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# Important Information & Useful Opening Times

## Satellite Phones for Hanmer

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Top10 Holiday Park  
3 Bath Street

Pines Holiday Park  
158 Argelins Road

Drifters Inn  
2 Harrogate Street



Hanmer Springs Medical Centre  
(opening hours only)  
59 Jacks Pass Road

Satellite phones are free to use for members of the public who need to dial 111 for medical, fire and emergencies involving Police.

## Hanmer Springs Transfer Station

Tuesday	10am to 2pm
Wednesday	10am to 2pm
Friday	10am to 2pm
Sunday	10am to 2pm



Out of hours recycling for paper, card, cans, plastic bottles and containers (under 4 litres) numbered 1, 2 and 5, and glass bottles are provided. Lids and soft plastics are not accepted.

637 Hanmer Springs Road



## Hanmer Springs Community Library

Hanmer Springs Community Library  
& Service Centre

Cnr Amuri Avenue  
& Cheltenham Street

03 315-7912

hanmer@hurunui.govt.nz

**Monday - Friday**  
**12pm - 4pm**

**Saturday & Sunday**  
**10am - 2pm**



## Useful Opening Times



**Four Square**  
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**8am - 8:00pm**

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Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 1pm

Our post code  
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**Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa**

10am - 9pm

Hanmer Springs  
Thermal Pools & Spa

## Hanmer Springs Service Station



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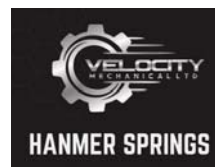
**7:30am - 6:00pm**

(seven days)

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154 Hanmer Springs Road

## Velocity Mechanical



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(Monday to Friday)

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Woodbank Road

## Hammer Hardware



**8am - 5pm**

(Mon - Fri)

**9am - 4pm**

(Saturday)

Closed Sunday & Public Holidays

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## Pinkie News

The Pinkie is currently published fortnightly, on a Friday, while we establish new systems, combine forces with the Hanmer App, and build a more resilient, enduring newspaper that contains more news and local content.

Printed copies of The Pinkie will be available from the Hanmer Springs Four Square on a Monday morning, following the Friday publication date.

In this issue we offer a subscription for local residents who would like a guaranteed copy, delivered to their letterbox, or door. See details on the inside back cover.

For the benefit of both our readers and advertisers, we aim to increase our print run in the near future.

We've got some work to do and we appreciate your patience while we make *The Pinkie* even better.

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# Hanmer Happenings

Despite the mixed bag of weather since the last issue of *The Pinkie* the village has been busy with holiday makers. Visitor numbers have buttoned-off this week but there are still school holidays to be enjoyed!

The "Red Barn Estate" subdivision that is currently being constructed has required that the southbound lane of Argelins Road be closed which has resulted in the need for traffic lights in Hanmer Springs; a first I believe.

The lights control the flow of traffic on Argelins Road, north of Lochiel Drive, up to the Crawford walkway. There are also lights on Rippingale Road that control the ingress of Rippingale Road traffic onto Argelins Road.

The wait between light changes has been frustrating for many drivers, even with holiday traffic around.

I understand the Rippingale Road light will be removed soon, although the traffic lights on Argelins Road will be required for a further five weeks.

I also understand that the Amuri chip footpath for the length of the development will be replaced with a concrete footpath; more "built-up" city-like environs for the alpine village of Hanmer Springs!



## Satellite Phones over Holidays

Over the holiday period there will only be **two** satellite phones in Hanmer, should we have an emergency situation. One phone will be at the Medical Centre and the other one will be at the TOP10 Holiday Park. (See opposite/previous page for address details).



## Hanmer Springs Health Centre



59 Jacks Pass Road  
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Monday - Sunday  
2pm - late

47 Amuri Avenue  
Hanmer Springs  
(Opposite Hot Pools)



Monday - Sunday  
8am - 9pm

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37 Amuri Avenue  
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Hanmer Springs  
(Opposite Hot Pools)

### Views and Opinions

The views and opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the editor or publisher.

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Please update your records.

### The Printed Pinkie

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### Deadline for Material

The deadline for material, including advertising, is Tuesday 5pm unless it is pre-booked in which case our deadline is Wednesday 5pm.

