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Top10 Holiday Park
3 Bath Street

Pines Holiday Park
158 Argelins Road

Drifters Inn
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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



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637 Hanmer Springs Road



Hanmer Springs Community Library

Hanmer Springs Community Library
& Service Centre



Cnr Amuri Avenue
& Cheltenham Street

Monday - Friday
12pm - 4pm

03 315-7912

Saturday & Sunday
10am - 2pm

hanmer@hurunui.govt.nz

Useful Opening Times



Four Square
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The Toy Shop

(including postal services)

Mon - Thu 9am - 3pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

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**Hanmer Springs
Thermal Pools & Spa**

10am - 9pm

Hanmer Springs
Thermal Pools & Spa

Hanmer Springs Service Station



7:30am - 6:00pm

(seven days)

03 315-7107

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154 Hanmer Springs Road

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8:30am - 5:00pm

(Monday to Friday)

027 740 4142

Woodbank Road



Hammer Hardware

8am - 5pm

(Mon - Fri)

9am - 4pm

(Saturday)

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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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Hanmer Happenings

Hanmer Springs continues to be busy with visitors who are making the most of our beautiful autumnal weather.

Our most recent visitors were approximately 50 MainPower employees and contractors who worked in the Hanmer area to improve the reliability of our electricity network. The MainPower teams chose to visit on two very cold and wet days last week. A message from MainPower, and some photos, are included in this issue.

The Hanmer Hundy MTB race is on Saturday 15 March (this weekend) and the weather forecast is looking good. There are three MTB races being staged; 25km, 50km & 100km. All tracks will remain open during the race but please observe any directional restrictions. Please note that McIntyre Road, up to the Waterfall Track carpark, will be closed to vehicle traffic on Friday and Saturday.

The Hanmer Springs Netball Club has two pre-season meet-ups in the coming weeks; Friday 21 March and Friday 28 March (4pm to 5:30pm). If you're planning on playing this season please add these dates to your calendar.

The Bandquet is on in Hanmer Springs on Saturday 29 March from 11am. Tickets are still available.

Details of the upcoming voluntary Civil Defence Wild Fire Evacuation Exercise, on Sunday 6 April, are also included in this issue.

Finally, if you're a runner remember the Hanmer Forest parkrun is on every Saturday morning at 8am. Also, the Hanmer Half Marathon will be held on Saturday 3 May. Visit the Hanmer Half website to register:

<https://www.hanmerhalf.co.nz>

Keep being awesome out there!

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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



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Hanmer Springs
03 315 7503
reception@hanmermc.co.nz

CLASSES, FITNESS, CLUBS & MUSIC

Mondays

AQUACIZE

Mondays 10am
Thermal Pools entrance. Informal group.
You will need an aqua stick.
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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).
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You will need to read music or have a good ear.
Call Marguerite (021 125 4062)
Cost: Free

Tuesdays

TUESDAY WALKERS

Tuesdays 9:45am
Meet at the Jollies Pass Road Forest Entry carpark (by the old DOC house).
Approx. 1.5 - 2 hour walks in the forest.
Call Anne (021 277 7515) or
Julian (021 148 2811) for more information.

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB HANMER SPRINGS

First Tuesday of each month
Fun and fellowship for the more mature.
Call Corry Scrivener (021 045 7666) or
Dennis Hall (021 294 1541) to join, or for more information.

Mount Isobel Paragliding Club

Mount Isobel Paragliding Club

The Mount Isobel Paragliding Club is looking for members (flying or non-flying).
Call Reece (022 366 4477) or
Chris (021 038 2046) for more information

Wednesdays

TRAMPING GROUP

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Mt Isobel Tramping Group

LOCAL LADIES CATCH-UP

First Wednesday of each month.
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HANMER SPRINGS KNITTING GROUP

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

Thursdays

PILATES CLASS

Thursdays 8:45am and 10:00am
12 Amuri Avenue
Call Corry (021 045 7666)

E-BIKE TOURING GROUP

Thursdays 11:00am (winter hours)
Call June (021 823 824) or
Anne Inglis (021 277 7515) for information.

HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays 7:15pm
Anglican Church Hall
Call Joy (027 220 2511) for information.

HANMER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

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Saturdays

HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

Saturdays 8am

Brooke Dawson Reserve (off Bath Street)
See parkrun.co.nz for details

Sundays

MORRIS DANCING

Sundays 7pm
Lots of laughs and some added exertion.
Dancers and musicians welcome.
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CHURCH NOTICES

Saturday Church Services

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HURUNUI

Saturday Mass 5pm
St Roch's Church
27 Amuri Avenue

Sunday Church Services

ANGLICAN PARISH OF HANMER SPRINGS

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Sundays 10am
33 Jollies Pass Road
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Call the Golf Club (03 315-7110)

HANMER SPRINGS TENNIS CLUB

Twilight Tennis & Kids Coaching
(During the season)
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Call Kate (021 026 67019) for more info

Important Public Meeting



Local Water Done Well

Consultation on water services delivery

Central government has passed legislation which requires councils to identify and consult on options for the future delivery of water services. It replaces the previous government's Three Water proposals and gives councils flexibility to determine for themselves the most suitable arrangement for the delivery of water services (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater – the “three waters”) for their communities.

Consultation opens 20 March, closes 21 April 2025

Council will be seeking your views on two options:

- 1) Providing water services through a joint water services council controlled organisation owned by the Hurunui District Council and Kaikōura District Council (preferred option).
- 2) Providing water services through a financially ring-fenced in-house delivery unit of council.

PUBLIC MEETING

**Hanmer Springs Library (Gallery)
49 Amuri Ave, Hanmer Springs
Monday 24 March 5pm-6pm**

**For more information or any queries, please ring Council on
03 314 8816 | Amuri & Hanmer Springs Freephone: 03 315 8400 |
Cheviot Freephone: 03 319 8812)**

New Owners for Toy Shop



From 1 April 2025, Jeff and Nikki Cannell take over the ownership of The Toy Shop.

Jeff and Nikki, and family, have lived in Hanmer Springs for 5 years, and they're looking forward to their new role in the community.

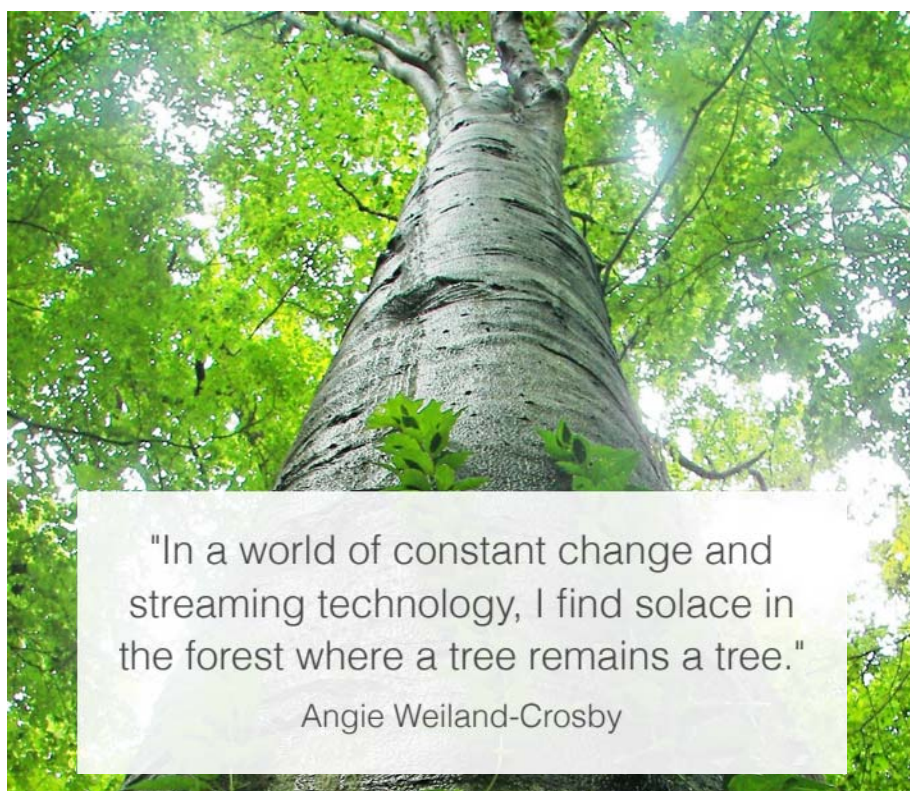
Thanks to Tracey Thackwell, and her team, for doing such a great job for the last 3 years.

