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# the pinkie

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Top10 Holiday Park  
3 Bath Street

Pines Holiday Park  
158 Argelins Road

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59 Jacks Pass Road

Satellite phones are free to use for members of the public who need to dial 111 for medical, fire and emergencies involving Police.

## Hanmer Springs Transfer Station

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



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.

637 Hanmer Springs Road



## Hanmer Springs Community Library

Hanmer Springs Community Library  
& Service Centre



Cnr Amuri Avenue  
& Cheltenham Street

**Monday - Friday**  
**12pm - 4pm**

**03 315-7912**

**Saturday & Sunday**  
**10am - 2pm**

hanmer@hurunui.govt.nz

## Useful Opening Times



**Four Square**  
(Winter Hours)

**8am - 7:30pm**

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



**The Toy Shop**

(including postal services)

Mon - Thu 9am - 4pm

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**7334**



**Hanmer Springs**  
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10am - 7pm

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**Hanmer Springs Service Station**



**7:30am - 6:00pm**

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**03 315-7107**

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154 Hanmer Springs Road

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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

Our Mayor, Marie Black, was in the village last Sunday afternoon to attend the prize giving for the annual Amuri Community Arts Council art competition.

The theme this year was "My Happy Place" or "Through a Positive Lens". All the entries have been up in the gallery at the back of the library. It was great to see the walls covered with so much colour and talent.

The competition was sponsored by *The Drawing Room* (500 Colombo Street, Christchurch). If you love art and/or stationery you'll love *The Drawing Room*!

Below is a list of the prize winners. Thank you to everyone who entered and thanks to the Amuri Community Arts Council for organising another great community event.

### Preschoolers:

1st Isabella Josland  
2nd Dalton Kist  
3rd Aliana McBride

### 5 - 7yrs:

1st Luca Josland  
2nd Emma Leuwer Grimm  
3rd Yuvain Nana yakara

### 8 - 11yrs:

1st Ilaria Flowers  
2nd Eloise Davies  
3rd Jasmine Tayles

### 12 - 14yrs

1st Namash Rana  
2nd Amelia Saric  
3rd Olivia Rakete

### Adults:

1st Alec Smith  
2nd Charlotte Baldwin  
3rd Lisa Dickson

### People's Choice:

**Octopus Teacher**  
Ilze Pretorius



*Esther is happy to show her artwork*



## Daffodil Day in the Village

The annual Cancer Society street appeal is on this Friday & Saturday (29 & 30 August) from 8am - 6pm each day, outside the Four Square. EFTPOS will be available.

If you have an hour or two to help out, please contact Kirsty on [jjdesignbuild@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jjdesignbuild@yahoo.co.nz)

## CLASSES, FITNESS, CLUBS & MUSIC

### Mondays

#### AQUACIZE

Mondays 10am  
Thermal Pools entrance. Informal group.  
You will need an aqua stick.  
Call Linda (021 223 8188) for more information.

#### 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).  
Hanmer Springs School  
New members and travelling musicians are welcome.  
Must read music or have a good ear.  
Call Marguerite (021 125 4062)  
Cost: Free

### Tuesdays

#### TUESDAY WALKERS

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

#### COMBINED PROBUS CLUB HANMER SPRINGS

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

### Mount Isobel Paragliding Club

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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.  
Call Janet (021 103 4303) for information.  
Mt Isobel Tramping Group

#### LOCAL LADIES CATCH-UP

First Wednesday of each month.  
Fire and Ice, from 5:30pm.  
We are a fun loving, vivacious group and can have from 5-20 meet each month.

#### HANMER SPRINGS KNITTING GROUP

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

### Thursdays

#### PILATES CLASS

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

#### E-BIKE TOURING GROUP

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

#### HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays 7:15pm  
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Email Boio Sarahu-Hothersall at [hanmerspringslionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:hanmerspringslionsclub@gmail.com)

### Saturdays

#### HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

Saturdays 8am  
  
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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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#### REMNANT CHURCH NEW ZEALAND REMNANT HOUSE

Sundays 10am  
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## VENUES FOR HIRE

#### ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

Available for hire for community groups, meetings, worship, retreats etc  
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#### HANMER SPRINGS SPORTS PAVILION