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Annual visitors 500,000+

Elevation 388 metres 1,273 feet

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# Hokkien Noodle Bolognese



Everyone loves pasta or noodles, or both. Now the boundaries are blurring, and flavours are crossing borders and cultures. Instead of good old spag bol, try the Chinese equivalent with Hokkien egg noodles and spicy pork mince.

## Ingredients

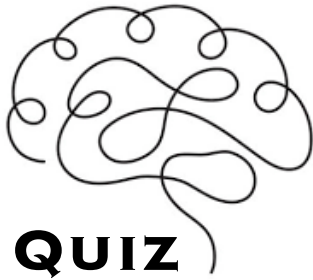
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 500g minced pork, not too lean
- 1 tbsp hot chilli bean sauce\*
- 1 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp soft brown sugar
- 4 spring onions, finely chopped
- 400g fresh hokkien noodles
- 2 tsp cornflour
- 2 tbsp Chinese rice wine or water
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 2 tbsp coriander, chopped

## Method

1. In a wok or frypan, heat the oil, add the pork, and cook for one minute, moving constantly until browned. Add the chilli bean sauce, hoisin, soy sauce, 125 millilitres of water, sugar and half the spring onions. Cook over medium heat, tossing occasionally, for three minutes.
2. Place the noodles in a heatproof bowl and cover with boiling water. Leave for 30 seconds, then drain and divide among four deep, warmed, soup bowls.
3. Mix the cornflour and rice wine, and add to the meat, stirring, until it thickens into a sauce. Ladle the sauce on top of the noodles, drizzle with sesame oil, scatter with remaining spring onions and coriander, and serve.

\* Hot chilli bean sauce is available from Asian food stores. If you're cooking for non-chilli types, use a mild brown bean sauce instead.

# TRIVIA



1. What is the other name for a rock melon?
2. In Physics, what does EMR stand for?
3. What record label was derived from Detroit's nickname?
4. What video game company started out as manufacturers of playing cards in 1889?
5. Yorkers and gullies are associated with which sport?
6. In 1996 Gary Kasparov defeated a powerful IBM chess computer. What was its name?
7. How many zeros in a googol?
8. On which tree do hazelnuts grow?
9. Starting with 'o' what is a wine connoisseur known as?
10. In Greek mythology what was the name of the first woman?
11. What is another name for the short tailed scrub wallaby?
12. Complete the phrase, "What happen in Vegas...?"
13. Which TV quiz show uses an enlarged version of a Penny Pusher arcade game?
14. Afrikaans is derived from which European language?
15. Which company launched the Oyster waterproof watch in 1926?
16. The banksia genus of flowers was named after which botanist?
17. A piece of fabric and wood from which aeroplane was carried to the moon by Neil Armstrong ?
18. What 1977 song by Paul McCartney features a pipe band?
19. In genetics what does RNA stand for?
20. What brand of motor scooter take its name from the Italian word for 'wasp'?

Read this subliminal message ...

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

# QUIZ FOR THE KIDS

1. Name the largest lake in New Zealand?
2. Which city in New Zealand is home to the world's steepest street?
3. Name the three main islands in New Zealand?
4. New Zealand's tallest mountain is named after who?
5. What is the name of the highest urban township in New Zealand?

Colour this ...



A little space for doodling or colouring!

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## Sudoku for you!

8				5		1	7	3
4	2		3	8	1	6	5	9
2	1	3	4	7				
5	4	8		9	6			
				2	3			5
3	5			4		9		8
	8			3	9		4	1
	6	4		1	8	7		

This is an easy/medium one so no answers are needed!

## Trivia Answers

1. Cantaloupe
2. Electromagnetic radiation
3. Motown
4. Nintendo
5. Cricket
6. Deep Blue
7. 20
8. Hazel tree
9. Oenophile
10. Pandora
11. Quokka
12. ...stays in Vegas"
13. Tipping Point
14. Dutch
15. Rolex
16. Joseph Banks
17. Kitty Hawk (Wright Bros plane)
18. Mull of Kintyre
19. Ribonucleic Acid
20. Vespa



### KIDS ANSWERS

1. Lake Taupō
2. Dunedin
3. North Island, South Island & Stewart Island
4. James Cook
5. National Park (825m)

Thank you! You!

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Low cloud at sunset. Looking west across the Hanmer Basin from the flanks of Mt Isobel.

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Thermal Pools entrance. Informal group.  
You will need an aqua stick.  
Call Linda (021 223 8188) for more information.

