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3 Bath Street

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158 Argelins Road

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59 Jacks Pass Road

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Hanmer Springs Community Library

Hanmer Springs Community Library
& Service Centre



Cnr Amuri Avenue
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Monday - Friday
12pm - 4pm

03 315-7912

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10am - 9pm
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Thermal Pools & Spa

Hanmer Springs Service Station



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(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

This weekend we're expecting another busy one with *The Bandquet* on tomorrow (Saturday 29 March) at the Domain starting at 11am. The weather will be fine.

Last week we had a cold snap, with new snow on the hills, and a couple of quick power outages; all in one day. MainPower tell us we have more possum problems!

We have a few things coming up that need a mention.

On Sunday 6 April there is a voluntary Civil Defence Wild Fire Evacuation Field Exercise from 2-5pm; look for details in this issue of *The Pinkie*.

On the afternoon of Monday 7 April the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra are in the village and are performing four free "mini" concerts. Again, look for details in this issue of *The Pinkie*. The first one starts at 12pm at the Hanmer Library.

"Behind the Fence", a preview of the Soldiers' Block is on Monday 14 April from 4pm-6pm. This is a preview before the formal opening on ANZAC Day.

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!



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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Hanmer Springs
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Mondays 10am
Thermal Pools entrance. Informal group.
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HANMER SPRINGS STITCH GROUP

Mondays 10am
Hanmer Springs Library
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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
Meet at the Jollies Pass Road Forest Entry carpark (by the old DOC house).
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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

Day tramps in local mountains and surrounding areas. Every Wednesday.
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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
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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)
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HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

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

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Saturdays

HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

Saturdays 8am
Brooke Dawson Reserve (off Bath Street)
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Sundays

MORRIS DANCING

Sundays 7pm
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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

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Symphony Orchestra in the Village

Join Christchurch
Symphony Orchestra
musicians for a day of
free musical activities
in Hanmer!

Monday 7 April 2025



Christchurch
Symphony
Orchestra



Amuri Community Arts Council



Is autumn your favourite season in
Hanmer Springs?

Symphony Orchestra in the Village

Music Trails

12pm – 12.30pm, Hanmer Library

Music Trails are free, relaxed, interactive concerts designed especially for tamariki, and feature singing, music, dancing and storytelling!

Lunchtime Concert

12.45pm – 1.15pm, Hanmer Library

Enjoy a free lunchtime performance for all ages in the comfort of Hanmer Library.

Flourish Interactive Session

2.30pm – 3.15pm, Hanmer Library

If you have a love of music and are looking for ways to keep your brain healthy and active, this is for you! Join CSO's acclaimed multi-week Flourish programme of music appreciation and interaction, designed for senior members of the community!

Afternoon Concert and Soak

4pm – 4.30pm, Hanmer Thermal Pools

Round out your afternoon dip in the hot pools with a relaxing performance by CSO musicians.



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

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Elevation 388 metres 1,273 feet

Citizens Advice Bureau

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Our Water

Hurunui District Council is consulting with its communities over the best way to deliver and manage water services under new central government regulations.

Local Water Done Well is the government's new policy for Three Waters reform. It allows councils to choose the best option for how they deliver drinking water, wastewater and stormwater for their communities.

Hurunui District Mayor Marie Black said the three North Canterbury councils of Hurunui, Kaikoura and Waimakariri had worked closely together to look at the best possible options for their communities.

"It was important to ensure water charges would be affordable and that each council had enough financial headroom for further investment over the next decade or so," Mayor Black said.

On 25 February 2025, Hurunui Council resolved to go to its communities with two options:

1. establish a joint Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) which would be 100% owned by the Hurunui District Council and the Kaikōura District Council; or
2. to provide services through an in-house business unit.

Consultation on the proposed models was approved by Council this week, with consultation opening on 20 March and closing on 21 April.

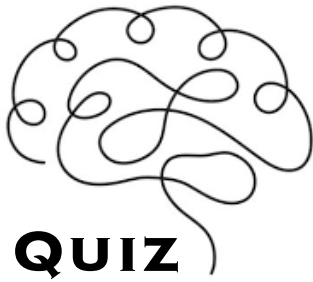
"We've taken a long-term view in coming to this proposal, having considered the most sustainable model for Hurunui for the future," Mayor Black said. "This looks at water charges over the long term, as well as potential borrowing that could be accessed in the future, to ensure that our infrastructure continues to be robust, fit for purpose and sustainable. The proposed model also offers more scope to work together with other councils in the future, with cost efficiencies and other benefits for our communities."