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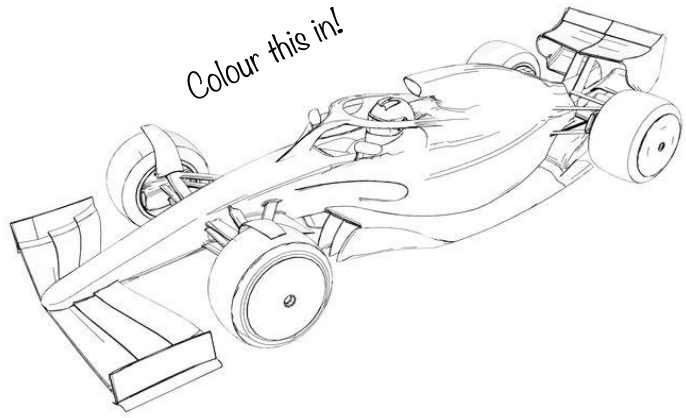
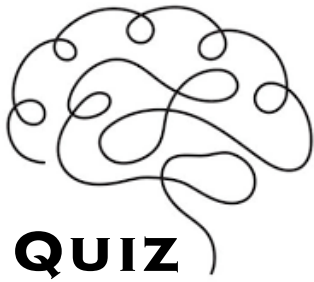
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# TRIVIA



## QUIZ

1. “I’ve been alone with you inside my mind” is the opening lyric from which song?
2. Which nut is obtained from the hickory tree?
3. What is the next highest prime number above 13?
4. What is the trunk of the human body called?
5. In computing, what does CSV stand for in relation to file types?
6. Which is Australia’s largest lake?
7. The mazurka is a dance from which country?
8. In which New York borough is JFK airport?
9. In the Old Testament, who is the older brother of Moses?
10. What type of animal is a Mexican hairless?
11. What is the name of the Italian Grand Prix circuit near Milan, built in 1922?
12. What Latin phrase means “with hindsight”?
13. What is the tenth letter of the Greek alphabet?
14. Who invented the turbojet engine?
15. Which Irish port is at the mouth of the River Lee?
16. In *The Lord of the Rings*, what sort of spirit inhabits trees?
17. The spice cardamom is a member of which family?

18. What was the surname of the American inventor of the safety razor?
19. When does a noctilucent cloud appear?
20. What is the ancient language of the Hindu scriptures?

## QUIZ FOR THE “KIDS”

1. The Swedish pop group formed in 1972?
2. What is the chemical element with the symbol “Au”?
3. What is the name of the pass connecting the Waitaki Valley with the Maniototo Plain?
4. What name is given to a baby opossum?
5. Which chess piece moves in L-shapes?

A little space for doodling!



## A subliminal message

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz



## "The Pinkie" Dining & Takeaway Guide



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**11am - late**

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### Views and Opinions

The views and opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the editor or publisher.

### New Email Address

Our email address is: [thepinkie@readme.co.nz](mailto:thepinkie@readme.co.nz)

Please update your records.

### The Printed Pinkie

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

### 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.

### Lessons for Life for younger people

1. Listen to Mum and Dad around the kitchen table. Learn from their pain, their mistakes and their experience.
2. You will learn a lot more from listening than talking - listening is a real skill.
3. The best landlord in the world will be your parents.
4. Hardly anyone knows exactly what they want to do at 18 years of age - don't expect to be any different.
5. Don't expect to save any money over the period from 18 years to 23 years. That time is for skill building, not net asset building.
6. At 24 years old you will need skills that a New Zealand employer is prepared to pay well for.
7. Don't purchase a car until you have an income.
8. Once you have an income, a KiwiSaver account on say a 50% growth and 50% balanced fund type asset allocation is a good starting point.
9. Make sure your employer is contributing 3% of your gross earnings into the KiwiSaver scheme. Your contribution should be say 6% to start with, but increase this contribution to 10% as soon as you can afford to.
10. Make sure your potential life time partner passes the milk shake test. A life time partner who is poor with money means you are likely to have 70 years of financial pain - don't go there. Shout that individual a chocolate milkshake and walk away.
11. If Mum and Dad are poor with their money management, then that is exactly the reverse of where you must head. Some parents are great with love but poor with money.
12. At 20 years of age you must understand the difference between something you actually need, and something you like the look of.
13. At 20 years of age you must understand how compound interest works:
  - you must harness compound interest to work for you
  - you must not be controlled by compound interest. There is a key difference.
14. Your integrity is much more important than the clothes you purchase.
15. Never lose your sense of humour. Practise it. Work on it.
16. If you cannot say something nice about somebody, then say nothing.

### 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.

The Pinkie is online at [www.thepinkie.co.nz](http://www.thepinkie.co.nz)

The Christchurch Youth Jazz Orchestra will be in Hanmer Springs, 1-3 October, for their annual band camp and village performance.

