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59 Jacks Pass Road

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Tuesday	10am to 2pm
Wednesday	10am to 2pm
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Hanmer Springs Community Library
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10am - 2pm

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Useful Opening Times



Four Square
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Winter hours started
Sunday 27 April (end
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7:30am - 6:00pm

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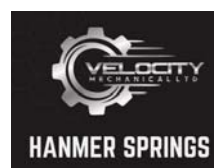
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Woodbank Road



Hammer Hardware

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9am - 4pm

(Saturday)

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Pinkie News

The Pinkie is called “The Pinkie” because it was originally printed on pink paper.

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

Printed copies of *The Pinkie* will be available from the Hanmer Springs Four Square on Monday afternoon, 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.

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

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

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Hanmer Happenings



Besides a blue-bird day, after a heavy frost, or a day on the slopes, one of my secretly celebrated winter events is winter solstice ... and that will be upon us this weekend; Saturday 21 June to be precise. On Sunday 22 June the shortest day/longest night combo will be behind us and we’ll be able to start thinking about when we might pack away the hot water bottle (with its brightly coloured crocheted cover) and swapping out the flannelette sheets for the crisp cotton ones. Exciting! But there are still many cold weeks ahead so don’t get too excited, and keep that hot water bottle close. It’s not that I dislike winter. It’s just I like summer a little more; the longer days and the warmer days. It probably wouldn’t be too earlier to get your lawn mower serviced for the upcoming mowing season!

Matariki was first observed as a public holiday on 24 June 2022 so this year is the forth year it has been observed. I guess the village will be expecting another busy weekend. The second long weekend for June. Next year Matariki will be observed on Friday 10 July.

Have a great weekend.

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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
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Wednesdays

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Mt Isobel Tramping Group

LOCAL LADIES CATCH-UP

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E-BIKE TOURING GROUP

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Anne Inglis (021 277 7515) for information.

HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays 7:15pm
Anglican Church Hall
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Saturdays

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Saturdays 8am

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Sundays

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Sunday Church Services

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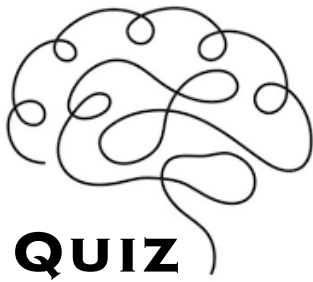
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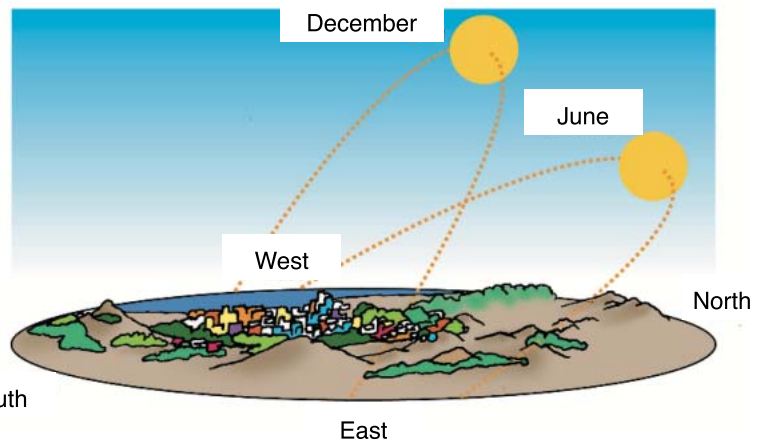
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TRIVIA



QUIZ

- Who wrote the book Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang: The Magical Car?
- In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
- What is the name of the main antagonist in the Shakespeare play Othello?
- When was the movie the Titanic released?
- What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
- How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
- What was the most popular girls name in the UK in 2021?
- What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
- Which comedian was the second permanent host of Never Mind the Buzzcocks after Mark Lamarr?
- What is the capital of Finland?
- Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles World At War and Black Ops?
- In what US state is the city Nashville?
- Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988?
- What is the currency of Denmark?



- Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
- In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
- In how many films have Al Pacino and Robert De Niro appeared in together?
- What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?
- Who was the head of state in Japan during the Second World War?
- What is the smallest planet in our solar system?