Mayor Black said Hurunui Council welcomes opportunities to work more closely with its neighbours with examples of current shared services with Waimakariri District Council including the provision of water to households on the Ashley water scheme and the contracting of water services modelling.

"We are encouraging residents to have their say on this important issue. There will be public meetings held across our district and multiple ways to submit," Mayor Black said.

Council will hear submissions on 29 April, with 30 April being held as a reserve day. Council will make a decision at a meeting on 13 May 2025.

TRIVIA



1. The duck-billed platypus is native to which country?
2. Fashion models parade on which raised platform?
3. Which singer/songwriter topped the 2000 charts with *White Ladder*?
4. Who created the character of Bridget Jones, famous for her diary?
5. What sort of food is vichyssoise?
6. What, in cricket, is a run that is not credited to a batsman?
7. Which meat is obtained from deer?
8. What name for the country is shown on Ireland's postage stamps?
9. Who, in the Bible, will inherit the earth?
10. Where is the Isle of Wight regatta held?
11. What is the anatomical name for the large bone of the upper leg?
12. What sport is played by the Miami Dolphins?
13. Oslo is the capital of which country?
14. What is the American term for a careless pedestrian?
15. In which part of the body would a pacemaker be fitted?
16. What cookery measure is roughly 5 millilitres?
17. What type of creature is a Swaledale?
18. How is fruit cooked if it is served in a "compote"?
19. In which country did karaoke originate?
20. What does a vulcanologist study?

Trivia for the Kids

1. What North Canterbury sub-region is best known for its wine?
2. What is the largest town in the Hurunui District?
3. Hanmer Springs is twice the height of Culverden above sea-level. True or False?
4. What is Winnie-the-Pooh's favourite food?
5. What Spanish word means an afternoon snooze?

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)

I am also reading up on Bolivia. The border crossing from Argentina to Bolivia is only 411 kilometres north of Salta via La Quiaca and Villazon. Here in Salta the altitude is about 1800 metres but after a seven hour bus ride to La Quiaca you are on the Andean Plateau or the *altiplano* at 3700 metres. This is about the same level as Lhasa in Tibet where I once spent several weeks with no ill effects. That's the level where lack of oxygen can become a problem and although I have chosen to ignore my doctor's advice, I still remember it. Salta looks like a place to hang out for a couple of weeks or so, it's about the same height as Darjeeling, a place I regularly visited when I lived in Calcutta.

I have such an excellent and cheap room and a need to gently accustom myself to altitude and there are some places to visit in the province. It is a city of almost half a million people but it doesn't have the atmosphere of a place that big. I think I might stay awhile.

There are the markets and long pedestrian shopping malls lively with people and a share of fast-food hustlers, barkers and spruikers. Things are cheap if you have dollars and I find a big alpaca wool scarf that doesn't have llamas on it (which isn't that easy), and for twenty bucks. I buy a genuine red and black Gaucho poncho despite the fact I know I will carry it around South America and when I get it home I will never wear it - unless I go to a fancy dress - but who doesn't do that.

The first day there I lunch in a traditional local restaurant; just as well I like steak. I order the steak special and I wonder why the waiter asks me how I like my potatoes, but I see when the plate arrives, it has half and half, fries and mash, a huge rib eye steak and a mountain of fried onions. I'm on holiday, I tell myself, so I order a litre of beer.

The meal reminds me of the sort you could buy in New Zealand forty years ago, in places with names like the Civic Café or Nick's. The price is also about the same as forty years ago at three bucks, but the whole time I am in Salta I am never able to find this place again.

The second day I am there I decide to take the *teleferico* (gondola) to the top of Cerro de San Bernado from where you get a great view of the whole city of Salta and the rest of the valley. I should know better than to catch a *teleferico* because if there is one thing that doesn't mix with this little black duck, it is heights. A fall off a cliff in a past life must be the cause of an unreasonable fear of anything precipitous. Or waking as I plummet south.