The Christchurch Youth Jazz Orchestra (CYJO) was first formed in 2015 and is formed each year in conjunction with the Christchurch Big Band Festival. The CYJO has performed with visiting artists such as Australian trumpet player James Morrison. After a short hiatus the band reformed in 2021 under Music Director Lana Law.

Top secondary-school-aged musicians, from around Christchurch, audition for a place in the band each July. Each year the band is made up of a combination of new and returning members.

The Hanmer Springs Band Camp is part of the band's preparation for the Christchurch Big Band Festival that is held over Labour weekend.

On the final day of the Hanmer Springs camp the band performs on the Village Green, showcasing the music they had been working on.

Besides performing at the Christchurch Big Band Festival this year the Christchurch Youth Jazz Orchestra will also share the Ed's Jazz Club gig with the 'All Girl Big Band' on 23 October at Fat Eddies at 6pm. They will also perform at the Big Band Picnic in the Botanic Gardens on 27 October 2025.

The CYJO Band Hanmer Springs Camp is a great bonding time for the band as the students may not know each other but they come together, with their passion of jazz, and make amazing music as a tight-knit band.

The CYJO village concert is a first-class performance and we'll be expecting the same this year. The performance is free of charge and will be on Friday 3 October at 12 noon, on the village green. Save the date!

**Christchurch Youth Jazz Orchestra Hanmer Springs Concert**  
**Friday 3 October 2025 @ 12 noon**

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### Hanmer Springs Health Centre



59 Jacks Pass Road  
Hanmer Springs  
**03 315 7503**  
reception@hanmermc.co.nz

It is not the length of life,  
but the depth.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Sudoku for you!

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

This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.

*Albert Einstein*

## 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](mailto: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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## Trivia Answers

- |                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Hello (Lionel Richie)  | 15. Cork     |
| 2. Pecan                  | 16. An Ent   |
| 3. 17                     | 17. Ginger   |
| 4. Torso                  | 18. Gillette |
| 5. Comma Separated Values | 19. At night |
| 6. Lake Eyre              | 20. Sanskrit |
| 7. Poland                 |              |
| 8. Queens                 |              |
| 9. Aaron                  |              |
| 10. A dog                 |              |
| 11. Monza                 |              |
| 12. <i>A posteriori</i>   |              |
| 13. Kappa                 |              |
| 14. Frank Whittle         |              |

### "KIDS" ANSWERS

1. ABBA
2. Gold
3. Danseys Pass
4. Joey
5. Knight



## Daffodil Day



## Daffodil Day in Hanmer Springs

### Street Appeal Collection

Four Square Hanmer Springs  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 8am - 6pm.  
Eftpos will be available.

If you have an hour or two available and can help out please contact Kirsty on [jjdesignbuild@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jjdesignbuild@yahoo.co.nz).

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals that are supporting Daffodil Day this year by hosting a counter box, Painting the Town Yellow by dressing up their shop windows, purchasing a gorgeous bunch of fresh daffodils, hosting a fundraising event or volunteering your time and energy, all of which will support the 1 in 3 Kiwis who will receive a cancer diagnosis.

By supporting Daffodil Day you are enabling the Cancer Society to provide crucial support for anyone in a family going through a cancer diagnosis, for any cancer.

**We couldn't do what we do without you, thank you!**

Go to [www.daffodilday.org.nz](http://www.daffodilday.org.nz) or contact [northcantly@southerncancer.org.nz](mailto:northcantly@southerncancer.org.nz) for more information.





## BOARDING INFORMATION SESSIONS

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**Kaikōura:** Sept 8th 6.30pm  
The Lobster Inn

**Hanmer:** Sept 9th 6.30pm Monteith's  
Brewery

**Blenheim:** Sept 11th 6.30pm  
Dodson Street Beer Garden



info & registration:  
[nelson.school.nz/boarding](https://nelson.school.nz/boarding)



# HANMER SEPT 9



**I'm John Faulkner, a dairy farmer from Culverden,  
living on the banks of the Waiau Uwha River.**

I've been hands-on in community service all my life - from Victim Support counselling to the Amuri Dairy Employers Group, School Boards, the Hurunui Waiau Zone Committee, the Hurunui District Landcare Group, and the Dairy Environment Leaders National Advisory Committee.


Life on the land has exposed me to it all: financial pressure, climate extremes, and the everyday stresses that affect both rural and urban communities. These aren't hypothetical issues - they're the realities I've lived through and worked with, side by side with others.