P.

Trivia for older Kids

- The nautical term for the left side of a boat?
- What type of food is Sauerkraut?
- What city is the capital of Fiji?
- Which chess piece can only move horizontally or vertically?
- Astronomical term for the shortest day/longest night?

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A little space for doodling!



A subliminal message

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

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Please update your records.

The Printed Pinkie

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Deadline for Material

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

A "Menu" for Teenagers by Pita Alexander

Continued from previous issue

31. How much life assurance might be worthwhile putting in place. Probably at least say 50% of the value of your house mortgage debt. A ten year level term pure term cover would be a good starting point.
32. How much personal health insurance cover would be worth looking at. Perhaps a middle of the road policy for family and taken out at the commencement of your first job. Costing perhaps \$1,200 per year for the two of you but this annual cost would increase gradually.
33. You should have a will from say 24 years of age and update it every few years with your solicitor.
34. Will you need an Accountant early on, perhaps not, but seek accounting and legal advice early on with anything important. There is no halfway house with top advice.
35. Your house needs to be insured up to its market value for a potential rebuild and then reviewed at least every two years.
36. Don't be afraid to have an excess on your insurance arrangements perhaps: (1) \$500 on your car (2) \$1,000 on your house and (3) \$2,000 on your personal health policy.
37. If you can make extra loan principal repayments on your house mortgage without penalty then do so.
38. If you are running out of funds around the 26th of each month, then you need to pause and reset. Couples who function like this don't really function. Sometimes dropping your standard of living a little has a place. You must somehow or other live within 90% of your disposable income throughout that period from 24 years old to 95 years old.
39. There is nothing wrong with living off your capital in your retirement years. That is, you may have saved \$500,000 and need to spend it to live on. If that means that you end up with less to leave to your children, then too bad. A reverse mortgage may have a place but borrow as little as possible and as late on as possible.
40. Your house loan will be a 30 year mortgage such that your monthly payments are a mixture of interest payments and loan principal repayments (see 30 previous issue). At \$550,000 the monthly payments are \$2,953. At \$450,000 the monthly payments are \$2,416.
41. Don't invest in anything that you don't 100% understand.
42. How many NZ retirees can live within the National Superannuation - there is no firm data on this but I suspect no more than 5% - 10% of NZ retirees.
43. A good garden can really pay its way well but it seems to be less important than it was 40 years ago but partly because in NZ today a household needs both partners in 40 hour week work.
44. Don't rely upon government helping you in any really meaningful way. They are struggling to balance their own cash flow - work on being on your own financially all the way.
45. How much of a financial buffer do you need. A matter of opinion but I would feel say \$3,000 for each adult - that is \$6,000 per family. You must be able to get at this figure within ten days.

To be continued ... next issue ...

P.

A little about Pita Alexander

Pita Alexander started the successful and widely known accounting practise, *Alexanders*, headquartered in Christchurch.

Pita has specialised in agribusiness accounting for more than 50 years. He's keen to share his knowledge on all matters from taxation to succession planning through to acquisitions, mergers and economic growth. Pita is a Hanmer resident. He writes regularly on relevant and interesting matters.

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

This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals."

Zig Ziglar

HANMER SPRINGS FOODBANK

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:

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Trivia Answers

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Ian Fleming | 17. Four (The Godfather Part II, Heat, Righteous Kill, The Irishman) |
| 2. Knee | 18. Marathon |
| 3. Iago | 19. Emperor Hirohito |
| 4. 1997 | 20. Mercury |
| 5. Tin | |
| 6. 3 | |
| 7. Olivia | |
| 8. All the President's Men | |
| 9. Simon Amstell | |
| 10. Helsinki | |
| 11. Call of Duty | |
| 12. Tennessee | |
| 13. Nine Inch Nails | |
| 14. Krone | |
| 15. The French Open (Roland Garros) | |
| 16. Netherlands | |

KIDS ANSWERS

1. Port
2. Fermented cabbage
3. Suva
4. Rook
5. Winter Solstice



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(the falling of the embers of the fire of Tamatea)

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Hanmer Bakery & Boulder Burgers

Hanmer Bakery is 20 years old! Twenty years and still going strong.