In Da lat, in Vietnam I rode on a gondola and sat there in white-knuckled terror. I paid a \$10 (very expensive) cab fare to get home, twelve miles the long way around, rather than use the return half of my ticket. That one went down before it went up and the most frightening thing was the very tenuous grip the cabin in front appeared to have on the cable when it came to the stanchions that held it aloft. I was sure I was about to tumble to a cabbagey death, mortemus brassicata imbedded in the vegetable patch below - and then the car jerked sharply upward leaving the stomach far behind, body tensed against the little bench, feet thrust in the floor, trying not to look out the window, telling myself to calm down, all in the slow motion that comes with the end of life. I promised myself that if I survived I would never again ride in one of these things.

The *teleferico* leaves from one of the city parks and I decide to at least inspect the cars. The cabins look much sturdier than the Vietnamese ones, so I take a deep breath and I pay my money and step aboard. There must be something slightly (and masochistically) schizophrenic when an idiot climbs into a flimsy box in order to be suspended over a void, thus activating his greatest personal fears and phobias, while all the while he is telling himself, absolutely, you must not do this. It is cruelty run amok and there is no escape route. My car comes around and I step in and the attendant slams the door shut and almost instantly I get jerked into the air, a hundred feet up and rising.

Talk to myself; now, sit back, relax the muscles, calm the mind, don't look down, take deep breaths. But I have to look down because we seem to be an awful long way from the ground. I pull my head back and do an involuntary large intake of breath, my legs brace savagely against the opposite seat and knuckles are tight white, gripping the safety rail. I am so tense it hurts all over. I try closing my eyes but only last a few seconds before I have to check how far away the ground is now, then go through turning rigid with fear again and this is the routine I repeat all the way up.... it probably only takes five minutes to get to the top but it feels like a half hour by the time it docks and stops for me to get out. I am completely exhausted and bathed in a cold sweat. I reel away from the car and find a park bench and a place that serves beer and I have to settle down for at least ten minutes to get my breath and my equilibrium back again before I can contemplate the view. A couple of quarts of Salta's finest ale does little to calm the pounding heart. It would have been brandy, but they don't have any.

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Saturday 19 April
Sunday 20 April
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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



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The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund (see advert on left) is now open for applications by teams (5-19yrs). Applications close 14 April.

Sudoku for you!

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

This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

Trivia Answers

1. Australia
2. Catwalk
3. David Gray
4. Helen Fielding
5. Soup
6. An extra
7. Venison
8. Eire
9. The Meek
10. Cowes
11. Femur
12. American football
13. Norway
14. Jaywalker
15. Heart
16. Teaspoonful
17. A sheep
18. With Syrup
19. Japan
20. Volcanoes

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1. Waipara
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3. True
4. Honey
5. Siesta



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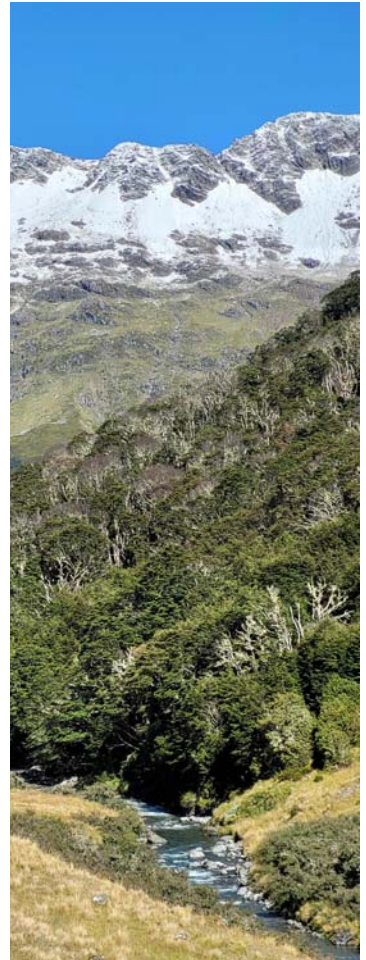
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1 January 2025

87

Number of days to
Christmas!

272

Number of days since our
last Power Outage

8



Hanmer Springs School Pinkie Report Term 1

TKC. Extreme Navigation.

On Thursday the senior school participated in Extreme Navigation, which was a walk up Dog Stream as part of The Karearea challenge and the newly introduced The Kereru Challenge..

“We started down at Brooke Dawson Reserve and walked up Dog Stream, following it all the way up to where it meets Pawsons logging road. It was fun at the start, but when it got cold, you began to feel like you were turning into an ice block! There was a group of boys that found clay at the bottom of the river and they started to make shapes from it like balls and circles. Apparently there was an eel, but I didn't see it.” Timmy.