That experience grounds me. It's taught me that strong, balanced decisions come from lived knowledge and open conversation.

**I'm standing for Environment Canterbury  
because we need leadership rooted  
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# JOHN FAULKNER

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### Photinia Leaf Spot Disease

Over the last twelve months I have noticed an increase in Photinia Leaf Spot around the village. It will eventually kill the shrub due to the constant lack of foliage; and the plant being depleted of nutrients.

The fungus that causes photinia leaf spot is called *Entomosporium mespili*.

To eradicate, or at least control, you must:

Firstly, remove all the dead leaves from under the shrub/hedge as this is where the spores sit. DO NOT compost these. They must be disposed of into the rubbish or burnt. Secondly, cover the area in mulch to help control any pores left on the soil.

Thirdly, the plant must be sprayed with a fungicide every 10-14 days throughout spring and again in the autumn.



### Thrip damage to Viburnum

Thrips suck all the goodness out of the leaves causing them to die and fall. The new growth comes away in the spring but the thrip will get that, causing the plant to be depleted of nutrients, and over time it will die.

As with the photinia, leaves must be removed from under the plant and disposed of completely. The plants can be sprayed regularly with an insecticide to control thrip and mixed with spraying oil at the rate for the time of the year. Another way to help with the prevention is to apply Soil Insect Killer to the base of the plant late winter early spring right out to the drip line and beyond as the thrip overwinter in the soil.



Note: Any tools used in cutting these infected plants must be cleaned with meths after use to prevent infection to other plants.

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## Hanmer Springs School Term 3 Week 7

Reporters: Aaliya, Sammy, Timmy, Ella, Jack

### Cantamaths.

On Wednesday, some kids went to Culverden to compete in a math competition called Cantamaths. There were 12 Year 5/6 teams, and our team of Timmy, Eloise, Aaliya, and Sammy came 1st place. In the Year 7/8 competition, there were 7 other teams. All of our teams did extremely well. There were some really hard questions, some so hard we had to skip! Well done everyone who went. Thank you to Mrs Hay and Carol for taking us.



### Amuri Maths.

Amuri Maths is an art competition that is about maths and is held every year for the schools around the district. There are several categories: edible art, wearable art, posters, and models of maths. Our reporters asked the junior school children about their art. "I made my model out of lego, it was so fun! I came third in mathematical models; it was a pyramid," by Tui. "I think that it was very fun to make the art. I came 1st in the models." By Aiden. "I made a pyramid. It was fun, and I came 2nd!" By Cairo.





## Book Week.

Book week was fun. We had the Scholastic book fair organised by Barbara and volunteers to help run it. Mrs Josland organised an excellent fun fun-filled week, starting off with buddy reading and discovery time. The librarians ran a colouring-in competition. On Friday we had a dress-up day as a book character. Throughout the week teachers and teacher aides read to the classes. Students had to guess which book was the staff's favourite, participated in a book walk around the field, and did a kahoot on book knowledge.



## Seven Aside.

On Thursday the Senior school went to Hawarden for the annual 7-a-side competition between the Hurunui schools. Teams of 8 to 10 children play 7 games of 7-minute 7 aside.

## Staff Profiles.

Our reporters, Jack and Ella asked Carol and Barbara a few questions. Barbara is our fantastic office administrator and Carol is one of our amazing teacher aides.

### Barbara:

Ella: "How would you describe yourself?"

Barb: "I'm indescribable!"

Ella: "What's your biggest dream?"

Barb: "My biggest dream is for there to be world peace."

Ella: "What is your biggest accomplishment?"

Barb: "Walking the whole of the South Island on Te Araroa track."

Ella: "Funniest moment you have had at Hanmer Springs School?"

Barb: "Getting dressed up for super-secret-don't-tell-anybody staff dress up on Thursday!"

Fun fact: Barbara has been working at this school for as long as this reporter has been alive...11 YEARS!!



### Carol:

Jack: "How did you get so good at maths?"

Carol: "Maths is my favourite subject and I practised and practised when I was younger."

Jack: "What do you do in your free time?"

Carol: "I spend a lot of time with my kids' sports groups following them around the countryside side and I enjoy reading."

Jack: "What is your favourite food and favourite sport?"

Carol: "Netball and chocolate."



## Hanmer Springs Netball News

The finals of the netball season, on the 16th August, were held in Cheviot. The Hanmer Springs Netball Club would like to thank Sport NZ who help to fund our travel each week.