"The shop has brought us so much happiness, I have loved every minute and am so very grateful to our amazing locals and visitors who have supported the business along the way - and my amazing team!", says Tracey.

We'll all be a little sad in Hanmer Springs with the departure of David, Tracey, Lillie and Hunter; they're relocating to Brisbane for new adventures.



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"In a world of constant change and streaming technology, I find solace in the forest where a tree remains a tree."

Angie Weiland-Crosby

Remembering Hula



7 March 2025

Hula kissed the day goodbye...
Never a truer friend.

Hanmer Springs

Te Whakatakanga o te Ngārahu o te ahi a Tamatea
(the falling of the embers of the fire of Tamatea)

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Annual visitors 500,000+

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Last Week in Hanmer Springs (a message from MainPower)

MainPower teams and contractors descended on Hanmer Springs Village over two long and often wet days last week to upgrade and maintain electricity assets in the area.

As part of its long-term plan to upgrade the 33kV line and build a new substation, MainPower worked with the Hanmer Springs community and businesses for more than 15 months to arrange the two-day power outage to the village. Around 50 MainPower employees and contractors worked in the area on Tuesday and Wednesday last week completing multiple jobs to improve the reliability of the network and increase the quality of the power available in the region.

The lines company provided uninterrupted power to many of the businesses in the central business area including the supermarket and library, thanks to the use of five generators stationed around the village. While much of the village experienced outages throughout both days, the work carried out by the company allowed for the replacement of overhead lines and poles in locations that can't be worked on in live electricity conditions. Essential maintenance and repairs were also completed on substations, kiosks and cables.

The diverse terrain and challenging weather conditions caused only one minor delay on the second day, with

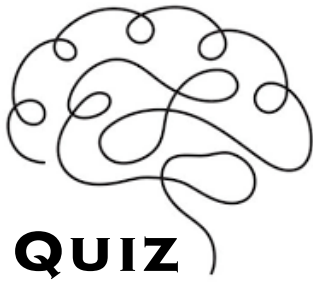
power back on 15 minutes later than promised. A broken pump that couldn't be repaired on site necessitated a long trip for one MainPower team to provide a replacement – despite the sites being 250 metres apart, the delivery trip took around an hour through multiple gates, valleys and peaks, and rough terrain.

When finished, the new line section will be larger, stronger, and more able to withstand storms and interference from wildlife with an expected reduction in unplanned outages impacting the region. The new substation will replace aging assets, maintain reliability and allow further regional growth.

MainPower wishes to thank everyone in the Hanmer Springs area for their understanding and consideration during this important work. These changes allow for future electrification opportunities, such as increased use of electric heating sources, new commercial loads, electric vehicle uptake, and other changes which support decarbonisation.

To improve resilience of the power supply for the Hanmer Springs area, onsite generators are currently being considered alongside the new substation build. Further details of this proposal can be found on the MainPower website.

TRIVIA



QUIZ

1. Who wrote the book Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang: The Magical Car?
2. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
3. What is the name of the main antagonist in the Shakespeare play Othello?
4. When was the movie the Titanic released?
5. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
6. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
7. What was the most popular girls name in the UK in 2024?
8. What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
9. Which comedian was the second permanent host of Never Mind the Buzzcocks after Mark Lamarr?
10. What is the capital of Finland?
11. Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles World At War and Black Ops?
12. In what US state is the city Nashville?
13. Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988?
14. What is the currency of Denmark?
15. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
16. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
17. In how many films have Al Pacino and Robert De Niro appeared in together?
18. What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?
19. Who was the head of state in Japan during the Second World War?
20. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?