“On the day of TKC (The Karearea Challenge), we started off good until the deep water started. You knew when you found a deep spot when your shoulders had gone underneath and there was nothing but your head poking out!! Halfway through we found a circular hole and it was really deep. We climbed up the bank and a pencil jumped in. TKC was awesome and I would totally do it again.” Bella B.



Mountain biking club.

On Thursday mornings during term one, the school mountain bike club leaves school at 8.30am to ride in the forest.

“I love it because you can go mountain biking for fun. We can do jumps at the jump park. My favourite track is Easy Rider.” Harry.

“We get to do lots of tracks and go to the new jump track. I really like going to the jump track, you get to go down a massive hill then go over the jumps. The jumps are higher than you!” Kahn.

“If you want to come you can. If you don't have a bike the school has bikes you can use. You can do jumps on the jump track or if you are a little bit unsure you can use the pump track.” Tui.

“I like Easy Rider because I like the hills and the turns on the track. It is fun taking turns to lead.” Aurora.



"I love getting up speed on the jumps and flying through the air. Sometimes I race Zandi and Harry on the straight tracks through the forest". Karanvir.

Thank you to Mrs Hay and Mr McBride for organising our mountain biking club and to all of the parents who come along each week to help us out. We all love going on the weekly mountain biking rides.

PCT - Police Competence Test.

A couple of weeks ago a team of 4 energetic students drove to Christchurch to compete in a Police ability competition.

"First we did a whole lot of activities before like trying on police gear and sitting in the police car and seeing how fast we were going with a car monster. Afterwards we did the massive obstacle course and got three minutes and seventeen seconds overall. It was an awesome day." Anika.

"At the start we had to either drag or pull heavy bags around in a circle, then we ran around the whole court. Next we walked on a beam one at a time. When the last person made it we had to run together to a chest high obstacle that 2 of us went under and 2 went over. We zig zagged around cones and army-crawled under a beam. We ran to a window frame and jumped through, then we had to help each other climb over a high fence. When everyone got over we had to pull a concrete bag to the other end. Afterwards we jumped over 1 more high fence and sprinted to the finish line." Cody.

Thank you to Mr McBride for taking us to Christchurch and for entering us into this fun competition. We really enjoyed our day.



Hurunui Duathlon.

On Wednesday, the 26th of March, 12 Y5-8 students from Hanmer Springs School participated in the Hurunui Duathlon. They had to bike and run around the forest. They all did incredibly well. Sam placed 3rd in the Year 6 Boys and Jonty placed 3rd in the Year 5 Boys.



Event Calendar



MARCH 2025

- 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
- 07 CSO in Hanmer Springs
(see details in this issue)
- 12 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 14 Behind The Fence 4pm-6pm
Soldiers' Block, Hanmer Springs
- 18 Easter Friday
- 19 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
- 21 Easter Monday
- 24 "Midwives and Men of War" book talk &
signing, Hanmer Springs Library, 11am
- 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".

Another Two for Dobbie



Hurunui District Council has extended CEO Hamish Dobbie's contract for two years.

Hurunui Mayor Marie Black said the extension was the maximum period allowed under the Local Government Act.

Dobbie has already led the council as CEO for over 11 years, after taking up his position in 2013.

Councillors were "unanimous" in supporting the decision, Black said.

"The Local Government sector is facing several significant challenges, including changes in policy direction around the management of water services, along with financial sustainability, climate adaptation and environmental management. Hurunui, like other councils, is responding to these, as well as to the evolving needs of our communities.

"Hamish's extensive experience, and sound and strategic leadership over the past 11 years will be invaluable in guiding the district through this critical period of change," Black said.

Black referenced Dobbie's leadership in supporting Hurunui's coastal communities to respond to changing hazard risks. Hurunui's community engagement model earned peer recognition, with the Amberley Beach Coastal Adaptation Plan (CAP) winning the NZPI Best Practice Award for Climate Change in 2024.

Dobbie was appointed in 2013 for the maximum term under the Act of five years. His contract was then extended for two years. As per requirements under the Act, Council advertised the position on the open market, with Dobbie being reappointed in 2020 for five years.

"The continuity of experience and accrued knowledge Hamish brings delivers a positive forecast for our district as a whole," Black said.

