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(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.

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



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

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Hanmer Springs Community Library
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Cnr Amuri Avenue
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Monday - Friday
12pm - 4pm

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10am - 2pm

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Useful Opening Times



Four Square
(Winter Hours)

8am - 7:30pm

Winter hours started
Sunday 27 April (end
of school holidays).



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10am - 7pm

Hanmer Springs
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Hanmer Springs Service Station



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027 740 4142

Woodbank Road



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(Mon - Fri)

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

Bunkering down through the colder winter months is what many of us like to do, especially when a log burner, good book and a warm drink are within reach.

The first week of the school holidays are almost behind us and the Hanmer Springs Alpine Winter Festival is in full-swing.

The *Bayleys Hanmer Springs* Ice Skating Rink returns to the Alpine Winter Festival this year and it's open each day, in the village centre (near the Toy Shop), from 10am.

Last Saturday (28 June) *Bayleys Hanmer Springs* sponsored a 12-hour community skateathon to raise funds for the Child Cancer Foundation. A group of children from the Hanmer Springs School participated in the 12-hour event; *children supporting children!* How awesome! I reckon next year we could encourage more Hurunui schools to participate! What a spectacle that would be!

Ice skating, tree climbing, archery, ice plunge pools, fairy light walks, kids movie at the Pools, pop-up light displays and stargazing are just a few of the activities on offer. For the full programme please follow the link below:

<https://www.alpinewinterfestival.co.nz/festival-programme>

If you're feeding-out, or out-and-about, wrap up warm. I recommend a woolly hat and scarf, thick socks, gloves and a toasty warm jacket.

If you're in the village for the Alpine Winter Festival enjoy the activities and if you're planning on being out after dark, at one of the activities, take a head torch or remember the torch on your mobile phone.

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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
12 Amuri Avenue
Call Wendy (027 243 2123)

HANMER SPRINGS BIG BAND

Mondays 5:30pm (during school term).
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Cost: Free

Tuesdays

TUESDAY WALKERS

Tuesdays 9:45am
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COMBINED PROBUS CLUB HANMER SPRINGS

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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

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LOCAL LADIES CATCH-UP

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Thursdays

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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
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Sundays

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Sunday Church Services

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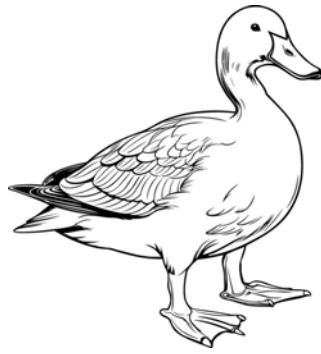
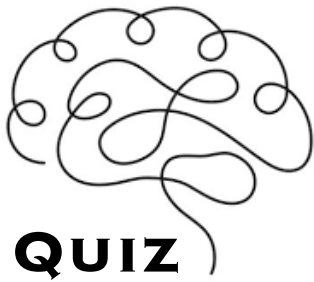
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TRIVIA



QUIZ

1. What term is given to a male duck?
2. Cabbage belongs to which plant genus?
3. In which US state is the region of Death Valley?
4. Mayonnaise combined with ketchup is the basis for which sauce?
5. What is the study of the nature of God and religion?
6. What is the common name of nitrous oxide?
7. In which European country would you find the city of Bilbao?
8. Who was the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo?
9. Which International airport has the code MIA?
10. What was the surname of Ralph Waldo, the American philosopher and poet?
11. What is the common name for the tympanum?
12. Which mound-building insect is also called the white ant?
13. Which game used to be known as "housey housey"?
14. What colour is carmine?
15. *The Famous Five* Series was written by which author?
16. What name is given to the young of an elephant?
17. Danny DeVito played dispatcher Louie in which US comedy series?
18. Which language is spoken in Prague?
19. Which adjective refers to the nose?
20. Which fruit has a morello variety?

P.

Trivia for older Kids

1. The nautical term for the right side of a boat?
2. Which soft metal has the symbol *Cu*?
3. What was the name of the secret base in *Thunderbirds*?
4. What sport has "lawn" and "real" versions?
5. What is the study of history through excavation?

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A little space for doodling!