Trivia for the Kids

1. The name of the body of water between New Zealand and Australia?
2. The capital of Tasmania?
3. The capital of Fiji?
4. The second-most populated city in the South Island?
5. The second-most populated city in the North Island?

A little space for doodling!



A subliminal message

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

Last Legs

Continued from previous issue ...

By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

They give me a double room with en suite at the price of a single one and this for \$12 a night, with breakfast for another buck. When I tell them I am taking photos and doing some newspaper stories they give me a desk and chair and a table lamp. The house is an old one and some of its wooden walls are beautifully crafted in colonial style. It has an historic but homey feel.

I am shown where to connect my laptop to broadband and in the morning, although I rise late, Ignacio quickly has my breakfast prepared me and makes a strong black espresso. He is keen to improve his English so he uses that language, but I want to speak Spanish so our exchanges are with each speaking the other's idiom.

Every first day I spend in a new place is occupied with walking until the point of exhaustion and finding the markets. Getting lost doesn't matter, it is a good way of getting familiar with the lay of the land.

Only once have I ever gotten into trouble doing this – once when I first lived in Jakarta I got lost in the area known as Glodok, an area mainly populated by the downtrodden Chinese and an area where violence has flared since the early eighteenth century. I was held at knife point and not sure what was about to happen, whether I was going to be robbed or murdered or both, but I was rescued by a Chinese shopkeeper who bundled me into his shop and who dismissed the belligerent youths with the warning that killing a foreigner was likely to have the whole neighbourhood razed, or so he told me. My saviour wore a dirty white singlet and had a large hairy mole on his chin, but he looked great to me.

Here in Salta, there is no sense of danger. I am immediately enamoured of the city with its beautiful central plaza, its gardens and the ubiquitous statue of General San Martin, trees for shade and numerous orange trees bearing ripe fruit. It is cobbled except for a narrow strip where cars can pass through and the buildings are impressive, the pink cathedral and several colonial classics which house museums. The city was important four hundred years ago, but it languished until the changeover years from the nineteenth to the twentieth century when an influx of Italian, Spanish, Syrian and Lebanese émigrés did much to pull up its socks by concentrating on agriculture and trade. Its fortunes fluctuated much with Potosi, the giant silver mine in Bolivia, because it was placed squarely on the route from the mines to Buenos

Aires. (*Rio Plata* means Silver River not River Plate as it erroneously translated on English maps).

Salta's climate is like eternal spring. I am here in mid winter and the latitude provides days of about twenty Celsius and in the summer the altitude saves it from getting too hot. Several crops are possible in one year.

A couple of blocks from the Square, dutifully named for the 9th of December, is the wildly painted and eccentric colonial Iglesia de San Fransisco. Having lived a life of disdain for the paste that holds organized religions together, especially the Catholic Church, I now find myself in South America visiting churches, but the truth is they are often the best preserved examples of a truly great style of Spanish colonial architecture which exists in perfect symbiosis with the rococo symbolism and shapes of Quecha and Inca – then throw in a polyglot of other impure accents. As well as its rough edges it has much less symmetry and a lot more flair than Spanish Moorish. (The only thing *this* mad in Spain is Gaudi.)

Now, if you want to find the soul of a city just head to the markets. Every city I ever go, the first day will find me in the markets. Salta's has a friendly air and although I try on a flat-top gaucho hat at every place they sell them, I cannot find one big enough for my boofhead. They all tell me, this one fits perfectly, but I know they are lying. I have the same luck with Gaucho riding boots. There is nothing in the country any bigger than a size 44, although the trendy Gaucho boutique in the mall offers to make me a pair for \$600, here where you can buy a pair a good pair of size 44 for less than 200 pesos. How do all those rugby players with large feet come by their footwear?

The food is cheap, often less than a quarter of what I would pay in the markets at home. Chicken breasts cost two bucks a kilo, quality rib-eye steak for three.