Prior to starting at Hurunui Council, Dobbie was Chief Executive at Lakes Environmental LTD for six years. He has also worked extensively in executive leadership roles, providing strategic leadership, and improving operational efficiency and regulatory competency.

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/>

Symphony Orchestra in Hanmer

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Join Christchurch Symphony Orchestra musicians for a day of free musical activities in Hanmer!

Monday 7 April 2025

Music Trails
12pm – 12.30pm, Hanmer Library
Music Trails are free, relaxed, interactive concerts designed especially for tamariki, and feature singing, music, dancing and storytelling!

Lunchtime Concert
12.45pm – 1.15pm, Hanmer Library
Enjoy a free lunchtime performance for all ages in the comfort of Hanmer Library.

Flourish Interactive Session
2.30pm – 3.15pm, Hanmer Library
If you have a love of music and are looking for ways to keep your brain healthy and active, this is for you! Join CSO's acclaimed multi-week Flourish programme of music appreciation and interaction, designed for senior members of the community!

Afternoon Concert and Soak
4pm – 4.30pm, Hanmer Thermal Pools
Round out your afternoon dip in the hot pools with a relaxing performance by CSO musicians.



JPs in Hanmer Springs

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Jonathan Gardiner	027 685 9276
Alice Stielow	021 317 001
Ann Toomey	021 155 7622
Ken Williams	027 284 7241
Joy Wilson	027 220 2511



Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 15th March
Simes Cup Net Comp
1st James Smith & Vivian Zhou 87.5
2nd Greg & Sandy Samson 89
3rd Gary Cowan & Fiona Matheson 91

Bascand Cup Gross Comp
1st Geoff & Mel Newburn 106
2nd Brent Berry & Nicky West 108
3rd Steve Hill & Carolyn Williams 109

Minson Salver Net Comp
1st Jade Sadler & Levy Sadler 93
2nd Mike Gibbon & Liz Gibbon 93.5

Twos
Boio Sarahu Hothersall & Graham Heenan
Paul Neilson & Jacqui Tan
Sandra Best & Richard Campbell
Don Giles & Maree Herlund
Mike & Liz Gibbon
Brent Berry & Nicky West X 2

Saturday 22nd March
Net Competition
Ladies
1st Carolyn Williams 68 net
2nd Nicky West 72

Men
1st Garry Ritsma 67 Net
2nd Adam Jacks 68
3rd Greg Samson 68

Nearest the Pin
William Taylor

No Twos
Net Eagles & Jackpot Twos
Not Struck



Results kindly submitted by Mike Gainsford.

[Thanks Mike. Ed]

Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 13/03/2025
North/South – T Davies & J Pillidge
East / West – D East & G Baldwin

Results 20/03/2025
1st – G & C Scrivener

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

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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.



Over the Back - a nice spot for a tent

Residents of Hanmer Springs township are preparing for voluntary evacuation on Sunday 6 April 2025 as part of a multi-agency wildfire evacuation exercise.

Hurunui Council's Emergency Management officer Allan Grigg says the evacuation is voluntary and is aimed at residents and visitors who are within the town boundary during the time of the exercise.

"Evacuation will be voluntary to help residents and visitors become familiar with the Hanmer Springs wildfire preparedness plan. The field exercise will only be aimed at those who are within the town boundary during the exercise and who want to participate," Grigg says. "Those people outside the Hanmer Springs township are welcome to participate in the exercise if they wish – this is a great opportunity to practice your household emergency plan and gain an understanding of how such an evacuation would look and feel."

The exercise brings together emergency services, the Hanmer Springs Community Emergency Response Team, Waka Kotahi NZTA, Hurunui District Council, residents, local 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.

Residents and visitors who would like to participate in the voluntary evacuation and who require 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," Grigg says.

The field exercise will utilise platforms used in real events, such as North Canterbury radio station Compass FM, emergency services vehicle sirens, public address systems, evacuation teams who will be door knocking, and the Hanmer Springs community Facebook page. All messaging will start and end with the words 'Civil Defence Exercise'.

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2. Work out what supplies you need
3. Make a plan
4. Tailor your plan
5. Stay informed
6. Make your home safer

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- ➔ What funding is available at council

 Tuesday 1 April 2025

 Omihi Community Hall
Reeces Road, SH1
Omihi

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