#### HANMER SPRINGS STITCH GROUP

Mondays 10am  
Hanmer Springs Library  
Call Diane (021 315 779)

#### LINE DANCING

Mondays 1pm  
Memorial Hall.  
Call Penny (027 240 8321)  
Cost: Donation.

#### PILATES CLASS

Mondays 5:30pm  
12 Amuri Avenue  
Call Wendy (027 243 2123)

#### HANMER SPRINGS BIG BAND

Mondays 7pm  
At the school (during the school term).  
New members always welcome.  
You will need to read music or have a good ear.  
Call Marguerite (021 125 4062)  
Cost: Free

### Tuesdays

#### TUESDAY WALKERS

Tuesdays 9:45am  
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### Wednesdays

#### TRAMPING GROUP

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Mt Isobel Tramping Group

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Wednesday 10am  
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### Thursdays

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### Saturdays

#### HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

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### Sundays

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### Saturday Church Services

#### CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HURUNUI

Saturday Mass 5pm  
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### Sunday Church Services

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## Woodbank

George Hooper, who held a depasturing licence for the western half of the Hanmer Plain, transferred his interest to Nathaniel Edwards, George Bennett, and William Robinson (of the Rose Cottage station, Wairau) in February 1859. The area was again divided, Robinson taking the eastern portion, and Edwards and Bennett the western. It was this latter area which William Atkinson acquired in February 1860, thus beginning the long association of the Atkinson family with what was later known as *Woodbank*. Atkinson arrived in Nelson in the *Thomas Harrison* on 25 October 1842, and after farming on the Waimea Plains, moved into the Wairau in 1850. He held Burtergill, Blind River, Molesworth, and Lake McRae runs. Atkinson 'was a heavy man, quite sixteen stone in weight', wrote Edgar Jones, 'and he had a horse, "Captain", which he rode all over the steep hills and to the top of the highest peak on Woodbank, and I never heard of his falling'. Mount Captain (1785m) is named after this horse. In 1864 Atkinson described his run as 'Hanmer Plain', but in the 1872 rate-book it was listed as 'Woodbank'. Between 1861 and 1871 Atkinson secured his tenure by the purchase of about 8,000 acres of freehold. He lived in the Wairau, and, according to Edgar Jones, came to Woodbank only for 'the busy times'. His manager during the early 'seventies was John Turner.

*An extract from The Amuri, A County History by WJ Gardner*

## If you go down in the woods today ...

If you go down in the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise ....

Early December the Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust obtained two new items of interest from Andrew Lyons, the sculptor supremo!

These two items are now ready for the public to view.

Where?

Approximately 1km up Jollies Pass Road from the village centre, look for the vertical sign on the right after the Dog Creek/Stream bridge.

So children, grab your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters, dog (& doggie poo bag) and water bottle.

The walk to the sculptures is pram and wheel chair friendly.

But no bikes please.

Leave only footprints. It's fun and it's free. Go today.

Brent

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## Summer Reading



### Summer Reading

Keep your reading skills alive these holidays.

Summer Reading challenge sheets are available at Hurunui District Libraries for children 0-12 years and teens 13-19 years.

Return your completed sheet to your local Hurunui library by Monday 27 January and receive an invitation for your family to the movie night on Thursday 30 January.



## Clarence Valley Road culvert blocked



After recent heavy rain a culvert on Clarence Valley Road became blocked which resulted in a washout. The road was temporarily closed for about an hour, one evening, to allow remedial works to be completed. By the time traffic was allowed to pass there was good number of cars, trucks and horse floats backed-up on the downhill side of the work area. The culvert remains blocked, however, the water has been diverted to the next downstream culvert.

## World's Biggest & Oldest park run event

Bushy Park (London, UK) is the home to the oldest and largest parkrun event which started in October 2004. Bushy Park is the second largest of London's Royal Parks (455 hectares), after Richmond Park (955ha). The park, most of which is open to the public, is immediately north of Hampton Court Palace. This Saturday (18 Jan) the 1020th parkrun will be held with well over 1,200 finishers expected. The 1000th Bushy parkrun was held on 31 August 2024 with 6,204 finishers. Go Hanmer Forest parkrun!

# EXHIBITION

25 January to 1 March

## Southern Felters Celebration of Wool



This exhibition brings together a collection of felting from some of our members showcasing the diverse and wonderful craft of felting.