Salta offers a favourite pastime, to sit outdoors in a café on the edge of a plaza and watch the world pass by while sipping on a good strong espresso then a few beer chasers and an indulgent snack; to hand is the Lonely Planet, ready, or sometimes reluctant, to give up clues about what to do next.

I have found a book of Borges in the hostel. It is a collection of short stories which I have read in English but it is in Spanish and I have to put it aside because it demands too much attention and I need a dictionary. Trying to grasp his surreal message is too much for the brain that runs riot.

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Civil Defence Exercise



VOLUNTARY CIVIL DEFENCE WILDFIRE EVACUATION EXERCISE

Sunday 6 April 2025 2pm - 5pm
THIS IS A CIVIL DEFENCE EXERCISE.
THIS IS NOT A REAL EVENT.



Civil Defence Field Exercise

Sunday 6 April 2025 at 2 - 5pm

Hurunui Civil Defence, Hanmer Springs Community Civil Defence Team and Emergency Services invite you to participate in a voluntary Civil Defence wildfire evacuation field exercise.

This is a voluntary exercise to test the Hanmer Springs Civil Defence wildfire evacuation plan and raise awareness among residents and visitors about what to do in the event of a major wildfire evacuation.

What to do:

- Wait for the instruction to evacuate via public address systems, Facebook and Compass FM radio station.
- Make your way to the paddock south of Amuri Helicopters at 561 Hanmer Springs Road, SH7A.

Where to get information on the day:

- Tune into Compass FM on 104.7FM.
- Check the Hanmer Springs Community page on Facebook.
- Speak to a volunteer.
- Inquires on the day to Council at the numbers below.

It is not a real event. Participation is voluntary.

If you require assistance on the day or have questions, please ring Council as soon as possible on 03 314 8816 or Amuri & Hanmer Springs Freephone: 03 315 8400.

Volunteers will be patrolling to assist people to evacuate and ensure properties are safe during the exercise.

Voluntary Evacuation Exercise

A landmark multi-agency Civil Defence wildfire evacuation field exercise will take place in Hanmer Springs on Sunday 6 April 2025 to test community preparedness.

The exercise —the biggest of its kind in recent history — will bring together emergency services, the Hanmer Springs Community Emergency Response Team, Waka Kotahi NZTA, Hurunui District Council, residents, businesses, schools, accommodation providers, and tourists to test Hanmer Springs's wildfire preparedness plan.

Hurunui Civil Defence Emergency Management will be the lead agency for the exercise on Sunday 6 April, which will run throughout the day, with the public phase of the exercise taking place between 2pm and 5pm.

Hurunui Council's Emergency Management officer Allan Grigg says Hanmer Springs has an "extremely high" wildfire risk. In 2016, a large wildfire cut off access to the town temporarily.

"A draft Civil Defence evacuation plan has been prepared but has never been operationally tested," Grigg says. "This exercise will test the plan in action, raise awareness of wildfire hazard, and build confidence and knowledge in the community."

The devastating wildfires in Los Angeles had heightened public concern about fire preparedness, Grigg says.

"Many residents in Hanmer Springs are eager to understand what to do in the event of a major wildfire evacuation."

Evacuation will be voluntary, and residents and visitors requiring assistance on the day are urged to get in touch with the Council.

Residents will hear the instruction to evacuate via public address systems and the town siren. The evacuation point is the paddock south of Amuri Helicopters at 561 Hanmer Springs Road, SH7A.

"We will have volunteers patrolling to ensure properties are safe during the exercise and to be available to help people evacuate. People will also be directing traffic to the evacuation site under a Traffic Management Plan," Grigg says.

The field exercise will utilise platforms used in real events, such as North Canterbury radio station Compass FM and the Hanmer Springs community Facebook page. All messaging will start and end with the words 'Civil Defence Exercise'.

Sudoku for you!

