.

2. How far is the sun from the earth? 149.64 million kilometres.

3. The largest Arctic iceberg is Iceberg B-15 — it is 294 kilometres long and 37 kilometres wide.



4. How many subway systems are there around the world? 180 in 80 countries. Which is the oldest? London which was established in 1883.

5. Where is the world's shortest flight? In Scotland from Westray Island to Papa Westray - if the wind is right, flight time is 53 seconds.

6. Where was the shortest war on record? Anglo/Zanzibar War of 1896 — the war lasted 38 minutes.



7. How many pizzas does the USA eat in a day? 247 hectares.

8. The USA purchased Alaska in 1867 for 4.94 cents per hectare. There were 147.77 million hectares — the price overall was \$US7.2 million.

9. Which country tends to have more pets than children? Japan

10. What numerical numbers are difficult and not used often in Japan? 4 and 9. 4 refers to death and 9 to

suffering. 49 sounds like 'run over' and 24 sounds like 'two deaths'.

11. Which countries have the longest life expectancy? Monaco and Japan — the reason is thought to be the high seafood intake, which consists of Omega 3 fatty acids.



12. Which country has the highest number of vending machines? Japan has 23 for each person. (Present population is around 122.6 million.)

13. Biggest beer drinkers in the world? Czech Republic — 1.9 billion litres a year — this equates to just under 184 litres bottles of beer per person per annum. Beer is cheaper than bottled water.

14. What year was the first heart transplant operation performed? 1967, in South Africa by Christian Barnard

15. Blood types vary by country. The most common type is

In the USA O positive

In Japan A Positive

In the UK O

16. How much blood does the average human body contain?? Around 4.54 to 5.68 litres. — approximately 10% of total body weight



17. Doubtful people who were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize — Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin.





18. For how long can a whale hold its breath?

Approximately an hour.

19. How long can you survive

3 minutes without air

3 hours without shelter

3 days without water

3 weeks without food

20. What is the International phone number for help? 112

21. What does an elevator with a star opposite a floor number mean? It means that floor has an emergency exit.

22 Be careful with numbers — a million seconds ago was little over a week ago. A billion seconds ago was in 1990.



23. How many years has it taken the world population to double — in 1978 world population was 4 billion. Today (2024) it is 8.12 billion. It has taken 46 years to double — 'the rule of 72' tells us that the compound increase has been 1.55% a year.

24. A young couple both have skills at 25 years of age and decide they would like to rent for the next 40 years while they travel and enjoy life, but they are realistic and put aside \$1000 a month each at 4.5% return with a good broker — they retire at 65 years of age — what do they have to purchase a house and get them through to say 95 years. Their combined investment at 65 years of age - \$2,134,000 (tax paid)

25. What look like the three key issues for 2024 around the world that will/may effect New Zealand.

a) US interest rates — because as the world's main currency their rates effect almost every other currency and country.

b) The price of oil — because a replacement for oil is still some years away — oil still powers the world economy — a wider world conflict would cause oil prices to increase.

c) The Chinese economy — because they are the world's second biggest economy, the second biggest population. And purchases around 32% of New Zealand's exports.



26. At present Kainga Ora (Housing Corp) is owed \$24 million in unpaid rent around NZ — the equivalent of one week's rent from 48,000 houses.

27 As at 1/11/2023 the NZ unemployment rate was 3.9% and involved 118,000 people. It is estimated to rise to 5% — at 5% this unemployed NZ number would be around 151,000 people. The unemployment rates around the world are on the rise in many countries



28. What does it cost the NZ government to cover all the expenses of each person in NZ prisons at the present time? \$151,000 — \$154,000 each.

29. How much of a financial buffer/reserve does the average NZ household need? As an absolute minimum, about 10% of their gross (before tax income.

# The Long Hot Summers of the Past

How many times on these hot days do we hear the comment that it is just like the long hot summers of the past. Whether this is true or just a distortion of the memory we don't know. If you are young, older people are always telling you things were better or cheaper in the old days.

In the 1950s when I was growing up in Hanmer there was no cold water swimming pool, only the hot pools in the hospital grounds. Not even the school had a swimming pool so we all learned to swim and had our school swimming lessons in the men's pool.

When the mercury climbed up over the 80°F the only relief would be found down at the river, usually the Waiau. Transport was often a problem as not many families owned motor cars so as children those of us who owned bicycles could ride down to the Hanmer Bridge and follow the track down to where it joined the Waiau. This was a favourite place to swim, just where the warmer water of the Hanmer filtered into the river and every year after the spring floods we hoped for a decent pool there.

Most years the Donaldson brothers would get down to the Hanmer River, and often the Rogerson as well and dig out a deep hole which would last until the first fresh in the river. The front of these would be



dammed up with big rocks, work that was usually done in a community working bee or by the bigger kids.

In those days the Railway Road Services bus used to leave Hanmer at 7.30 am and of course, we knew all the drivers, so quite often the whole family would get on the bus and get dropped off at the Hanmer Bridge with strict instructions for the driver to pick us up again at 7.30 pm on the return journey. We clambered on to the bus laden with picnic rugs, thermos flasks, picnic hampers and sensible hats and set up headquarters in the trees just near the confluence. Another favourite spot was Marble Island and the bus would drop us off, opposite the Marble Quarry, where there was a track carved through the broom and the blackberries down to the river. This was a favourite family picnic spot, complete with a sandy beach and a safe back water for the little kids to paddle and very often there would be organised outings of half a dozen or more families with the ladies coordinating who brought what for the picnic lunches with bacon and egg pies, left over Christmas ham, potato salads and cold chicken and the men would have their quart bottles of Wards Ale cooling in the river. One or two families with cars would ferry everyone back and forward to the river. Ron Fitzgibbon had a 1928 Chevrolet and we once counted 18 children in it. Some hot evenings at the river it seemed like half the town was there.