As we all know most twenty year olds like a decent birthday present and the Hanmer Springs Bakery was no different. It got a refurbishment, a rebrand and a relaunch!

Boulder Burgers has joined the party, so the fresh new bakery is now called Hanmer Springs Bakery & Burgers.

Located on the main street at 6/24 Conical Hill Road, Pete and Cherie and the team will still be making the best value handmade pies, coffees (from \$4.50) and filled rolls, plus the old favourites with some exciting new additions. Besides all this they'll also be offering the delicious burger menu inspired by Boulder Burgers.

Drop-in and check out the fresh new fit-out. The atmosphere is new but the old fashioned, better tasting, handmade food is the same. Hanmer Springs Bakery & Burgers is Kiwi owned and operated.

The daily bread bake will be replaced with a comprehensive Burger, HotDog, Sundaes & Fries Menu. However, bread orders may still be available by arrangement.

Pete and Cherie would like to thank all their loyal supporters, for their patience during the refurbishment, and they look forward to seeing everyone back!

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Mon 7 July 6.30pm - 8pm
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Hanmer Springs School Term 2 Weeks 7 and 8.

Treebears 4-year-old transition programme.

This term we have started a transition programme for the 4-year-olds who are starting school next term. In addition to their usual school visits, they have been attending school as a group along with their Treebears teachers. They have joined Piwakawaka class once a week to listen to a story and complete an activity based around the story. They have enjoyed listening to a story about Elmer the elephant in the snow and one about Flit the Fantail. They have cut up small pieces of coloured paper to make a colourful patchwork elephant and have made a safe, cosy nest for Flit the Fantail. They have also enjoyed singing 'There are 10 in the bed' and created a picture of teddy bears in bed, using some material for the blanket. These activities concentrate on developing their listening skills, fine motor skills, cutting skills and creativity. The children work together to develop their social skills and learn about our school values.







The 4-year-olds have fun visiting school and they meet up with their big buddies from the Senior School. Tuakana-teina where the older students help and look after the younger students is a strength of our school and the older students all enjoy their big buddy role. The Piwakawaka students enjoy having the Treebears children coming into their classroom as they like to help the younger students and they like to show them how to do things.



Haiku poetry competition.

Our Kahui Ako organised a Haiku competition, which some of our students entered. A haiku is a short form of poetry originating in Japan, typically consisting of three lines with a 5-7-5 syllable pattern. It often focuses on nature and captures a brief, vivid moment in time.

Here are some of our haiku poems:

<p>Up high in the sky Red, blue, yellow, green, orange It is so pretty</p>  <p>By Koshita, Year 5</p>	<p>Steaming hot water As you walk into water People having fun</p>  <p>By Bridie, Year 5</p>
 <p>Merino Ram By Jax Alfeld Year 3</p>  <p>Wild Rabbit By Iris Roborogh Year 3</p>	<p>Massive horns, fine wool graze in gullies and climb high Shearing on Friday</p> <p>cute hopping creature. Happy living in the wild. loves eating pasture.</p>
<p>Splashing down the cliff Water is rushing into pool Moss growing on rocks</p> <p>By Zara, Year 6</p>	<p>Flames dance at my feet, Canterbury's bright colour, Red and gold canvas</p> <p>By Aaliya, Year 6</p>

School Production.

Week 8 at school is our school production week. Our production 'Hanmer Sings' has been written by the extremely talented Rosalind Kelly who is the musical director. Ros has taken on the idea of the legend of Hanmer Springs (as shown in our new mural) and has merged it with the Sing movie and has created our own unique production, which tells our story throughout time with added songs and dialogue. Our school values have been woven in between the different chapters. All school students have a role within the production; most are on the stage and some have backstage roles.



Hanmer Springs Netball News

Netball on the 14th June was held in Cheviot. The Hanmer Springs Netball Club would like to thank Sport NZ who help to fund our travel each week.

Our Hanmer FF6 Team played a strong game against Hawarden. The first 1/4 was our weakest, then our girls pulled things together, getting better as the game went on. In the second half there was some great quick passes heading down the court, from one end to the other. Katie scored her first goal, which was a real highlight. Zara was our player of the day, she has improved her game substantially throughout the season so far, and got some great intercepts. It's great to see our girls' strong team spirit and enjoyment of the game. Thanks to the Lolly Pot for sponsoring our FF6 Team.