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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

46. Don't go into a rest home until you are really ready for it. It suits some people and not others.
47. Work on the cost of living being a permanent thing in our society, but work on you getting to a level above it - living hand to mouth and month to month is no way to live and work.
48. Work on your children being better educated than you and your partner.
49. The writer is against you and your children being on motorbikes on NZ open roads. You and they may be very good riders, but you are only as good as the poorest car driver.
50. A balance of work and play is required, which is exactly what the writer has never achieved.
51. A good financial adviser can add real value but only if you:
 - listen
 - understand the plan
 - cope with the patience required
 - stick with the plan
 - any changes must be well thought through.
52. A 21 year old young man advises his parents that he would prefer his parents not provide him with a 21st year old party but instead:

- (a) Invest \$3,000 in a growth/balance KiwiSaver fund returning 6% a year
- (b) Contribute \$100/month for the next ten years to his KiwiSaver account and then cease making contributions
- (c) He will also make a contribution of \$100/month and in ten years time he will take over making his parents' contributions also.

What would he have:

At 31 years of age \$43,067
At 35 years of age \$65,871
At 65 years of age \$554,301

What's the point here:

- (a) The contributions are not too severe at \$200/mth
- (b) Starts fairly early on
- (c) Compound interest
- (d) Patience
- (e) Persistence

The real point is that the mathematics is not complicated. The complications are in people's minds.

This concludes Pita's article titled, A “Menu” for Teenagers.

P.

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

Herm Albright

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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This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."

Lewis B. Smedes

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:

hscommunitytrust@gmail.com

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



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Trivia Answers

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1. Drake | 16. Calf |
| 2. Brassica | 17. Taxi |
| 3. California | 18. Czech |
| 4. Thousand Island dressing | 19. Nasal |
| 5. Theology | 20. Cherry |
| 6. Laughing gas | |
| 7. Spain | |
| 8. Amelia Earhart | |
| 9. Miami | |
| 10. Emerson | |
| 11. The eardrum | |
| 12. Termite | |
| 13. Bingo | |
| 14. Red | |
| 15. Enid Blyton | |

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1. Starboard
2. Copper
3. Tracy Island
4. Tennis
5. Archaeology



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Thought for the Week

When you forgive, you in no way change the past - but you sure do change the future.

Bernard Meltzer

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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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Planets - Alpine Winter Festival



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REGISTRATION FEES:

Standard domestic dog	\$50.00
Responsible dog owner category	\$35.00
Working dog	\$35.00
Working exempt dog (exempt from microchipping)	\$35.00
Disability assist dog	No charge
Probationary dog owner - Working or working exempt dog	\$35.00
Probationary dog owner - Domestic dog	\$50.00
Dangerous dog	\$75.00

If registrations are not completed by 1 September 2025 a 50% penalty fee will be applied to the registration fee after that date.

Dogs are not considered registered until full fees, as applicable, have been paid. Registration forms will be forwarded out to known dog owners in July.

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Robert Muller



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Mon 7 July 1pm - 2.30pm
Council Chambers, 66 Carters Road, Amberley

Mon 7 July 6.30pm - 8pm
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Hanmer Springs School Term 2 Week 9

Hanmer School Production.

Last week Hanmer Springs School performed the New Zealand premiere of the musical Hanmer Sings! written and directed by Rosalind Kelly. The musical highlighted the history of Hanmer Springs in 4 parts, starring all the children from the school. Themes of the school values of empathy and resilience ran through the show.



The show was opened by the lead character Buster Moon played by the very expressive and effervescent Eloise. She sets the scene by introducing the theme taken from Sing. The whole school was on stage when the curtains opened. Pippa starred as Nana Noodleman, a very well-known and successful singer, who at the start of her career, felt nervous and scared about being on stage. The whole school sang "Shake it off" led by Georgia and Tui, who sang beautifully, to encourage the very stage-shy character played by Georgia, not to be so terrified. This was an underlying theme throughout the show. "This girl is on Fire" was sung by Katie whose singing lent power to the performers.



Bella played Meena whose character tries to help the terrified Georgia get over her stage fright. Bella and Ella sing "Overwhelmed" supported by dancers, who convey the feeling of being overwhelmed very effectively. Empathy was portrayed and a part of the school values. Zara, Elisa and Aaliya were excellent "friends". Archie played Johnny the gorilla, whose father had told him he was no good. Archie sang and danced to "I'm Still Standing", which carried a powerful message about resilience and believing in yourself.



The first part of the story stars the Piwakawaka children, aged 5, who were dressed as flames to reflect the geological processes that made Hanmer Springs. The flames were lifted into the air by the very strong Cody and Anika. The Māori Legend of Hanmer Springs and Tamatea was played by Remington.

The crew of Jonty, Sam, Jack, Kahn, Nicholas and James, came onto stage in a waka that split apart in the waves. They did a great rendition of the hardships and resilience of the Māori people.



Grace played Miss Crawley the grumpy crocodile, who is a slightly mad stage manager, with excellent comic timing. She had the children in the audience laughing with her silly jokes. Timmy played the energetic comic part of Gunter to a tee; he even had an accent! Laila played the pig Rosita who disco dances and sings beautifully.

