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Tuesday	10am to 2pm
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Hanmer Springs Community Library
& Service Centre



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Hanmer Springs
Thermal Pools & Spa

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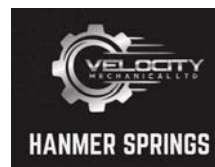
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Printed copies of The Pinkie will be available from the Hanmer Springs Four Square on a Monday morning, following the Friday publication date.

Contact us if you are a local resident and would like a guaranteed copy of the *The Pinkie*, by subscription, delivered to your letterbox, or door.

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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

This weekend (1 & 2 February) Hanmer Springs Golf Club hosts their 6th Pro-Am Tournament.

The 2025 Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa Pro-Am Golf Tournament will see 47 visiting golf professionals and 120 amateurs drawn from the upper South Island. This is an NZPGA sanctioned competition and is considered prestigious for the club, and by extension the town.

Although the course will be closed during the Tournament any member of the public is welcome to spectate or visit the club house.



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).



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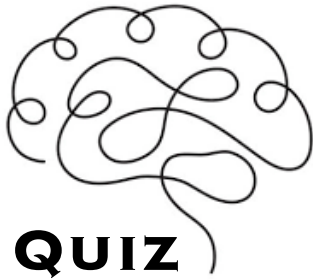
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TRIVIA



1. In terms of consumer electronics, what does VCR stand for
2. What does a malingerer do?
3. Brimstone is an archaic name for which element?
4. Doggerland (now flooded) used to connect which two land masses during the last Ice Age?
5. A two kilometre ocean swim equals how laps in an Olympic size pool?
6. Is a nanosecond a millionth, a billionth or a trillionth of a second?
7. Which Italian pasta sauce takes its name the Italian verb 'to pound'?
8. Who or what is the Fremantle Doctor?
9. Which Wind in the Willows character was especially keen on motorcars?
10. Which is the least populated Australian state or territory?
11. Which often military fabric takes its name from the Urdu word for dusty?
12. Which former part of the Soviet Union shares its name with a US state?
13. Which cocktail has the ingredients Prosecco and peach juice?
14. Actors Gene Wilder, Johnny Depp and Timothy Chalamet have all played what character?
15. Which In nautical terms does starboard mean; left or right?
16. What is used to make something Florentine style?
17. Is the world's largest desert found in America, Australia, Africa, Antarctica or Asia?
18. In Peter Pan, what is the name of Captain Hook's ship?
19. If someone is lachrymose what do they do a lot of?
20. Which composer is the most nominated living person in the history of the Oscars?

Read this subliminal message ...

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

QUIZ FOR THE KIDS

1. Name the largest lake in the South Island?
2. How many stars are on the New Zealand flag?
3. Name the longest glacier in New Zealand?
4. Which continent has 90% of the world's ice?
5. What is the average thickness of Antarctic ice? 20m? 200m? 2000m?

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Colour this ...



A little space for doodling or colouring!

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St James Horse Sale



Saturday 25 January 2025 was a perfect day for the biennial St James Horse Sale; an overcast day with a temperature of around 21°C.

A crowd of well over 1,000 people made the trip with people converging on the St James yards in the Clarence Valley from every direction; the Rainbow, the Molesworth and Hanmer Springs.

This year there were six green broken horses and 24 unbroken two and three year old hunter type horses up for auction. The top price was \$12,100 + GST for a 3 year old unbroken filly and the average price was just over \$6,000 + GST. The top price in the last sale (2023) was \$7,000 + GST.

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Government Looking To Plant Trees on Low Value Crown Land

The Government is looking for partners to plant trees on Crown-owned land that has low conservation and farming value. We are told that this will contribute to climate change targets, spur economic growth through a thriving forestry and wood processing sector, and improve native biodiversity and water quality.

A request for information is currently open (ending 28 February 2025) to gauge interest in the proposal, and for Government to understand what would make the proposal attractive and viable for partners.

The map to the right highlights the areas of crown land that are considered to have low conservation and farming value. A good portion of this looks to be the Molesworth.