The FF5 Blue team vs Cheviot FF5 Blue and played a fantastic game using all of their new skills they have been learning at practice like defending, shooting, and boxing out. Melia and Tui both had amazing shooting and were getting in some very long shots. Izzy and Georgia were both sticking to their partners and zipping around the court. Aurora and Elisa were outstanding in defending throughout the whole game. Player of the day went to Izzy for defending, sticking to her partner and in the last quarter she was doing amazing boxing out and getting the rebounds. Thank you Fudgelato for sponsoring our player of the day.

Our FF5 Purple team played against Cheviot Green FF5. The girls had a good game and scored the first goal in the game. They worked well together and had fun on the court. The team are developing their understanding of the game and are making some smart choices with their dodging and passing. There was lots of accurate passing down the court and some great intercepts. Player of the day went to Ruby for her great moving around the court and her great passing. Thank you to the Toyshop for sponsoring our player of the day voucher.

Gavins Logging Hanmer A vs Culverden A.

Score 50-21 to Hanmer.

After a chilly early start, it was good to get into a fast game. The team was quick to get a few goals ahead and then kept the momentum going throughout the game. There was great consistency throughout the court and for all four quarters, with combinations working well in the shooting circle, mid-court and defence. The Monteiths player of the day went to Sarah for her power of work in centre. She was strong on defence and bringing the ball through court, as well as many goal assists on attack. Well done to the shooters for scoring a massive 50 goals!

Hanmer Alpine Electrical Under 14s vs Cheviot U14B. Score 10-11 to Cheviot

Both teams came out evenly matched with the first quarter going goal for goal and being drawn at the first break. The rest of the game continued much the same with some

fierce competition from both sides. Big thanks goes to Eloise and Aaliya who stepped up from Future Fern grade, both with strong performances. Huge efforts from Rylee in GA with plenty of turnovers and strong attack. Charlotte was as consistent as ever in C and GD, and Bella has stepped up her game again this week picking up loose balls and improving her defence. Pippa used her height to collect some strong rebounds in GS and GK. Annabelle made her debut with some strong goal assists into our shooters. This week the Fire and Ice player of the day went to Anika for her relentless defence, plenty of intercepts and tips, but mostly for seeing the work she is putting in at training translate onto the court.

Week 7 and the Fun Ferns had another great practice. After a warm up the girls completed three drills, practicing their jump and to land balanced in a stable body position preparing them for intercepts and to catch high passes safely. Lolly Pot Fun Fern was Josie, Josie was listening and doing the right thing! Well done Josie.

This week we have our club day in Hanmer Springs. Looking forward to seeing all of our supporters on the sidelines.



Last Legs

Continued from previous issue ...

By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

Back in Salta I am beginning to feel like a local. The reason I am staying for the Gauchos fiesta is because it sounds like a great subject for a photographic essay. I have these notions when I travel and so often abandon them at home. I can't decipher Ignacio's fill-in on the fiesta's background, in either language, but from what I am able glean it is a celebration of General Guemes' gaucho army winning a major battle over the Spanish. The General gets shot in the back six weeks before the final victory and then Salta gets retaken by the good guys. Portraits show a man bearded in the style of the seventeenth and eighteenth century wearing a piercing look, not to mention a very fancy uniform.

Have you ever noticed that in most homes they only seem to possess photographs of serious looking people. One can be jolly in snaps but has to be serious when it came to posterity.

There is a very large statue of General Guemes astride the fiery stallion, hand to his brow shading his eyes from the sun as he surveys the city from his superior hillside vantage.

On the eve of the fiesta Ignacio suggests I should go to the *fogones* which I take to be something like a big barbecue since I once owned a restaurant in Spain with that name. I knew it to mean fireplace or cooking hearth.

Sadly, the barbecue attendees are all roped off in their little estancia and other non-specific rural groups, and can only be viewed from behind the barriers as they gnaw on sides of beef and drink quite a lot of red wine and stand around being convivial with each other like a zoo exhibition of *homo gaucho*. They remind me of a farmers' outing in New Zealand and I catch a waft of arrogance across the rope, a sniff of money in there somewhere, mixing it with the workers, as if this might be the weekend when everyone fraternizes and pretends to be equal. Some have the look of handsome Argentinians, of a type more likely seen at polo tourneys than football matches.

