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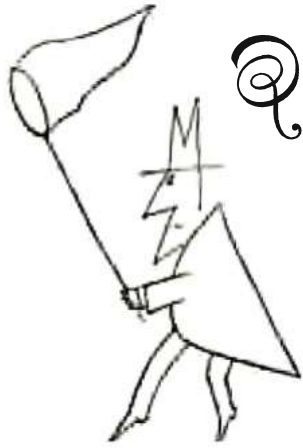
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Te Whakatakaka O Te Ngarehu O Ahi
— the falling of the embers of the fire
of Tamatea

trivia.

Quiz



1. What's the name given to an inhabitant of Manchester?
2. Which English poet wrote the poem based on the legend of *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* ?
3. Which well known Italian dessert course translates as "pick-me-up"?
4. Which animal would you associate with Paddy McGinty?
5. In which pastime would you use a 'French knot'?
6. What does the Latin phrase *ad hoc* mean?
7. How many letters does each player begin with in a game of Scrabble?
8. What is the tallest mountain in Antarctica?
9. Who is it in A A Milne's books who has a great love for honey?
10. What is the science of very low temperatures called?
11. What is the literal translation of the word 'hippopotamus'?
12. Who wrote 'The Moonlight Sonata'?
13. What is carbon dioxide in its solid form known as?
14. In English history who was 'The Lord Protector'?
15. What name was Samuel Clemens better known by?
16. A limerick always has how many lines?
17. Which breed of cow with dark red or light brown colouring is famous for its milk and bred in the Channel Islands?
18. Who wrote *Of Mice and Men*?

19. Who was Charles Lutwidge Dodgson?
20. What is the second highest peak in New Zealand?
21. What is the world's largest bird today?
22. Who played John Steed in the original version of *The Avengers*?
23. Which President of the United States introduced The New Deal?
24. Who composed the opera *Rigoletto*?
25. Which edible creature has the Latin name *Helix pomatia* ?





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Nga Whakanui i Waitangi

Have a good Waitangi Celebration. As we approach our National Holiday I look forward to the time off but also to the opportunity to reflect upon Te Tiriti and its development of our society. I also look forward to some of the celebrations surrounding the unique documents. It is probably the most forward thinking document in the world between the Crown and First Peoples. It is certainly flawed, and hugely biased in favour of colonials, but I am glad we have moved forward in the direction of reparations and land ownership. We have a long way to go in our Bi-Cultural Nation but we have a lot to be proud of. Lets celebrate.

We have a lot to look forward to in Hanmer. Hurunui District Council completed the purchase of The Queen Mary Hospital South Site. Now we own the whole site. I look forward to working on plans and proposals that will enable the site to be comprehensively developed for the benefits of our community.

The sooner we get rid of some of those old, damaged, tagged and asbestos filled buildings the better. Let's make it a site to be proud of.

Work should start soon on the EQ strengthening of the Soldiers Blocks and the renewal of all services. Then we can see the building transition into a Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura Marae, Community Spaces, maybe lots more.

I, Hurunui District Council and the Hanmer Springs Community Board will want input from you on the development of the hospital site and I look forward to us working together.

We have yet more visitors to our home in Hanmer. Its great they all want to come and visit and stay. We have Mt Isobel, The Animal Farm, The Framers Market, The Heritage Forest and the Pools on our itinerary. So much to see and do. And we love spending time with our whanau. Especially our grandchildren, we are blessed with two and a third arriving next month.

This recent heavy rain has been so welcome. I have never heard so many people grateful for the rain and no one moaning. Fantastic. But who would have thought we would be lighting log fires at the beginning of January. There has been a really good debate about the communications between residents and HDC about regulation changes and changes in Water Restrictions. It was inspired to get the illuminated sign warning incoming visitors and residents that there were water restrictions. Congratulations to the organiser, hats off to you. Facebook, texts and letters are all good mediums and I believe The Pinkie will be posting notices too. Let me know if you have ideas on communications between the Council and the Community Board and residents.

And as we pass Waitangi Day we move into Chinese New Year and the Year of the Dragon.