The next part of the show saw Tui class who portrayed the Māori settlers passing through the Hanmer area on their way to hunt and find pounamu on the West Coast. They stopped to rest in the hot springs for rejuvenation and relaxation.



European Settlers were played by Kereru class and professionally narrated by Jamilah. They depicted the hardship and work ethic of the settlers.

Korimako class showed present-day Hanmer Springs, with a range of children highlighting the businesses and activities available. Harry raced across the stage on his skis, Aaryan zipped around in a jet boat, there were 6 bikers, and much more! The show ended with a standout song and all the kids on stage. It was a real team effort.



Many thanks to the people behind the scenes - the teachers, teacher aides and backstage helpers from Karearea class; Andrew Good, Ella Paterson and Chris who did the lighting; and Anika and Shane from SR Sound. The costumes were made by Judith Clemett and Kathryn Duncan, with Alannah Peoples. The props were made by the staff and pupils. The make-up was done by Barbara Rowe-Thorn, Alannah Peoples, Jane Dowd, Jade Sadler, Cody and Anika. The set was created by George McKie, Mel Moors, Emily Billcliff, Cody, Daniel, Ella and Eloise. The poster and programme were designed by Kristina Marotzke from HaloDesign. Videography/projection was done by Jullian Josland.

Thank you to everyone who came along to watch our school production.

Hanmer Springs Netball News

Netball on the 21st June was held in Hanmer Springs.

Seniors - Gavins Logging Hanmer A vs Waiau A
Score 16-52.

It was a cold, wet start to the game, which were not ideal playing conditions. Waiau came out firing and held the intensity throughout the game, but we didn't back down. The mid-courtiers did a great job getting the ball down court and feeding into the shooters who were up against some hard defensive. They moved through the circle to create great feeds and connections. Our own defense was strong with some tight marking and pressure in the D circle. But unfortunately, the score doesn't reflect the game, with Waiau being one of the best in the competition, we held strong and fought hard. Monteiths player of the day went to Larissa for her amazing defensive effort in WD and also on attack in the midcourt.

Hanmer Alpine Electrical U14 vs Hawarden U14

Hanmer came out firing for the second club day, starting strong going goal for goal with Hawarden. A really good tussle of a game with the score tipping in favour of both teams throughout. Having one of there more complete team efforts to date, each team member putting out a strong performance. Rosie as speedy as ever with plenty of intercepts, Pippa and Anika creating lots of turnovers and defensive rebounds and working well together in the circle. Rylee and Charlotte as consistent as ever helping to direct play. Harwarden came out the better team on the day by a couple points, we will focus on the improvement and celebrate the team effort from everyone. Fire & Ice Player of the day went to Sharnie for her amazing work in GS, some great holding and accurate shots, as well as always being a cheering voice on the court.

Our Hanmer FF6 Team played against a strong Waiau team on a freezing cold and wet Hanmer day. It was a tough game for our girls with Waiau looking very polished and playing a good quick game. Our girls tried their best and managed lots of intercepts, but struggled to turn them into goals. Bridie was our player of the day; she is improving her game and getting some great catches. It's great to see our girls' strong team spirit and enjoyment of the game, even when they are being outplayed. Thanks goes to the Lolly Pot for sponsoring our FF6 Team.

The FF5 blue team vs the FF5 Cheviot green. The girls played an amazing game using all of their new skills they have been learning at practice like dodging, landing and driving forward. Melia had amazing shooting. Elisa and Aurora were both sticking to their partners and moving around the court. Tui and Izzy were awesome defending throughout the whole game. Player of the day went to Tui for moving and dodging her opponents. Thank you Hanmer Springs Toy Shop for sponsoring our player of the day.

The FF5 Purple team played the Hawarden FF5 Red team. It was a wet and cold game, but the girls played well as a team and passed the ball down the court well. There were some great intercepts by Iris and Isla, which turned the ball over to our team. Harriet was great in defence and moved around the court well, defending her player. Ruby had some good passes and shots and positioned herself well. Player of the day went to Christie for moving into space and for getting free so she could receive the ball. Thanks to Fudgelato for sponsoring our team this week.

Thank you to all of our club sponsors who support us throughout the season. Thank you to Monteiths, Fire and Ice, Fudgelato, The Toyshop, Hanmer Springs Four Square, The Lolly Pot, Alpine Electrical and Gavin's Logging.

On 28th June, the netball games were held in Culverden.