Wool is a beautiful natural and sustainable fibre that can be either wet or needle felted into all manner of creative projects – from soft lush wearables, 3D sculptures, homewares, handbags and much more.

The Southern Felters group is based in Christchurch and meets on the first Saturday of each month at Halswell Hall. We welcome new members and anyone interested the craft of felting. More info can be found on the Southern Felters blog [www.southernfelters.blogspot.com](http://www.southernfelters.blogspot.com) or on our facebook page.



GALLERY ENTRY THROUGH LIBRARY  
Mon to Fri: 12 – 4pm, Sat & Sun: 10am – 2pm

 Amuri Community Arts Council  
Gallery info: [mclubbnz@gmail.com](mailto:mclubbnz@gmail.com)

### Building Better Relationships

A Living Wisdom seminar presented by:

David J Riddell (author, counsellor, speaker)

When: Friday 7 February

7:00pm to 9:30pm

Saturday 8 February

9:00am to 12:30pm

Cost: \$40 per person

(\$60 for married couple)

Where: Remnant House

108 Rippingale Road

Hanmer Springs

Register with Keith & Viv Adams

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***Wishing all our local school children an awesome school year ahead.***

### Rob Field - artist

Rob Field is currently exhibiting his artwork in the Hanmer Springs Library, in the gallery curated by the Amuri Community Arts Council.

Rob came to painting quite late in life, starting at age 70 by joining the Y12 & Y13 art class at Amuri Area School, to take the NCEA Level 3 art course. “There were two of us oldies in the class, enjoying being pupils again”, says Rob.

Rob completed his portfolio with a mixture of portraits in oils and watercolours and he gained his Level 3 certificate at the end of the year.

Rob enjoyed the experience of being in the art room with other painters whose youth and creativity were such an inspiration.

Later, Rob joined the Amberley Art Group and painted there for several years, exhibiting water colours in the Amberley Library, the Culverden Gallery and the Hurunui Hotel Sunday Market.

In addition to portraits of friends, Rob enjoys painting landscapes - particularly along the Hurunui River and the Molesworth.

Some of his painting are completed while on holiday but often holiday photos are used to jog the memory.

Rob’s exhibition ends Thursday 23 January. Many of Rob’s paintings are for sale for very reasonable prices.

### New Ultramarathon Event for Hanmer

A Backyard Ultra is a type of ultramarathon where participants run laps of a set course of 6.706 metres (4.167 miles) and they must finish each loop in less than an hour. The race restarts each hour with all those that finished the previous lap on time. The race is over when only one runner remains to complete a lap. This runner is marked as the winner and only finisher, with all other runners receiving a DNF (Did Not Finish). The strange distance is because the distance for 24 laps is equal to 100 miles.

Hanmer Springs has its first Backyard Ultra event on 9 August 2025. Follow the Facebook page “Hanmer Springs Backyard Ultra”.

# Last Legs

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By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

The plane takes off and loops back to fly across Paraguay and toward Iguazu. I have a window seat. The woman seated next to me on the aisle insists I have her seat. She is speaking German. She calls the steward who inspects our tickets and adjudicates the seat to be mine, although I may care to give it up for Madam. I do not, so she begins to wheedle me in a combination of German and Spanish all the way to Iguazu. The problem is that her husband is sitting across the aisle and she wants to sit next to him, but she has not caught me on a good day, after my run through Jorge Newberry airport. She is like a whining child so I tell her *Halt die Klappe, Cállate* Woman, Shut It, and she wails to her husband. The problem is resolved when his neighbour gives up his window seat for the wife and comes to join me. I feel guilty about having snapped at her. My new neighbour gives me a smugly complacent look. It says he knows all foreigners are rude.

When we land in Iguazu there is about an extra six or seven degrees of temperature. I am met by a taxi, and as I pile in, I see the Frenchman disappear into a retinue of large Chevvie wagons that are bristling with camera gear and I don't get a chance to tell him that he knows me.

When you are travelling and trying to get best value for money in hotels, there are usually much better hotels at around twenty a night than there are at forty or fifty bucks a night. Usually the fifty buck job is one or all of the following – grandeur gone to seed - shoddily built attempts to cash in on the tourist buck (which invariably smell of mould) – or too far out of town, which necessitates having to take taxis and you end up paying another fifty a day.