Happy Celebrations.
Tom Davies, Councillor HDC.
Tom.Davies@hurunui.govt.nz

New Recycling Legislation

Led by the Ministry of Environment, under the Transforming Recycling legislation, most councils around New Zealand are now standardising the way their recycling is collected, which came into effect on Thursday February 1 2024, this includes kerbside glass recycling.

Hurunui District Council has until 2027 to align itself with this legislation change.

For Hanmer Springs this means no change to the current arrangements, with household glass bottles being recycled using a Council kerbside box on collection day – providing all lids are removed.

Excess and larger volumes of glass can be dropped off to Hanmer Springs transfer station during opening hours and must not be placed in the recycling bags.

Through the recycling bags, only the following items are accepted and need to be loose and the recycling bag securely tied.

- Newspapers, magazines, brochures, catalogues, leaflets, pamphlets, office paper and telephone directories.
- Clean, flattened cardboard including boxes and greetings cards.
- Clean food and drink tins and cans - make sure not to squash them.
- Clean plastic bottles, trays and containers - larger than a yogurt pot and smaller than 4 litres, these are
 - Number 1 plastics - soft drink, juice and water bottles with no lids.
 - Number 2 plastics - milk bottles, bathroom and laundry product bottles with no lids.
 - Number 5 plastics - yoghurt, margarine and ice cream tubs with no lids.

For more information, please visit Hurunui District Council's website, and search under Kerbside Collections - www.hurunui.govt.nz/property-rates/rubbish-recycling/collections-rubbish

Publication Dates

Because of the 6th being a public holiday please note that although the Pinkie electronic edition will come out as usual on Monday morning with a link being sent out then, it will not be until Wednesday 7th that the print edition will be available from the Four Square.

If you want to put your name on the list of subscribers who receive their link on Monday morning you just have to send your email address to

hsvillagenews@xtra.co.nz Please don't use the website email of info@thepinkie because it has become choked with spam.

An important note about glass recycling



How you recycle your glass in Hurunui will remain the same until 2027, despite new national standards being introduced by the government.

Led by the Ministry of Environment, under the Transforming Recycling legislation, most councils around New Zealand will be standardising the way their recycling and organics are collected, from Thursday February 1 2024, which includes kerbside glass recycling.

Hurunui District Council is one of three councils exempt from this change until 2027.

Please continue to take your glass to the transfer stations, unless you live in Hanmer Springs where kerbside glass recycling does happen.

For more information, click on the QR code below, or visit Hurunui District Council's website, and search under Kerbside Collections.

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- Friday 16th February
- Friday 23rd February
- Thursday 29th February
 - Friday 1st March
- Monday 4th March – after the show to take down marquees etc.

Please bring your gardening implements, shovels, brooms etc. and safety gear for any equipment that may need it.

All help will be greatly received and very much appreciated.
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And given the noise level coming from the green, all of it polite of course, it was clear that everyone was having a really good time.

The format was such that everyone played 3 different teams so lots of people got to know each other better - one of the many ideals of the event.

The competition was very intense. The winners were decided on the number of games they won, and the number of ends won. An end is completed when each team have all bowled their three bowls - usually about 5 or 6 ends in each game.

The winners only had one more end win than the second place team - that's about as close as you can get!!!

The social side of the evening was a success as well - all Sausage Sarnies were sold and plenty of liquid refreshment was consumed as well.

We can still take more teams, and you don't have to be a business house, or even get a team together. Individuals can sign up and HS Bowls will do their best to match you up in a team. The next event is on Thursday 8th February.



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ALLEGED LAX DISCIPLINE.

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CHRISTCHURCH, This Day.

Some trouble has arisen at the prison camp at Hanmer. It is stated that the discipline is exceedingly lax, and some of the prisoners have got out of hand. The foresters engaged in the tree-planting are supposed to assist the warders in maintaining discipline, but they seem to have been disinclined to do this. It is reported that some of the prisoners have attended public gatherings, and that they have been photographed in public places, in company with warders. The position is regarded as rather serious. It is expected that Mr. W. C. Kensington, Under-Secretary for Lands, will arrive from Wellington to-morrow, and will go to Hanmer, and that Mr. H. W. Bishop, S.M., will also visit the plantation to-morrow to hold an enquiry.