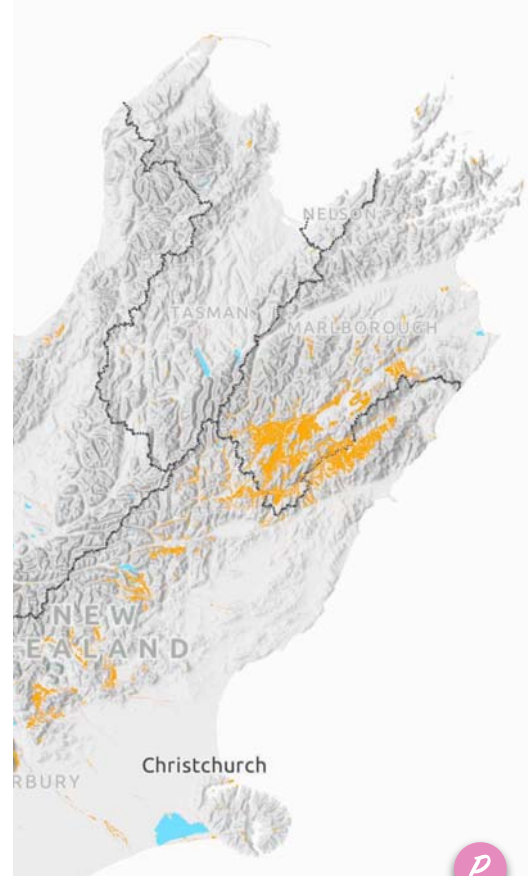
The Government is open to partnering with a range of groups, including but not limited to, Iwi-Māori, commercial forest owners, Crown leaseholders, institutional and private investors, and not-for-profit entities from New Zealand and overseas.

These partners may be interested in access to land to plant trees for:

- timber or other forest products
- carbon sequestration
- environmental outcomes

On one hand we appear to have a massive wilding pine problem and on the other hand we seem intent on creating future problems that we are blind to today, while changing the natural environment for generations to come.

What are your thoughts?




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Sudoku for you!

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

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

Trivia Answers

1. Video cassette recorder
2. Feigns illness (usually to avoid work) 
3. Sulphur
4. Britain and Europe
5. 40
6. A billionth
7. A pesto
8. A wind that blows in the summer months over Perth
9. Toad
10. Northern Territory (252,000)
11. Khaki
12. Georgia
13. Bellini
14. Willy Wonka
15. Right
16. Spinach
17. Antarctica
18. The Jolly Roger
19. Crying
20. John Williams

KIDS ANSWERS

1. Lake Te Anau
2. Four
3. Tasman Glacier
4. Antarctica
5. 2000m

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It has distinctive pink flowers with notched petals. Plants can grow up to 2 metres tall with leaves that are slightly hairy with a toothed edge attached directly to the stem.

If you think you have found great willowherb, don't attempt to remove it.

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ecan.govt.nz/great-willowherb



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Mondays 10am
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Mondays 1pm
Memorial Hall.
Call Penny (027 240 8321)
Cost: Donation.

PILATES CLASS

Mondays 5:30pm
12 Amuri Avenue
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Tuesdays

TUESDAY WALKERS

Tuesdays 9:45am
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Mount Isobel Paragliding Club

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Wednesdays

TRAMPING GROUP

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Mt Isobel Tramping Group

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Thursdays 7:15pm
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Hanmer Springs Tuesday Walking Group

The Hanmer Springs Walking Group has been going for about ten years and for much of that time Julian Pillige has been its leader.

The Group meets every Tuesday at the carpark by the old DOC centre on Jollies Pass Road at 9.45am.

It's a casual affair and it's dog friendly. Julian plans the route, everyone just follows, meandering up and around, chatting, following the leader for a couple of hours through the maze of tracks in the Hanmer Forest, often without a clue where we are! Then, it's time for coffee in the Village.

Julian is an avid mountain bike enthusiast and knows every path, every nook and side-track in the forest. He is so knowledgeable and quietly modest. He is there every week, except perhaps when it is snowing.

Fittingly then, at the Group's first ever Christmas get together, everyone contributed to buy him some useful Kathmandu vouchers.

Thank you Julian - no fuss, just a great guy doing a great job - keeping us moving and keeping us fit.

Join us any Tuesday at 9.45am. It's free !