*In South America and in Asia you can stay in brilliant hostels or hotels for twenty bucks and they will do all your dirty laundry for about two or three bucks and they look after you in a way you would never get in a fancy hotel. I don't recall anyone in a five star hotel giving a hug to welcome me back or taking me on a riotously drunken tour of wineries or being invited to dine with the family, things which never feature on the bill.*

Sadly, my hotel in Iguazu, strikes the \$40 trifecta. It is large and empty, it smells of mould, the bar is devoid of even a bartender, the paint is peeling from the damp spots on my wall and it is a ten minute cab ride into town. As for the brochure's intimation that it overlooks the falls, well, there is a little discrepancy of twenty kilometres they have cropped out of the middle.

When I check in, I ask for a wake up call for the next morning but I am unsure if my request is granted because the receptionist remains completely impassive. Do you please have a rubber band, I ask in my best polite Spanish. I am very pleased; I have remembered the words for rubber band. No, he says, ruining the moment, and it is plain he has no intention of looking for one.

He gives me a trolley to put my bags on, he is not going to assist, and as I trundle off down the corridor pushing my porters trolley. He calls after me that dinner is at 9.30pm sharp. I want to know if I can eat earlier but he repeats, no, nine thirty. I continue with my bags muttering to myself that this country needs lessons on looking after tourists, and certainly this hotel does.

I am stuffed after a day on the move, lots of take off and landings, pissed off with the receptionist and the trolley and the fact that I am being regimented and so I get two big bottles of beer and do what I often do when I am on the move and that's put my feet up on the bed and see what's on cable television. It serves two purposes, one is chilling out and catching up with the news through CNN or the BBC and the other is a cultural thing. Iguazu is very close to Brazil so, of the thirty six channels available, twenty seven of them offer football with either Portugese or Spanish commentary and that most aggravating thing about Latin American football commentators with the word 'goal' . There is one letter less in their version of the word and still it takes them a whole minute longer to say it. It appears to be the measure of ones worth as a commentator. The longer you can draw out the word in one breath marks your value.

*I have never been a sightseer, my idea of arriving in a new town is checking out the waterfront bars rather than riding the gondola to see the giant cross or Buddha or banana or palace.*

What am I doing here, waiting in front of a hotel door for a tour bus going to a waterfall. I give myself a talking to. Has it really come to this? Go and see the waterfall and then pack your bags and get out of here, I tell myself. The bus arrives and I have to resign myself to being punished by the god of real travelers - for sinking so low as to be on my third conducted tour in a week - because I am the first to be picked up I have to wait patiently while we do the rounds of every other hotel this side of the border in Iguazu. This takes at least an hour because nobody is waiting where they are supposed to be and the tour guide has to go look for them. Age teaches patience, if nothing else, but I resent being given a name tag. It does not even bear my name, it says 'Esperanza' but when I look around the crowd lining up at the gate all bear tags that say 'Esperanza'. I assume she must be our guide and rather than have our own names, which would be useless, we have the good shepherd's name, so that when we sheep stray, we are returned quickly to the fold. My theory is confirmed by the arrival of another bus which disgorges forty very large Bavarians all labeled 'Miranda' –Esperanza means 'hope' - of which sentiment there appears little trace.

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# Last Legs

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Despite my ho-hum feelings about sightseeing, the falls are spectacular and there are walkways everywhere from both this side, Argentina, and two kilometres of waterfalls away in Brazil. I can stand out over the top of where the water plummets away directly beneath me and it has such immense power it draws me in, like being sucked down a monster's throat. I look around me and see that every last person peering down has a firm grip on the hand rail in defiance of danger. I already know about the eight people who went over here in a rowing boat and I have seen 'Mission' at least twice so there is no option but to subconsciously imagine myself rocketing into a tempting oblivion tied to a lump of wood, or sitting on one. It gives a little buzz of excitement, like vertigo does. Despite its drama and its force you can stand six feet above being drawn into certain death and it is safe. It makes you check again. I am busy trying to figure out if this is where the monk on his cross vanished over the crest and fell, upright, surrounded by a shroud of white water, bathed in the light of a heaven he is about to embrace. It was a great scene.