Waiau Ferry Hotel 1887 Ferry bridge behind



Waiau Ferry Hotel Circa 1910



Two of the several incarnations of the (Waiau) Ferry Bridge Hotel. Both these buildings were destroyed by fire



## **JANUARY '24**

31 Harcourts Open Triple Bowls

## **FEBRUARY '24**

2 Latin Night @ Vibrant Living\*  
3 & 4 Pools & Spa Senior Pro Am Golf  
9/10. Moods & Emotions with David Riddell  
11 David Riddell @ Remnant House  
17/18. Fresh Fire are back @ Remnant House  
22-24 Amuri Players **Motherhood** @ HS Hotel Ballroom  
24 Annual Motor Fest  
24 Non-Stop Dance Party @ Five Stags  
28 to 3 March Kjole Style Women's 9 & 18 Hole Annual  
Golf Tournament

## **MARCH '24**

1 to 3 Kjole Women's Golf Tournament  
3 North Canterbury Wine & Food Festival  
9/10 Pastor Theo National Director 4 Square  
Churches @ Remnant House  
11/12 Canterbury North vs Marlborough Golf  
16 Simes and Bascand Cups Golf Tournament  
24 Selwyn Stevens Reverse the Curse 1 pm  
Remnant House  
27 7pm Jules Riding Concert Remnant House  
29 10 am Easter Friday Service Remnant House  
31 10 am Easter Sunday Service Remnant House

## **MAY ' 24**

12 Mothers' Day  
12 Cathy Irons String Quartet @ Hanmer Springs  
Hotel (Vivaldi Four Seasons, plus works by  
Borodin & Mozart) 2.30 pm

## **JULY '24**

12th Canterbury Golf Junior Open Champs

## **SEPTEMBER '24**

9 - 11 Kaikoura Women's Three Day Golf Tournament

## **OCTOBER '24**

4-6 Men's 54 hole Golf Tournament  
16 Mixed Midweek Golf. Tournament

## **NOVEMBER**

3 Golf Shootout Final

\* Vibrant Living Retreat @ 88 Rippingale Road  
Is under new management (315 7429)

Please let us know if you have events coming up within  
the next few months. Firstly, this page is often consulted  
and secondly, if you have your event listed here it helps  
prevent other people scheduling events on the same day  
as yours.

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# Community Notices

## Hurunui District Councillors

Please feel free to contact us, as your closest representatives

**Tom Davies**, Hanmer Springs

027 600 7779

tom.davies@hurunui.govt.nz

**Dave Hislop**

027 443 6909

dave.hislop@hurunui.govt.nz

**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

## JPs in Hanmer Springs

Alice Stielow 021 317001

Joy Wilson 027 2202511

Rod Ell 315 7222 or 027 4372464

Jonathan Gardiner 027 6859276

Ann Toomey 021 155 7622

Ken Williams 027 284 7241

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## HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Results 25/01/2014

North / South – T Davies & P Bennett

East / West – G Baldwin & R Hothersall



Hanmer Springs Transfer Station will be closed on Waitangi Day Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## Golf results

### Saturday

27th January

#### Stableford

##### Ladies

1st Boio Sarahu Hothersall  
45 pts

2nd Louise Pearce 40

3rd Sandy Samson 39

##### Men

1st William Taylor 42 pts

2nd Gray Prebble 41

3rd Jason Quinn 40

4th Mark Worner 40

5th T Wharepapa 40

6th Don Giles 40

##### Twos

Gray Prebble

Brian McHattie

Steve Pearson  
**Nearest the Pin**  
Mark Worner

#### Jackpot Twos

Gray Prebble

Net Eagles

Not Struck

#### Ladies Summer Cup

winner Louise Pearce

#### Mens Summer Cup

winner Brent Berry



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## CLASSES & FITNESS, CLUBS & MUSIC

### HANMER SINGS Adults Choir

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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  
If you would like to be added to our mailing list for 2024 Autumn/Winter movie season please email:

[hanmermusicandarts@gmail.com](mailto: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

### 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

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### HANMER SPRINGS SPORTS PAVILION

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Contact: The Hurunui District Council,

Nicola on 03 314 8816

### ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

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

Contact:

Shirley Whitaker 0274 161 415

### 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 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

### 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.

USE 105 FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES

Listings on these pages are FREE and are the responsibility of those listed to keep up-to-date.



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

Symbol	Acronym	Full name and uses
	PET <span style="color: green;">✓YES</span>	Polyethylene terephthalate - Fizzy drink bottles and frozen ready meal packages.
	HDPE <span style="color: green;">✓YES</span>	High-density polyethylene - Milk and washing-up liquid bottles
	PVC <span style="color: red;">✗NO</span>	Polyvinyl chloride - Food trays, cling film, bottles for squash, mineral water and shampoo.
	LDPE <span style="color: red;">✗NO</span>	Low density polyethylene - Carrier bags and bin liners.
	pp <span style="color: green;">✓YES</span>	Polypropylene - Margarine tubs, microwaveable meal trays.
	PS <span style="color: red;">✗NO</span>	Polystyrene - Yoghurt pots, foam meat or fish trays, hamburger boxes and egg cartons, vending cups, plastic cutlery, protective packaging for electronic goods and toys.
	Other <span style="color: red;">✗NO</span>	Any other plastics that do not fall into any of the above categories. For example melamine, often used in plastic plates and cups.

**Closed Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February**

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.

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