At the foot of the path, next to the base of the General's statue there is a screen showing black and white movies and I stop to look. The sound blares harshly across the park. There is a drama which ends in five minutes of fiery and impassioned magniloquence which sorely tests the limits of my Spanish, but it all comes to an irreversible climax when the major protagonist strides gallantly to his execution by firing squad, where he naturally eschews the blindfold. Then, suddenly, a new film appears, there on the balcony of the Casa Rosada is Evita, crying out, and she makes a rousing ten minute speech, tearing at the patriotic heartstrings.

Then the dead man reappears and begins the loop of his losing argument all over again. It will all end badly and I already know General Guemes got shot in the back so this must be someone else because he gets shot in the

front. I did ask someone his name, but either I didn't understand the answer or I already forgot it. I watch it through again because I want an Evita encore. It's a shame her real image is forever clouded by Madonna. Evita speaks with great force and it is a political rhetoric of the type that sees the downtrodden masses win their battles over the bourgeois oppressors. *Descamisadas* with the powerful stresses on its vowels is such a wonderful word, the shirtless ones. But I still stay and watch it a third time, trying to put myself in the place of the people she is speaking to. Even today, this lady polls well among the populace and her name is often mentioned with a touch of reverence. You get drawn by the magnetism of her manner of speaking.

The next day is the day of the grand parade with more than a few high ranking politicians and fruit-salad-chested military men basking in the glory of someone else's ancient victory and being seen to similarly show themselves in the company of the people of the land, of the pampas and the mountains, the rich and the poor; but from behind a secure line of soldiers and police. Or not so secure as it turns out.

On the way, walking down the Avenida General Guemes, I find a large bronze statue of a man standing at a crossroads with his hands in his pockets. It is the first time I ever saw a memorial to a man who kept his hands in his pockets. I don't think he is being lauded for valour, more likely an intellectual pursuit with his balding head and pronounced widows' peak. People have scratched their names on his trousers but they can't reach the top half so it is left inviolate.

At the main staging point I find there are barriers flanked with soldiers and police and it is already crowded, which will likely restrict my photography, but I have a press card in my wallet and I show it to a police woman and tell her, here I am, from the foreign media. She is very polite and shows me where to go further along the line and I arrive there and have my card scrutinized and the boss is called to look at my card and I also give him a business card and tell him I representing the Australian and New Zealand media and he shakes my hand and shows me to a seat at the front of the official stand not far from the governor with his blue silk sash and it is explained that this is the Press section down the front so I can step out amongst the parade and get some excellent photographs. The parade will be magnificent he assures me. The governor is surrounded by sycophants whom I can see are fawning even from this distance and they are laughing nervously as though they are not sure if this is a joke from the Governor. I am surprised by the polite and efficient manner in which I am treated and it makes me feel guilty, the press pass is a little something I whipped up on the computer at home and then had laminated at Warehouse Stationery. The card gets me so many places, but I always expect to be exposed as the fraud that I am.

To be continued ... next issue ...



Event Calendar



JUNE 2025

- 20 Matariki (Friday)
- 22 Hanmer Springs Forest Camp Trust AGM, 10am
- 28 Alpine Winter Festival (28 June - 12 July)

JULY 2025

- 03-12 The Adams Family (Hurunui Theatre Group)
See advertisement in this issue

AUGUST 2025

- 09 Hanmer Springs Backyard Ultra
<https://hanmerbackyardultra.co.nz>

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 07 Father's Day

OCTOBER 2025

- 27 Labour Day (Monday)

NOVEMBER 2025

- 14 Canterbury Anniversary Day (Friday, Show Day)
- 30 Hanmer Howler MTB Race
(6hr/12hr/24hr format)

MAY 2026

- 02 Hanmer Springs Half Marathon

!! 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".

Winter Opening Hours

The Hanmer Springs Four Square and the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa have moved to their winter opening hours.

Thought for the Week

The measure you use will be measured to you.