I ask Esperanza, but all I do is create a great laugh for everyone because I confuse the words for monk and monkey in Spanish; like English, they are also very similar. I have asked her where the monkey was tied to a cross. Someone says Calvary, and there is much finger wagging, tongue-click tut tutting and admonishment of the culprit, mainly from the women. Most of the group are from South America and because I am the only non-native Spanish speaker they can all have a good laugh at my expense and now they want to crack jokes with me, half of which go over my head. Every day I feel better with the language and apart from monks and monkeys and circumloquacious methods of explaining something like 'the point at which the arm bends' because I forget the word for elbow. I feel better about it and the vocabulary returns as I hear and remember familiar words. I even meet someone who lived in Barcelona who speaks Catalan and we have a laugh with the exchange of an irreverent Catalan greeting. We are wet through because the mists of the cataract float to us like upside down rain and quickly drench us to the skin. We all glisten with spray.

Although my ticket says I have paid for a ride up to the base of the falls in a boat, the bossy Esperanza, who is sick to death of whining tourists (and who could blame her), insists that this is not the case at all and that if I wish to get even wetter by looking at the falls from the bottom up, I have to pay, so I have a fit of pique and abandon the tour, throw down my Esperanza badge and head for the restaurant at the gate. So I miss the boat trip.

*I am also glad I missed that earlier boat trip in 1938. In those days they took people to the brink of the falls in a row boat with someone madly rowing against the current. They banned it after one boatman just wasn't up to speed*

*and down he went taking seven German tourists. No survivors, it was the last trip for everyone including them. Had it still been available I would not have bought a ticket, but there would be plenty who did.*

It doesn't worry me, abandoning the tour, because I have paid to go to the Brazilian side tomorrow and there is no need to overdose.

The restaurant refuses to provide the meal that is supposedly included because I am not with Esperanza nor do I have her name tag, even though I have the voucher. So I order a large beer and then another, check my emails and consume one more large steak with chips and pay exorbitant tourist money for the privilege. I take a cab into the town and sit in a few different cafes, drinking beer and black coffees and writing post cards and since I have an arrangement with a newspaper at home to write a few stories, I try to work on the first of them. I am also looking for a decent restaurant because dinners at the hotel are totally inedible. I could not discern the origins of what was put in front of me last night, whether it was animal or vegetable and the spoonful of sauce I tried, tasted of something off. For the rest of my stay they should not wait up for me with dinner.

If I am asked for advice on culinary journeys, I can safely exclude large tracts of the South American continent. Nevertheless, if one is there, one must attempt to make the most of it and having arrived in Iguazu and seen its waterfalls I just might find a decent restaurant somewhere. I am, of course, deluding myself. Meals are included in my hotel tariff but the one sample shows why the dining room is empty.

As I meander through town, a bus pulls up alongside me, the doors open and a frail, elderly lady trips on the step and comes flying through the air to land in my reluctant arms. My immediate reflex action is to cling to her so she won't fall to the pavement. I am immediately lauded as her saviour – without me she would have been seriously injured they all cry. The real truth is that she lands in my arms and sticks like Velcro. For my part, I am very grateful she isn't three hundred pounds. Since there is a café adjacent I am invited to sit down with her and her husband. He sports a luxuriant, iron-grey Viva-Zapata moustache of enormous proportions. She needs to gather herself, she says. They are very grateful for me having caught the senora, all thirty kilos of her. They insist I must dine at their house tonight and with mixed feelings I agree. On the one hand I don't want to get trapped into a situation I can't get out of politely, but on the other hand, maybe Dolores is the world's greatest cook and I will never know unless I go.

If only I had stuck to the English language and avoided bus stops.



# Event Calendar



## JANUARY 2025

- 18 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 21 Pool Party, Hanmer Springs School Pool, 10:30am
- 25 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 25 St James Horse Sale

## MARCH 2025

- 15 The Hanmer Hundy MTB Race (25km/50km/100km races)

## APRIL 2025

- 05 Dog Creek Timber Trail Ultra Run (21km/50km/50mile/100km/100mile) 100mile race starts 4 April

## JUNE 2025

- 28 Alpine Winter Festival (28 June - 12 July)

## AUGUST 2025

- 09 Hanmer Springs Backyard Ultra

### !! Attention Event Organisers !!

Please let us know if you have events coming up within the next few months. Please use this calendar to schedule new events to prevent "clashes".



## Hanmer Forest parkrun

Hanmer Forest parkrun takes place every Saturday at 8:00am.

Hanmer Forest parkrun is a fun, free event organised by volunteers for the benefit of everyone.