“As far as my information goes, and I have made enquiries,” said the Minister for Justice (Hon. Dr. Findlay) to a Post reporter, “the statements in the telegram are fanciful and exaggerated. Some trouble has arisen in connection with the conduct of one of the warders, and there is some conflict as to the actual facts. I have asked Mr. Bishop, S.M. at Christchurch, to proceed to Hanmer and make a short enquiry and furnish me with a report.”



The close of another black-fronted tern season

The black-fronted tern nesting season has all but wrapped up on the Clarence and Acheron rivers.

Only a few parent birds remain, bringing food to begging fledglings which are building up energy and muscle strength ready to take off.

The last couple of weeks were spent recording final fledgling counts and watching many adults and fledglings take to the sky and disappear over Jack's Pass to find a warmer, food rich location to spend their wintering period in.

A total of 101 fledglings were counted along the Clarence and Acheron river colonies with 178 estimated to have fledged. Considering the rocky start the terns had to their breeding season, this is a pleasing result.

Colonies that did well were situated on islands that maintained a wide, flowing river channel surrounding the whole island even during the lowest river flow rates we've seen in a while! This shows the importance of having enhanced islands or naturally good islands to support future breeding pairs that return to nest on the Clarence and Acheron rivers.

An abundance of introduced predators to the area, including feral cats, stoats, ferrets, hedgehogs, and others kept J & S Mears contracting busy during trap checks. Any predators caught along the river's edge prevents them making it onto colonies and significantly helps the success of chicks surviving to then fledge.

Chick shelters also provided a valuable resource for the chicks to use in order to escape extreme temperatures and environmental conditions, along with providing them a safety shelter when danger is present.

With continued efforts to further the success of this species' breeding season, hopefully we will see a continued increase of birds returning to this historic breeding site for generations to come.

Baylee Connor-McClean
Ecologist at WMIL
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Photo - Josh Overend



The New Zealand PGA Seniors Championship returns to the Australian Legends Tour calendar

After a five-year hiatus, the New Zealand PGA Seniors Championship has made a much-anticipated return to the Australian Legends Tour. Scheduled over Waitangi weekend, the picturesque Hanmer Springs Golf Club in North Canterbury played host to the prestigious two-day, 36-hole tournament on 3rd and 4th February, 2024.

This year's tournament featured a strong Kiwi contingent, including Dean Sipson, who won the 2022 Fiji Legends Classic, along with Richard Lee and Canterbury local, Craig Mitchell. Defending five-time PGA Senior champion Peter Fowler is also in town to defend his title. But Fowler faces stiff competition from last year's Hanmer Springs Pro-Am champion Guy Wall and former champion, Brad Burns.

The tournament was supported by local businesses including main sponsor Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa.

Shane Adcock, Marketing Manager of Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa says the Seniors Championship is a boost for the region.

"We are delighted to sponsor the 2024 Senior NZPGA Pro-Am Championship," says Adcock.

Andy Rogers, Australian PGA Legends Tour Coordinator, is equally thrilled about the event's return.

"The Australian members have always cherished their visits to New Zealand, with the Hanmer Springs event being a particular favourite. We're thrilled to reintegrate New Zealand's national title events into the Legends Tour," Rogers said.

Do We Want Our Kids Vaping

It was recently brought to the attention of the Pinkie that a food and shopping outlet in Hanmer Springs which has recently changed hands has a large display of Vapes and Vaping equipment for sale and subsequently we have anecdotal evidence that some of the product is being sold without age and ID checks.

That raises the question, do we really want this in our town. Since they are new to town, perhaps the operators are not aware that Hanmer Springs is a smoke and vape-free zone, a move promulgated by the Hurunui District Council acting in collaboration with the Cancer Society, the Canterbury District Health Board and the Hanmer Springs Community Board several years ago, a policy which was updated two and a half years ago.

"Vape-free areas of consideration align with the current smoke-free areas in the district." This includes all Council playgrounds, parks and reserves (which includes the Domain), a ten metre radius around libraries, community facilities, Council properties, any events run by the Council and also includes the entire CBD area of Hanmer Springs. At the time the policy was reviewed in October 2021, this was labelled by Council as a 'soft' approach.

The Pinkie has several times complained about lack of signage on this subject in the CBD, with no tangible result. Perhaps the operators of this business should be made aware of the fact and given a chance to cooperate with this policy. The Pinkie has consulted the Council, the police and the Ministry of Health on the subject.