Seniors - Gavins Logging Hanmer A vs Cheviot A

What a way to spend a Saturday!! After all the wild weather at the end of the week we were fortunate to have a window to get on court and do what we love most! Our Hanmer A ladies played Cheviot A and what a game it was! Shooting, mid-court and defence were all on form 🙌

There were lots of laughs had and a bunch of good on-court teamwork driving the ball in all directions! In the last quarter, both teams kicked up a notch and the intensity kicked in!! Monteiths Player of the day went to Lorraine for her outstanding defence in GK. Big shout out to our sideline superstar supporters and Gavin's logging limited; they are a big why behind these ladies getting on the court and having a blast playing the teams around the Hurunui district. The score was 35-15 to Cheviot!!

Awesome work out there to all involved. 🙌 Kā rawe!!!

Alpine Electrical U14 vs Waiau U14

Score: 13-12 to Hanmer

Building on last week's game, Hanmer made a strong start against Waiau. The team worked hard together to create great connections working the ball into our shooters who scored well. Waiau fought back to be ahead at the end of the third quarter, but some quality netball in the last quarter meant Hanmer were able to pull ahead by one to take the win. Rosie had a strong game in C, using her speed to get plenty of intercepts and tips. Defence were overwhelming turning the ball over early, Aailya had a strong game on defence creating turnovers and getting herself some intercepts. This week the Fire and Ice player of the day went to Bella who has made leaps in her skills every week, but really stepped up to making a big impact in WA.

FF6 v Cheviot FF6

Despite the early morning wet and chilly start to the morning in Culverden, our FF6 team had a strong game against Cheviot! All the girls showed resilience and determination in all positions. We've been working hard during practices on strong passing and creating options which was awesome to see the girls put into action on the court today. Congratulations to Laila for earning this week's Lolly Pot Player of the Day for her awesome movement and defence throughout the game.

The FF5 blue team vs FF5 Hawarden Red team and the girls played an outstanding game using all of their new skills they have been learning at practice like moving in front and looking for space. Melia and Tui had brilliant shooting. Elisa and Georgia were looking for space and then moving towards it. Aurora and Izzy were getting intercepts throughout the whole game. Player of the day went to Georgia for moving into the free space and defending. Thank you Hanmer Springs Fudgelato for sponsoring our player of the day.

The FF5 Purple team played Cheviot FF5 Green in Culverden. It was a good game and the girls played well together. The girls tried hard to put into practise the dodging they had been learning in training. Harriet moved around well into the space to get free from her partner. Iris read the game well and got lots of great intercepts and some good shots at goal. Ruby played a great game in attack and got some good passes and shots at goals. Christie played a great game, getting free from her partner so that she could receive the ball and pass it down the court. Isla got the player of the day for all of her amazing intercepts. Thank you to the Toyshop for sponsoring our player of the day this week.

The Hanmer Springs Netball Club would like to thank Sport NZ who help to fund our travel each week.

Last Legs

Continued from previous issue ...

By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

The parade is like every other parade, it is late, and there is a lot of discussion on why it might be late, then a couple of old codgers ride up on horseback and they salute the governor and one takes a microphone and the speeches go on for longer than necessary (but don't they always) and they mention Guemes every second sentence as though they are delivering a commercial, or an announcement for a WWF contender, then the parade begins and I follow the local photographers down on to the road and begin snapping. For men and boys the gaucho uniform of a white shirt, neckerchief, deep red poncho and black hat (I have mine on) is de rigueur, but there are also plenty of military marching, even a few local survivors of the Malvinas/Falklands war still in uniform, only three or four of them, but marching as their own separate unit bearing their banner and looking a little worse for wear as though there might have been a reunion last night.

The military march past, in front of a governor who stands to take the salute, a scene which evokes in me the fantasy of troops saluting their dictator in eighteenth century Latin America.

The police band, resplendent in red uniforms and tasseled hats, marches up the road, seemingly against the tide, and then turns and marches past again, then they stand to play as the parade progresses, Many people dance past in time to the music. It is like a Federico Fellini depiction a Fascisti parade.

Some of the parade's participants have choreographed moves but their steps and their dress speak from the past. There are heaps of children, the boys looking incredibly handsome in their gaucho clothes and their boots and the girls all wear long, eighteenth-century dresses and a lot of them have ponchos and many have also got cloaks. There is the indelible stamp of Indian heritage in the set of many of the faces.

Then the gauchos on horseback all ride past in their estancia groups and there are hundreds and hundreds of them with a rogues' gallery of weathered faces. I can't help believing they must be a huge posse rounded up by the sheriff.

I figure that all these horsemen must be congregating somewhere so I abandon the official stand and move as quickly as I can across a couple of blocks before I come to a corner and meet the first wave of horsemen passing by, but now much more informally, and they slow down because they are all looking for members of their party or other groups they will team up with. Because I have two fancy-looking cameras around my neck some of the horsemen pose for me without being asked.