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This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

Trivia Answers

- Ian Fleming
- Knee
- Iago
- 1997
- Tin
- 3
- Olivia
- All the President's Men
- Simon Amstell
- Helsinki
- Call of Duty
- Tennessee
- Nine Inch Nails
- Krone
- The French Open (Roland Garros)
- Netherlands
- Four (The Godfather Part 2, Heat, Righteous Kill, The Irishman)
- Marathon
- Emperor Hirohito
- Mercury

KIDS ANSWERS

- Tasman Sea
- Hobart
- Suva
- Dunedin
- Wellington



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Did you know there is a "Foodbank" in Hanmer Springs that has funds available to help those that are struggling.

The foodbank fund has resulted from many generous donations by individuals and businesses in the Hanmer Springs community.

If you, or anyone you know, are struggling please email:

hscommunitytrust@gmail.com

Applications for assistance will be treated in the strictest confidence. Eligible resident applicants will be given a Four Square grocery voucher.

Donations may be made at the Hanmer Springs Four Square or directly to BNZ 02 0876 0132702 004



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

Number of days since
1 January 2025

73

Number of days to
Christmas!

286

Number of days since our
last Power Outage

5



Hanmer Springs School Pinkie Report Term 1

Felting Workshop.

On Friday Jane Dolan came to Hanmer School to do a felting workshop. Her felting group had an exhibition in the gallery beside the library. We went to visit the exhibition and we really liked the feel of the felt. We liked the kiwi and pukeko puppets and the different hats and scarves. At school Jane taught us how to pull out the wool and to place it on the table to make a square. We put on different colour wool to make patterns. We had to put water on and some soap, then we rolled it up in gladwrap and a tea towel. We had to roll it for ages. Afterwards we had to give our wool a shock by throwing it on the table. It was fun making our piece of felt.

“I put purple and blue and pink on my felt. First we put the colours on the white felt. We rolled it, then we put water on it. We let it dry on the table in the sun and we took it home.” Ciara.

“The feeling of making the felt was fun. First we made the wool into a square shape, then we put colours over it. Next, we sprinkled it with water, put cellophane over it and rubbed it with soap water. We rinsed it under the tap and rubbed it again, rolled it up and rolled it and rolled it and rolled it! We got to take it home. I gave it to my nana.” Ruby.





Hurunui Swimming Sports.

On Thursday Hanmer Springs School ran the Hurunui Swimming Sports hosted by the Hanmer Springs Hot Pools. Hanmer School had a team of over 20 children competing in various events. It was a beautiful day, cold at the start but sunny, and it soon warmed up. Thank you to the Thermal Pools and Spa for their continued support our of school and the other Hurunui schools.

“There were over 100 races, consisting of 25 metre and 50 metre events of breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke and butterfly. Rotherham, Cheviot, Waiau, Amuri, Hurunui, Waikari and Hanmer Springs schools competed. I competed in breaststroke and freestyle but they were 25 metre ones which means I can’t go to Canterbury because only 50 metre races count. It was a fun day. The best part was the excitement before the race. We got a free swim afterwards.” Sam.



Hurunui swimming was a competitive match with other schools in our area. I got 3rd and 4th in breaststroke and freestyle. Timmy got the overall best swimmer award, he won all his races! The races were very close. There was one false start and everyone stopped, so they had to start the race again. Jonty.



The Hurunui swimming sports day was brilliant for me! I got tons of chances to show off my SPECTACULAR swimming skills, tumble turns, and dives. We got to swim at the hexagonal pools between our races and got an hour of free time at the end. Overall I had a wonderful time and I am so thankful for these opportunities. Isabella.

On Thursday we had Hurunui swimming sports. It was AWESOME and our school did really well. Timmy got the best overall swimmer and received a trophy. I did really well in my races and got second three times and third two times. All of the races were very even and one time I beat a girl by twelve milliseconds. The Y8 girl’s team did amazing and came second overall. By Nika.