Unfortunately, the new Government's policies and promises with regard to smoking and vaping have thrown a spanner in the previous government's efforts to attain a smoke-free society and at the same time seem to have thrown confusion in the Health Department's ranks and those we spoke to either quoted outdated legislation or admitted they were waiting for further developments.

We were told the laws with regard to vaping had been changed on January 24.

As a part of this community we feel a responsibility to educate and hopefully prevent our children from vaping and thus becoming addicted to nicotine. E-cigarettes contain nicotine, a drug that's highly addictive. You don't have to vape every day to get addicted. Nicotine makes anxiety and depression worse. It also affects memory, concentration, self-control, and attention, especially in developing brains.

Auckland University says that children as young as 8 years of age have been treated for nicotine withdrawal symptoms. The fact of the matter, and here I speak from experience, when you are a teenager you are vulnerable to taking up anything that might make you look more adult. From my own experience I took up cigarettes at the age of 14 in order to look cool. Some thirty-five years, hundreds of attempts and

thousands of dollars later I finally managed to quit the habit, but in many aspects it was too late as I now suffer from emphysema and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease as result of my addiction to nicotine. I was personally appalled to hear Mr Seymour on the TV News on Thursday night, comparing nicotine to putting too much cream in your coffee. Please!

So, as it stands in Hanmer at the moment we have a retailer who is displaying and selling Vapes. Neither selling nor displaying the product is actually illegal, nor is the Council policy on a smoke free zone legally binding, it is more of a voluntary process.

As it stands a retailer needs a permit and must not sell the product to anyone aged under 18 and there are restrictions about the type of vape which can be sold. We checked the new regulations and they in themselves are confusing and seem to deal mainly with reusable batteries and available flavours. There is no mention of the harm they are doing and the fact that 'help' lines have noted a huge increase in requests for information on how to kick nicotine addiction caused by vapes.

At the moment, in terms of our town, we need to make some decisions. Do we want our kids addicted to nicotine or any drug for that matter. The big question is what to do about it. The police told us they have no instructions or guidelines in dealing with the problem unless a complaint if made through the Ministry of Health and they gave us the link below as a means of lodging a complaint. When we checked with the Council they referred us back to the police and when we contacted the Ministry of Health they sent us to an Internet page on which to lodge a complaint.

The link given to us by the police was:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/vaping-herbal-smoking-and-smokeless-tobacco-products-regulation/about-vaping-regulatory-authority>

Perhaps it is time for a 'hard' approach.

We would like to hear views from the public on the subject. We would also beg, again, for signage around the CBD in Hanmer letting people know of the smoke and vape-free policy in our town.

On a personal note, if I can save one teenager from the lung diseases I now own, I count it as a positive move.

More on this subject next week.



WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD RIGHT NOW THAT WE AT LEAST NEED TO BE AWARE OF

Pita Alexander

- 1) The Russia/Ukraine 'special military operation', as Mr Putin calls it, started on 24 February 2022, just on 24 months ago, but it really started on 20 February 2014.
- 2) The Russia/Ukraine war has cost an enormous loss of life, but for the longer term, there are some pluses:
 - a) Europe now realises that it can never trust Russia again to supply oil, gas or anything important.
 - b) The war has strengthened NATO - the following countries have joined NATO, or are about to: North Macedonia (2020); Finland (2023); Sweden (2024). NATO was formed in 1949 with 12 members - it now has 31 members. This expansion of NATO is exactly what Mr Putin did not want.
 - c) The move towards renewable energy has been accelerated, which is major progress.
 - d) The European Union (27 countries) and the USA have strengthened their relationship considerably.
- 3) The USA Government debt is now \$34 trillion (USD) - this number reads \$34,000,000,000,000 (12 zeroes).
- 4) The world's governments sometimes provide grants/subsidies to certain industries, and when Government pulls back even a little, it creates all sorts of problems - this is happening right now with electric vehicles and solar power in the USA.
- 5) Shoplifting in various countries - stores are being closed - many retailers have let staff go and this is part of the problem.
- 6) Consumer spending drives around 66% of the US economy and right now people are still spending, partly from the cash they received from Government over the COVID-19 period.
- 7) The Red Sea carries around 12% of the global shipping trade - the shipping channel is 32 km wide. To go around the Cape of Good Hope (South Africa) adds around 6,500 km, and, in many cases, an extra approximately USD \$1 million fuel cost per ship. The Panama Canal also has a problem at the moment due to drought and low water levels - the locks need a lot of water to allow the bigger ships to get through.
- 8) Around 80% - 85% of the New Zealand banking industry is controlled by Australia and has been for some years. At the present time, it is hard for many New Zealand businesses to operate sustainably at interest rates of 8% - 9% - these businesses need inflation at 2% - 3%, and interest rates at 5% - 6%.
- 9) The New Zealand unemployment rate has held down surprisingly well over the last few years, but the long-term average from 1986 to 2023 (37 years) has been 5.5%, which today would represent around 165,000 unemployed. If interest rates and inflation keep coming down, we must expect the unemployment rate to rise - the New Zealand Treasury have estimated a peak over the next few years of 5.2%, which would be 157,000 people. There will be some New Zealand wide screaming about this, but this is normally how a capitalistic financial system works.
- 10) What are the absolute key worldwide issues at the present time:
 - a) US interest rates - simply because the US dollar is the world's key currency and the great majority of the world's loans are benchmarked against this currency.
 - b) China - the second largest economy in the world imports 32% of New Zealand's total exports - its growth has stalled at the moment but the world needs it operating normally.
 - c) Completely replacing oil is looking more and more to be a difficult and expensive operation - we are going to need oil for quite some years yet.

- 11) Really, the New Zealand Government should have a target of having a financial surplus each year, of no less than 1% of its gross domestic product - at present, 1% would be \$4 billion. Since 1900, the world has had to cope with a major worldwide problem (called a 'Black Swan event') every 11.5 years - the time period of this pattern may get shorter - our Government and Treasury have not allowed for this in their present five year plan - they are fully focused on balancing the country's income and expenses - at the moment a 1% surplus is not in sight.
- 12) The New Zealand Government needs more income - at present, around 66% of New Zealand people are paying the individual tax take, and around 33% are living beyond their income and are absorbing around 49% of the social welfare budget of \$38.803 billion - this 49% would represent around \$19.28 billion.
- 13) Why is it so important to get the New Zealand inflation rate down to 2% - 3% - because the so called 'annual general adjustment' that Government makes at 1 April each year will determine how much the welfare payments, including National Superannuation, will increase for the next 12 months. What, though, is not so obvious is that if inflation stays at, say, 4.7% (the present figure), then each employer (including Government) will want to increase their employees' wages by more than that percentage. This increase needs to allow for Income Tax - say, for example, that an employer has an employee on a gross income of \$66,000, which is close to the present New Zealand median income, and the Government come out with an annual general adjustment figure of, say, 4.7% - what does the employer need to increase his employee's wages by to leave them in the same relative position:

So what has really happened here:

- a) Government makes an annual general adjustment of 4.7%.
- b) The employer increases the employee's gross income by 8.0%.
- c) The employee's net position when you allow for PAYE and the inflation cost of 4.7% is almost unchanged at \$53,488.
- d) The employer has to increase his employee's wages by 8% to offset the inflation cost of 4.7% and increased tax cost. The real issue here is that many New Zealand employers could not cope with an across the board wage increase of 8% - this is why the inflation rate needs to be between 2% - 3%. Any wage increase always has to be quite a bit above the inflation rate operating at the same time.
- 14) Climate migration around the world will tend to drift north due to heat, conflict, food and employment, but many countries right now are really starting to push back against accepting immigrants/refugees. This whole issue is getting very serious, but real climate migration will involve much higher numbers than we are presently seeing.
- 15) Sound, strong financial management is now back in vogue, as it should always have been. One of the saddest things about human nature is that people spend other people's money with much less thought and care than their own. The previous Government unfortunately were very poor in this area, but don't let's dwell on that - let's learn from it.

Based on a gross income of \$66,000, the employee's after tax income is currently: \$53,150.