[Thanks Christine H for text and photos - Ed]



Images from the St James Horse Sale



A Bridge for the Bath Houses

By the early 'eighties (1880s), the fame of the springs at Hanmer was beginning to spread and the bath-houses erected in 1883-4 made the district's need of a bridge more widely known. 'To suffering Christchurch citizens', wrote the *Lyttelton Times* of 19 March 1884, 'little relief is likely to be offered unless that bugbear, the river, is made safe for crossing.' The *Times* considered there was as much chance of obtaining a bridge as there was of having the stream turned in the opposite direction.

After raising hopes, the Government had early in the same year handed over to the Amuri County Council the responsibility of building a bridge, offering a subsidy of £ 5,000. It had to be built to Government specification, a low bridge by way of one of the islands above the gorge, and was estimated to cost £ 17,000. In addition, the Council was to maintain the new bridge at Waiau and the old one over the Hurunui, then in an unsafe condition. The Council indignantly rejected the triple burden, and W. A. Low of St. Helens, one of its members, on his own initiative obtained an estimate from Andersons of Christchurch for a suspension bridge at the ferry. It would cost about £ 6,000 and Low paid for the draft design himself. Apparently, however, the design was not approved by the Government Engineer. A deputation was sent to the Minister of Public Works and after some negotiation in which J.D. Lance put the case for a bridge with skill and persistence, its construction was authorised. John Blackett, who designed the first bridge at the Ferry, also, as Engineer-in-Chief, designed the second, and the contract was let to Andersons for £ 14,000. The new structure, resting on two inverted triangular frames, was 'a model of construction, economic strength, and lightness' in ironwork. It was 255 feet long (77m) and 101 feet (30m) above the river, a fine bridge, one of many bridges built by Andersons, which still serves the district nearly seventy years later.

Andersons were determined to make the opening of the bridge a red-letter day. Judging by the expansive reports in both Christchurch papers they were entirely successful. It was formally declared open by J.D. Lance, who observed that he had stood near the same spot to witness the opening of Handyside's bridge twenty-four years before. The guests cheered lustily and adjourned to a marquee on the north side of the river, overlooking the bridge and the Hanmer Plains, a spot later known for obvious reasons as Champagne Flat. Lance compared the Hanmer Springs to the pool of Bethsaida and urged those present to support the Hanmer Hotel Company. 'The only thing that had kept the public out of these healing waters was the combination of roaring torrents and insufficient accommodation. The first was over, the second was in course of treatment.' The toast of 'The giants of the Amuri, the Rutherford family' was then proposed. Duncan and Willie Rutherford replied, 'each referring to the superior size of the other'. One visitor, J.J. Kinsey, was hardy enough to wear a topper to the function; it was ignominiously used as a football and carried off in triumph to a neighbouring station. The guests departed 'wishing that bridges

were opened three or four times a year in the Amuri and that Messrs. Anderson always had the contract'.

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

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

Public Notice



28 January 2025

Update regarding the events with the water supply between Christmas and the New Year

During the holiday season, Hanmer Springs faced serious water supply challenges. We first had low rainfall, depleting our storage ponds, followed by continuous heavy rainfall, which caused our primary water sources to run dirty with high sediment levels. This added pressure on the supply and also highlighted a restriction with the storage inflows. These issues combined caused the sudden jump to level 4 restriction.

Teams worked around the clock to implement alternative supply methods while also managing deteriorating raw water quality, with crews working late into the night and throughout the holiday period to stabilise the situation.

Any new request for more water, including new subdivisions, go through a detailed modelling process. If sufficient water isn't available, the subdivisions are not approved.

Planning for a new reservoir and investigating new water sources to strengthen Hanmer Springs's water supply have also been included in the current Long Term Plan.

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Last Legs

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By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

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

They live in a swept, dirt courtyard behind a shop in a very small, neat and clean apartment and dinner begins without ceremony as soon as the pleasantries are dispensed with. The first course is river fish which I think has been cooked in tomatoes and mud with a little hydrochloric acid and about a kilo of salt. I am relieved when my plate is taken away but it is quickly replaced by another offering – the only thing my mother ever excused me from eating -- tripe - and here it is cooked in milk with cows intestines, lungs and palm hearts and another cup of salt. My god, this is absolute torture. It is vile. I feel my arteries turning brittle, but I have to eat it, they are watching every mouthful and although I look desperately for help, I find no handy pot plants, nor hungry animals, nor do I carry a hand bag. This is La Senora Dolores' specialty, Senor Alfonso beams.