The route is a clockwise 5km lap around Hanmer Forest, starting from the Brooke Dawson Reserve (off Bath Street). The course is mostly flat, with a few small inclines and is a mixture of walking trails, all of which are solid underfoot, suitable for road shoes.

<https://www.parkrun.co.nz/hanmerforest/course/>

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Applications should be emailed to [melanie@amuri.school.nz](mailto:melanie@amuri.school.nz)

**Closing date: 3pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

# Community Notices

## Driver Licence Theory Course



### FREE Adult Learner Licence Theory Course

Want to gain your Learner's Licence or convert an overseas Driver's Licence?

Free Learner Theory course to support this process running over three evenings in Culverden.

**WHEN:** 27 January, 3 February, 10 February  
6.30pm-8.30pm

**WHERE:** Culverden Fire Station, 3 Stock Road

#### REGISTER:

Online: [www.hurunui.govt.nz/community/1-council-events](http://www.hurunui.govt.nz/community/1-council-events)

Email: [emma.feathery@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:emma.feathery@hurunui.govt.nz)

PH: 03 314 8816

## Road Closure on Molesworth Road

Ventia maintain the High Voltage Lines as part Transpower's National Grid. We have work starting in December through to March 2025 in and around the Accommodation House & Campsite. This will also include a road closure for two days. See notice below.



## MOLESWORTH ROAD TEMPORARY CLOSURE

17 & 25 FEBRUARY 2025  
8AM TO 4PM FOR BRIDGE  
WORKS MITCHELLS CUTTING  
(NEWSPAPER BRIDGE)

ALTERNATIVE DAYS 18 & 26 FEBRUARY

## CONSTRUCTION SITE & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

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## JPs in Hanmer Springs

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Alice Stielow	021 317 001
Ann Toomey	021 155 7622
Ken Williams	027 284 7241
Joy Wilson	027 220 2511



## Hanmer Springs Golf Results

Saturday 4 January

Irish Stableford

1st Gray Prebble 80  
2nd Murray Pool 76  
3rd Sam Grimshaw 75  
4th Graham Heenan 75  
5th Thomas Grimshaw 73  
6th Greg Samson 71

Twos:  
Greg Samson

Nearest to Pin:  
Greg Samson

Jackpot twos and Net Eagles  
Not struck

Saturday 11 January

Summer Cup Round 1

Ladies:  
1st Carolyn Williams 35  
2nd Bev Pool 31

Men:  
1st Murray Pool 38  
2nd Don Giles 38  
3rd Joe Gantley 37  
4th Greg Samson 37  
5th Gordon Simpson 35

Twos:  
Dob Giles  
Jeff Dalley  
Murray Pool

Nearest to Pin:  
Murray Pool

Net eagles and Jack pot  
twos - not struck



Results kindly  
submitted by  
Mike Gainsford. [Thanks Mike. Ed]

## Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Play restarted yesterday, Thursday 16 January 2025.

Seasons Greetings To Everyone

Results kindly submitted by Joy Wilson. [Thanks Joy. Ed]

The Pinkie is online at the [www.thepinkie.co.nz](http://www.thepinkie.co.nz)

# Summertime Pool Party

FREE

## Kia ora Summer POOL PARTY

Gather the team and whānau to create an unforgettable celebration of togetherness!

### Amberley - Douglas Road

Tues 14 Jan | 10:30am - 1pm

### Culverden - School Road

Thurs 16 Jan | 10:30am - 12:30pm

### Hanmer Springs School Pool

Tue 21 Jan | 10:30am - 12:30pm

### Broomfield School Pool

Tues 14 Jan | 2pm - 4pm

### Hawarden School Pool

Thurs 16 Jan | 2pm - 4pm

### Waiau - Clarence Street

Tue 21 Jan | 2pm - 4pm

### Rotherham - George Street

Wed 15 Jan | 10:30am - 12:30pm

### Cheviot School Pool

Fri 17 Jan | 10:30am - 12:30pm

### Omihi School Pool

Wed 22 Jan | 10:30am - 12:30pm

### Waipara School Pool

Wed 15 Jan | 2pm - 4pm

### Greta Valley School Pool

Fri 17 Jan | 2pm - 4pm

### Leithfield School Pool

Wed 22 Jan | 2pm - 4pm

Children under 10 must be supervised at all times  
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