The employer increases the employee's gross wages by 8% to	\$71,280
Less: Income Tax (on \$71,280)	\$14,442
Inflation loss (on \$71,280)	\$ 3,350
	\$17,792
Employee's real term net tax paid position	<u>\$53,488</u>





Events Calendar

FEBRUARY '24

- 9/10. Moods & Emotions with David Riddell
- 9 Cacao Ceremony and Breathwork \$25pp at 7pm
- 10 Vibrant Yoga @Vibrant Living every Saturday morning @8 am \$20
- 11 David Riddell @ Remnant House
- 14 Valentine Day Cacao and Yoga \$25pp 5.30pm
- 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
- 24 Women Circle 7pm \$25pp Vibrant Living
- 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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Ken Williams 027 284 7241

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HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Results 01/02/2014

North / South – S Yuill Proctor & D East

East / West – G & C Scrivener

The Transfer Station is Closed Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February

Golf results
Saturday
No golf results this week because of the Pro-Am Tournament



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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:

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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

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Contact John 021 395 022

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB HANMER SPRINGS

Meetings first Tuesday each month. Fun and Fellowship for the more mature.

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Carolyn Hall 027 360 9001

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Nicola on 03 314 8816

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Shirley Whitaker 0274 161 415

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31 Jollies Pass Road – Sundays 10am

1st and 3rd Sunday – Morning Worship

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or 0276 859 276

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Sunday of each month & 2nd and 3rd

Saturday of each month.

USE 105 FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES

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

Symbol	Acronym	Full name and uses
	PET ✓YES	Polyethylene terephthalate - Fizzy drink bottles and frozen ready meal packages.
	HDPE ✓YES	High-density polyethylene - Milk and washing-up liquid bottles
	PVC ✗NO	Polyvinyl chloride - Food trays, cling film, bottles for squash, mineral water and shampoo.
	LDPE ✗NO	Low density polyethylene - Carrier bags and bin liners.
	pp ✓YES	Polypropylene - Margarine tubs, microwaveable meal trays.
	PS ✗NO	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 ✗NO	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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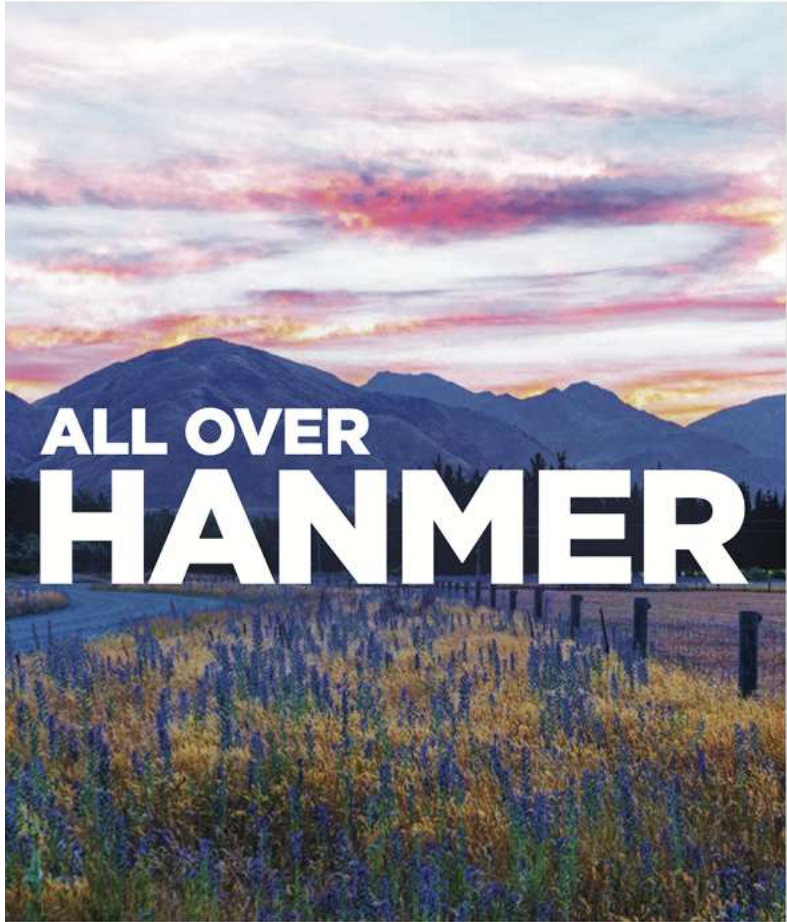
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