How has the man survived to old age?

From the courtyard there wafts the familiar aromas of an *asado* - meat being cooked over charcoal -- and although I am not a religious man I do glance imploringly to the portrait of the Virgin on the wall and meekly ask for intervention in the case of any more of Dolores' specials. Not to be. My moustachioed host leaves the room and returns bearing the next offering which he places in front of me with a great flourish. It is a large metal skewer which bears no fewer than three barbecued speared guinea pigs, all in a row. 'Cuy, cuy', they say and keep saying, a very clean animal, very clean animal.

I am game to try most things having eaten dog in Indonesia and Vietnam, snake in China, hedgehog in England and bats in Bangladesh -- but I did demur from the rat on offer in Tamil Nadu – cooked in the fire like a potato, skin and all. These things are rodents as well and I need a moment, just to cross that minor psychological barrier first.

The cuy is all right, it sure as hell tastes better than the starters.

They are a lovely couple and seem so delighted to be entertaining me and I am unsure of what one does in Argentina. Do you go home as soon as you are fed or does custom dictate you have to stay for conversation and more alcohol. I decide it is probably the latter, this being a Latin country. I stay for another hour by which time the wine bottle I brought is empty, with no help from them, so I thank them profusely, excuse myself and rush to the nearest bar to try and quell my raging thirst, no doubt brought on by Dolores heavy hand with the salt shaker.

During the night I consume two huge bottles of mineral water and I can't sleep because I slosh around the bed, still thirsty.

The next day, as I wait for my bus I promise myself this is it, this is the last time I will play tourist. We will cross over to the Brazilian side of the falls and I will collect another stamp or two in my passport, then that's it.

Going back to visit '*las cataratas*' a second day brings to mind that famous line from Samuel Johnson when he describes the Giants Causeway. He says it is 'worth seeing, but not worth going to see'.

The queue at the border is long but we are allowed to bypass the worst of it and our only duty is to get a visa for an American girl. Nobody has to show their passport except her. Damned yanquis. I want the stamp but the guide fails to respond to my queries on the subject, so I let it rest.

On the Brazilian side we are joined by other people. One couple sit close to me and he instantly engages me in conversation in English and asks where I come from. When I tell him New Zealand he says he had just been there to a conference. He gives me a card which introduces him as a senior official in Brazil's Health Department. We are given three hours at the falls and the man's wife is obviously not happy about getting out of the bus. She is here under protest, he tells me, she really only likes shopping.

I think the views of the falls and the getting right in amongst them is better on the Brazilian side. I have rigged one camera in a plastic bag and taped it with gaffer tape (always carried) so that the end of the lens protrudes. It doesn't really work that well and even though I go as far as you can reach and get completely soaked, I don't get the definitive waterfall photos I planned. They are blurred by the mist that coats the end of the lens and whilst it could be said that I have done this for artistic effect, the truth is that this photographic foray is not an outstanding success....

I cut three hours fall-watching to one and find a sterile bar that looks over the *las cataratas*. I am lucky enough to find a t shirt that will fit me and replace my wet one.

Still in wet trousers I go to lunch with Rene, the Ministry of Health man as well as his wife. They take me to a 'rodizio' or 'running spear' restaurant where the waiters keep coming to the table with skewers of different cuts of barbecued meat – including more guinea pigs than you can shake a stick at. I comment on the fact the beef is served well done and I like it rare, but Rene says only a fool would eat rare meat in this climate with the prevailing standards of hygiene. The next place we get taken is Itaipu, a huge hydro electric dam project on the Rio Parana between Paraguay and Brazil and after two beers at lunch I have little trouble falling asleep over this one and it is only after I have been there do I find out I have just been in Paraguay. Country number one hundred and four to add to the collection, even if I slept through it.

Breakfast in Argentina, lunch in Brazil, a snooze in Paraguay, afternoon tea in Brazil and then back to Argentina for dinner, not that I can think of anywhere decent to go.