Event Calendar



MARCH 2025

- 15 The Hanmer Hundy MTB Race
(25km/50km/100km races)
- 15 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 21 Hanmer Springs Netball
(Pre-season meetup 4pm-5:30pm)
- 22 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 22 Early Entries for Hanmer Half close
- 28 Hanmer Springs Netball
(Pre-season meetup 4pm-5:30pm)
- 29 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 29 The Bandquet, 11am

APRIL 2025

- 05 Dog Creek Timber Trail Ultra Run
(21km/50km/50mile/100km/100mile)
100mile race starts 4 April
- 05 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 06 Daylight Savings Ends
- 12 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 18 Easter Friday
- 19 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 21 Easter Monday
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 26 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am

MAY 2025

- 03 Hanmer Half Marathon

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".

MainPower in Hanmer Springs



A temporary generator behind the Library



Heavy rain last week during MainPower works

Community Notices



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/>

Creative Communities Fund



Creative Communities Fund

Applications open on 24 February 2025 and close on 24 March 2025.

Application forms are available on council's website at www.hurunui.govt.nz/community/awards-and-funding or by emailing the administrator – maree.hare@hurunui.govt.nz

All projects must have an arts focus, must begin after 16 April 2025 and be completed before 16 April 2026.

Types of costs that can be funded include: workshops/courses; performances; exhibitions; creation of artworks; materials for arts programmes or activities; venue or equipment hire for arts activities; personnel and administrative costs for short term art projects and promotion and publicity of arts activities.

FUNDING CRITERIA

Access & participation:

For example, performances by community choirs, hip-hop groups, theatre companies or poets; workshops on painting, sketching, printmaking, writing or dancing, etc; exhibitions by local craft groups, festivals featuring local artists; creation of a film or public artwork; development of new tukutuku whakairo or kowhaiwhai for a local marae; artist residencies involving local artists or communities; seminars for the development of local artists.

Diversity:

For example, workshops, rehearsals, performances, festivals or exhibitions in Māori or Pasifika heritage or contemporary artforms or by local migrant communities; arts projects that bring together groups from a range of different communities; workshops, rehearsals, performances, festivals or exhibitions by groups with experience of disability or mental illness.

Young people:

For example, young people to engage with and actively participate in working with an artist to create a mural or street art; creating a film about an issue that's important to them; publication of a collection of writings by young people; music workshops for young people; an exhibition of visual art by young people.

JPs in Hanmer Springs

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



Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 1st March

Gross & Net Medal
Ladies
Best Gross Carolyn Williams 89
Best Net Louise Pearce 67

Senior Men
Best Gross Brent Berry 71
Best Net Jeff Dalley 67
2nd Steve Gill 67

Junior Men
Best Gross Cliff Tipler 83
Best Net Neil Duncan 65
2nd Wayne Love 67

Twos
Mike Gibbon
Wayne Love

Nearest the Pin
Wayne Love

Net Eagles
Scott Callaway

Jackpot Twos
Not struck

Saturday 8th March

Irish Stableford
1st Scott Callaway 87 pts
2nd Sharon Carlson 81
3rd Ron Carlson 79
4th Greg Samson 75

No Twos

Net Eagles
Joe Gantlet



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

Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 27/02/2025
North/South – C & G Scrivener
East / West – J Wilson & T Davies

Results 06/03/2025
North/South = C & G Scrivener
= R Ensor & J Wilson
East / West – J Pillidge & W Stewart

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

The Pinkie is available online at
www.thepinkie.co.nz



Photo: Ministry for Culture and Heritage

Soldiers' Block preview

'Behind the Fence'

To our Hanmer Springs community

We invite you to a special 'Behind the Fence' preview event ahead of the formal opening of Soldiers' Block on ANZAC Day.



Monday 14 April 2025

4pm - 6pm

Soldiers' Block, Hanmer Springs



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3. Make a plan

4. Tailor your plan

5. Stay informed

6. Make your home safer

Attention Community Groups

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

About:

FUNDING

With: Rātā Foundation

Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs

- ➡ Tips to write a successful application
- ➡ How to lodge your application
- ➡ What funding is available at council

Tuesday 1 April 2025

10.30am - 12.30pm
Doors open at 10am.

Omihi Community Hall
Reeces Road, SH1
Omihi

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