Forest Camp Trust AGM

HANMER SPRINGS FOREST CAMP TRUST INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at the camp site,

243 Jollies Pass Road

Hanmer Springs

On Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 10.00am

BUSINESS

Receive balance sheet and statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Elect honorary solicitor, auditor and trust board members.

New members must be proposed and seconded by financial members of the trust.

Robyn Ferguson
Secretary

Adult Learner Licence Theory



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

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WHEN: 30 June, and 7 and 9 July
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WHERE: Culverden Fire Station, 3 Stock Road

REGISTER:

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Email: emma.feathery@hurunui.govt.nz

PH: 03 314 8816

Leslie Hills-Amuri Garden Club

The AGM and Prizegiving of the Leslie Hills-Amuri Garden club will be held at the Culverden Fire Station on Monday 23 June 2025 at 11 am. The guest speaker is Tony Mander 'Little Things in the Garden' sharing his knowledge of insects. This will be followed by a shared finger food lunch.

Enquiries to Yvonne Cheney 315 8017.

Message authorised by Christine Crean

The Snow Report



We have two local ski fields within a stones throw of Hanmer Springs!

The **Hanmer Springs Ski Area** offers club field skiing at its best. The ski area is located just “over the back” of Hanmer Springs, on the northern flank of Mount Saint Patrick (1413m). The ski area has a vertical range of 310 metres and provides 52 hectares of inbound terrain. The Amuri Ski Club, founded in 1957, runs Hanmer Springs Ski Area. Anyone can ski or board at Hanmer Springs Ski Area, however, there are many benefits for being a member of the Amuri Ski Club, including discounted lift passes and discounted on-mountain accommodation.

For more information on the Hanmer Springs Ski Area visit www.skihanmer.co.nz

The **Mount Lyford Ski Area** is a picturesque 1-hour drive from Hanmer Springs. The Ski Area is 8km from the Mount Lyford Lodge which is situated on the corner of the Inland Road and Mt Lyford Forest Drive, about 26km north of Waiau township. The access road passes through native Beach Forest and into the alpine environment where you will find the Mount Terako Basin, and the Ski Area.

Mt Lyford is a dog friendly ski area. If you'd like to take your dog you will need a Dog pass which can be purchased from the ticket office.

For more information on the Mt Lyford Ski Area visit www.mtlyford.co.nz

Our local Ski Areas are where we meet with friends and family to enjoy the mountain environment. Think big blue bird days. Think Wanaka forty years ago! We love lunch on the tailgate of Larry the Land Cruiser, picnic chairs in the carpark, a couple of cans of Rheineck buried in the snow, the thermette boiling, a pie with a generous squirt of tomato sauce (from the rustic alpine cafe), and, if you're over 18, a cheeky swig from Mary's hip flask, as it is passed around.

Last season I skied from the top of Conical Hill to the north end of Lucas Lane. I'm getting excited about the possibility of more local runs this season. Perhaps from the top of Conical Hill to the Four Square!

See you out there!

Images of Winter



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/>



JPs in Hanmer Springs

Rod Ell	027 437 2464 (03 315 7222)
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 7 June

Net & Gross
Ladies
Gross Carolyn Williams 92
Net Fiona Beale 65

Men
Division 1
Gross Russell Chapman 77
Net Owen Evans 70
Division 2
Gross Tony Hawker 82
Net Mark Worner 70
Division 3
Gross Ben Williams 92
Net Gordon Simpson

Twos
Jason Hill
Adam Jacks
Richard Campbell

Nearest the Pin
Adam Jacks

Net Eagles & Jackpot Twos
Not Struck

Saturday 14 June

Par competition
1st Fiona Beale +1
2nd Richard Campbell 0
3rd Steve Gill -1
4th Joe Gantley -2
5th Don Giles -2

Twos
Garry Ritsma
Joe Gantley

Nearest the Pin
Tony Hawker

Net Eagles & Jackpot Twos
Not struck



Results kindly submitted by
Mike Gainsford.

[Thanks Mike. Ed]

Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 05/06/2025

North / South - J Bell & A van deWiel

East / West - R Hothersall & G Baldwin

Results 12/06/2025

1st - J Pillidge & W Stewart

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

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