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Rene and his wife come back to the Argentina side on the bus because someone has told her that clothes and shoes are much cheaper on this side of the border. I have a few drinks with him. He tells me that when he was very young his father, a schoolteacher in rural Brazil, insisted he learn to speak fluent English. He said it would give him, his son a great advantage in life. Has it, I ask. Yes, he says, it has, not only is he a doctor of medicine from an American medical school scholarship, he is the big boss of his ministry in Sao Paulo state. We promise to keep in touch and his wife reappears, tottering under the weight of shopping bags and he gives a resigned shrug and they hail a taxi and disappear from my life.

I have been giving serious thought to where to go next and I decide the Argentina that I want to see is in the Andes and I go to the central bus station and find out that I can take a bus all the way to Salta in the country's north west and only have to change once in Tucuman. They have *coche cama* so I can travel in style and catch up on some passing landscape and some sleep. The trip will take thirty something hours.

The next day, on my way to board this bus, I am stopped in the street, not by flying old ladies, but the familiar smell of curing ham. What is ostensibly a liquor store turns out to have a ceiling laden with 'serrano' style hams and ninety different varieties of salamis. The rear of the premises contains a rowdy bar and I slip on to a wooden stool and immediately get plied with small glasses of malbec and local *conac* and thin slivers of salamis, ham, cheeses and a plethora of all that is good about Latin cuisine. I must be drunk because I fish the pirate-copy Spanish language edition of my 'tapas' book out of my luggage and show it around. That calls for another round of drinks, before I have to be poured on to the bus by these people whose names I never knew but whose backs I slapped in the convivial comradeship of vino. I am laden with little parcels of Jamon Serrano, salamis, salchichon, empanadas, cheeses, a bottle of malbec and a couple of miniatures of local *conac*, all of which they assure me will be needed on the journey because the bus meals are very plain... and they only take a very small amount of money. Thank God I am travelling '*coche cama*' class, in which the ample seat reclines to almost a bed.

There are quite a lot of towns along the first couple of hundred kilometres that I miss seeing, what with the malbec and the sleepless previous night. Even the police fail to rouse me for an identity check, I am told later. The policeman was poking you, the bus jockey told me, but he gave up. I miss all the fun.

Why do you find the great places on the way to the bus stop?

I must say the boredom of a long distance bus ride is not as bad as I imagined, even though some of the scenery is monotonous and the towns we pass through border on desolate. The winters

are dry and some places are sere and dustier than a spaghetti western. *Coche Cama* is definitely the way to travel, reclined in a sumptuous leather armchair with a coffee from the on board machine and all my little parcels of food from the shop in Iguazu and my bottle of wine. I spend the day nibbling salami, cured ham and other delicacies, including a great sheep's cheese that I wish I had more of. The whole bus smells like a delicatessen, (after a day, more like a school bus) and when they bring around lunch and dinner I wave it away and have them bring me a knife and fork and a wine glass and a corkscrew. The locals are amused by my movable feast and at each comfort stop I buy fresh bread rolls and at one place another bottle of wine. I nap occasionally as we traverse El Gran Chaco, a dry alluvial plain that gets drier the further west we travel. Gran Chaco reaches up into Eastern Bolivia and east into Paraguay and as we thunder on across a thousand kilometers of it, abandoned plastic bags dance in our wake. In truth I am being conducted in luxury on a ground level flight a dirt-poor thorn-bush land with occasional villages, home to a chicken and a scratching dog. Every plastic bag in the world has died and gone to live on the Gran Chaco. The larger towns we pass through seem to be populated with a large proportion of indigenous people. These places have the look of unemployment and despair and an even higher concentration of abandoned plastic bags and garbage. China has banned plastic bags, what a great idea. Travelling this route is a demonstration of what it will be like when we get buried in our garbage. I am whisked in luxury, lying back, glass in hand, napkin as bib, like a puffed-up upper class twit being transported through the poorest of poor landscapes.

Long journeys by sea, or train, or bus is gazing out the window watching the world glide by. Hours pass staring into water churned by the propellers. There is a moment when the slow speed of a train becomes idyllic; this is the stuff of true, pure stimulation for the imagination. As we cross the Gran Chaco my mind runs riot and I am a million miles away. We all have somewhere we retreat to inside ourselves and my place is the imagination. Is a gift, or is it cowardly concealment, this period of time. Firstly, one is getting to go somewhere new, but then you must add the luxury to reflect.