After the fiesta there is not much to keep me on in Salta, as much as I have taken to this city. There is a road ahead and I start trying to make plans about heading into Bolivia. I decide to fly but that idea is very quickly squashed by the fact that despite the fact they advertise flights to Santa Cruz, there are currently no flights to

Bolivia. Same old South American story. Take the bus or walk.

The night I leave Salta to head for Bolivia, I am booked on a bus journey to the border post at La Quiaca, although sadly, no *coche cama*, but the man assures me; it is just a pleasant overnight ride in *semi-cama* (*semi bed*) class. Leave at midnight and wake up in time for your border crossing at seven in the morning when the post opens.

It seems they will be waiting with a cup of tea. And there is hardly anyone booked on the bus he assures me; all too good to be true, which of course it is. I have learned that no matter how well you know a travel agent they just can't help but exaggerate the ease of journey and the quality of accommodation, so I arrive skeptical. On the way to the bus station I am startled by the amount of gunfire in the streets of Salta. It seems incongruous with the peaceful city I have come to like so much. Only two blocks away I see a large fire taking hold at an intersection; it is piled with furniture, but the cab driver assures me, don't worry, they are only fireworks and celebrations; Boca Juniors just won the Copa Libertadores, the South American equivalent of Europe's Champion's league. Even here, thirteen hundred kilometers from La Bombonera in Buenos Aires, they are wildly reveling in the success of Boca and the park is full of young men waving their fists in the air as if it was they who scored the winning goal. But I don't see any alcohol. Where I come from, they would all be pissed.

As to there being hardly anyone on the bus; it is packed with Bolivian workers heading for home, laden with domestic goods and this has to be the worst bus trip I encounter in South America. It is like taking the late-night flight from Dubai to Bombay, the aim is to smuggle as much as possible on board as hand luggage, like microwaves and televisions and the toughest, meanest-looking desperados possessively clutch at boxes of electric hair curlers or sets of aluminium pots. It is a cold night. After the bus makes its prompt midnight departure, the outside temperature soon defeats the heat inside. The bus is in a jam-packed fug and condensation clings to the windows and drips constantly from the ceiling. I am jammed between the window and one of those universally ubiquitous red, white and blue striped plastic carry bags stuffed with, among other things, a lot of brightly coloured plastic-fur panda and kangaroo toys. My whole left side gets wet against the glass. The owner of the bag has several varieties of gripe and having coughed, sneezed, dribbled and snuffled over everything including me, he falls asleep and begins snoring at about 130 decibels. Luminous pink and green pandas and kangaroos plop on my head and I dutiful return them to their bag.

Be the considerate guest, I say strongly to myself, this is someone else's country, do not give in to temptation and ram a panda in his slaving gob. You are greatly outnumbered.

To be continued ... next issue ...



Event Calendar



JUNE 2025

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

JULY 2025

01-12 Alpine Winter Festival (28 June - 12 July)

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

05 Big Bike Film Festival 7:30pm
(Sports Pavilion)

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

"If you cannot forgive and forget, pick one."
Robert Brault

HSHR AGM Invitation

Hanmer Springs Horse Riders Inc

Annual General Meeting

Hanmer Springs Horse Riders Inc will be holding their AGM at Sherwood Ranch (411 Woodbank Road, Hanmer Springs) on Saturday 26 July 2024 at 6:00 pm.

All those who are interested are welcome.

The meeting will be followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring a plate.

Please let us know if you are coming, for numbers.
hanmerhorse@gmail.com

HSHR club members will receive an invitation, with documents, via email.

Bele Malik

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Evening Light Under Cloud



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 21 June

Stableford
1st Richard Campbell 37 pts
2nd Steve Gill 35
3rd Jason Hill 34
4th Gordon Simpson 34

Twos
Owen Evans

Nearest the Pin
Owen Evan

Net Eagles
Wayne Love

Jackpot Twos
Not struck



Results kindly submitted by
Mike Gainsford.

[Thanks Mike. Ed]

Saturday 28 June

Par competition

Irish Stableford
1st Jason Hill 82 pts
2nd Richard Campbell 69

Twos
Murray Pool
Jason Hill
Howard Chellew

Nearest the Pin
Howard Chellew

Net Eagles & Jackpot Twos
Not struck



Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 19/06/2025

North / South – G Bateman & R Hothersall
East / West – J Pillidge & C Scrivener

Results 26/06/2025

North / South – C Scrivener & J Pillidge
East / West - D East & W Stewart

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

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