If, in the normal course of life I should allow my mind to travel backward I will stop myself. Because it is time-wasting and day-dreaming, I will feel guilty.

Here, reclining in a leather armchair, spirited through the dry pampas of South America, I allow this luxury. The scenery is not enough to occupy the mind.

Event Calendar



FEBRUARY 2025

- 01 Hurunui Race & Gala Day (first race 11am)
- 06 Waitangi Day (Thursday)

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

NOVEMBER 2025

- 30 Hanmer Howler MTB Race
(6hr/12hr/24hr format)

!! 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/>

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
vivnkeith@gmail.com

Hanmer Forest parkrun Statistics

The first Hanmer Forest parkrun was held on 7 September 2024. Since that time the event has been held every Saturday morning, with the exception of one cancellation due to a heavy rain forecast. In addition, two "special" parkrun events were held for Christmas Day and New Years Day. In total there have been 22 parkrun events.

To date there have been 1,939 finishers and of these 1,095 were first timers! This goes to show that the event brings lots of people to Hanmer Springs, and it's not just local people that are supporting the event.

There has also been 68 volunteers that have been involved in the organisation and running of the 22 events.

Nathan Smith from the Hanmer Forest Camp has run 19 of the 22 events. Nathan's fastest time is 17min 52sec.

Glenn Bateman has completed 21 events of the 22 events, completing them as the official "tail-end Charlie".

New Ultramarathon Event for Hanmer

A Backyard Ultra is a type of ultramarathon where participants run laps of a set course of 6.706 km (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".

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

Email: 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.



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Ann Toomey	021 155 7622
Ken Williams	027 284 7241
Joy Wilson	027 220 2511



Hanmer Springs Golf Results

Saturday 18th January

Gross/Net Medal
Ladies
Gross Nicky West 77
Net Carolyn Williams 68

Senior Men
Gross Brent Berry 69
1st Net Brian McHattie 66
2nd Mike Gibbon 67

Intermediate Men
Gross Ryan Wood 77
1st Net Ken Williams 69
2nd Net Glenn Bateman 69

Junior Men
Gross Wayne Love 83
1st Net Robin East 66
2nd Net Graham Heenan 67

Twos
Barry Toomey
Joe Gantley
Brian McHattie
Dean Pollock
Howard Chellew
Adam Jacks

Nearest the Pin
Carolyn Williams

Jackpot Twos & Net Eagles
Not Struck

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



Saturday 25th January

Stableford
1st Boio Sarahu Hothersall 34 pts
2nd Carolyn Williams 30

Summer cup winner
Carolyn Williams 65 pts

Men
1st Don Giles 39 pts
2nd Don Spackman 38
3rd Mark Worner 38
4th Adam Jacks 38
5th Glenn Bateman 38

Summer cup winner
Don Giles 77 pts

Twos
Brent Berry

Nearest the Pin
Dean Pollock

Net Eagles & Jackpot Twos
Not struck



Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 16/01/2025
1st - C & G Scrivener

Results 23/01/2025
1st - T Davies & P Bennett

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

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Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere, even while you're on holiday. Are you ready?

1. Talk about the impacts
 - Stuck at home, can't get home,
 - how to evacuate, no power, no water,
 - no phone or internet.
2. Work out what supplies you need
3. Make a plan
4. Tailor your plan
5. Stay informed
6. Make your home safer



Public Notice

Pursuant to section 5C of the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990, Hurunui District Council is reviewing Council's Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy.

The Council is proposing to retain the existing Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy that retailers may open if they wish.

Consultation dates:

Monday 3 February 2025, 8am - Monday 3 March 2025, 5pm.

To read more, please visit:

<https://www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations>

Have your say:

Email: planning@hurunui.govt.nz (please put Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy in the subject line).

Post: Hurunui District Council, PO Box 13, Amberley 7441, attn to Andrew Mactier.

Online: Please visit the website address listed above.

Phone: Phone 03 314 8816 (Cheviot Freephone: 03 319 8812) (Amuri & Hanmer Springs Freephone: 03 315 8400).



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