Hanmer Alpine Electrical U14 vs Cheviot U14B.  
Score 17:17 =3rd overall

The team started the game strong making good connections through the court. Focusing on keeping possession from our turnovers, we were able to score plenty of goals and take a strong confident lead in the first half. Ella did well playing a full game in defence. Sharnie converted some excellent goals in the attack end, as well as picking up some great rebounds. The girls dropped off a little in the last quarter, and Cheviot fought their way back into the game, ending with a draw. Player of the day went to Ella for her high work rate on defence, causing havoc and creating turnovers. Well done to the whole team for a great final game for the year.

Gavins Logging Hanmer A vs Waiau A.  
Score 32:25 to Waiau.

Waiau started the game strong taking a convincing lead into half time, up 24 to 12. We came back strong in the second half, moving the ball quickly through the court converting it with ease. The shooters had an outstanding game, opening up the circle and presenting plenty of great options for our feeders. Monteiths player of the day went to Cassidy for her work in C, creating connections throughout the court and excellent feeding to the shooters. Although we didn't quite cinch the win from Waiau this season, it was great to finish with a strong second half. Congratulations to all players on a fun and enjoyable season.



*This is the last netball report for the season. A BIG thank you to all the report writers, and to Michelle Saric for collating and sending them through each issue. Thank you. [Ed]*

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## Soldiers Block Available

The Council and the Queen Mary Hospital Charitable Trust are entering into an agreement with the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa to manage the bookings for the Soldiers Block.

Chair of the Trust, Marie Black, says that this provides a fantastic opportunity to attract events to the Soldiers Block and ensure that life is breathed back into the recently refurbished building.

Since the opening on Anzac Day the focus has been on completing the heating system in the building and its now open for booking.

Sarah Wiblin, General Manager of the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa, says the Soldiers Block represents a great opportunity to attract large businesses and other organisations to Hanmer Springs to hold conferences and meetings in a truly unique building in beautiful part of New Zealand.

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# Last Legs

Continued from previous issue ...

By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

Tupiza is a reasonably clean town in a really dusty environment, even in mid winter and there seems to be a lot of sweeping going on. I walk very slowly up a couple of blocks and then head left uphill on a real cobblestone street, to where I am told I will find a central plaza along with restaurants and internet cafes. Progress is sluggish because I am running on about five percent energy levels, but I make it to a square which is quintessentially Latin American with a large church and an *alcaldia* (town hall) and a statue of someone grand on a horse in the middle, probably Simon Bolivar but I don't bother to check, a park and some trees, and a few old people sitting around talking about the good old days, the women in their traditional *sombreros cholitos* or *bombins*, aka bowler hats. Their legs are well wrapped in knitted woollen leg warmers and they wear several layers of petticoats beneath their skirts and woollen cardies and mantas that range from muted checks to shocking pink. Bolivia features more bright pink than your average Gay Mardi Gras.

Almost every woman you meet in the country has their hair parted in the centre, a custom which was once compulsory under the reign of a certain Spanish Viceroy Toledo. Old habits die hard in Bolivia.

I have a beer in a café, not that this does anything toward clearing my head and the lady tells me what I am suffering from is called *Soroche*. Like everyone else she predicts it will only last a day or two and she plies me with *mate de coca* – coca leaf tea.

The worst thing is the pins and needles, they are acutely painful and there doesn't seem to be any relief from them. She brings me another large coca tea with the leaves still floating in it. It is a little ironic that she waggles her finger at me for drinking beer and gives me coca as the healthy alternative. It seems to help.

The day before I left Salta I started taking the medication, acetazolamide, given me by my doctor and it should be working by now. It is supposed to counteract the altitude and I have been at these elevations before with no side effects. It must be age I tell myself. I am getting decrepit. After doing battle with a broken keyboard in an internet parlour I send off a bunch of emails with @ in place of a, and / instead of l. Once they crack the code it will be e@sy.

I decide on an easy first evening, an early dinner and then to bed with Satellite TV at Hotel La Torre. Satellite TV is the usual South American football (about half the channels) extremely dramatic Latino soap operas (a quarter) and the rest allocated to dubbed movies, CNN, the BBC (if you're lucky) and one other sport channel, again, if you're lucky. I have found it difficult to follow the All Blacks on satellite tv in some of the more remote places in Asia. I can always watch a DVD on my laptop and these hotels are reasonably up to date. So I go to bed with John Lennon vs the US which I find in the foyer. Hotel La Torre has a comfortable informality helped by the fact La Senora feels free to do her nails at reception and she looks not at me, but her handiwork when she speaks. I promise her I will look at the tour options to Salar de Uyuni all in good time.

Walking down from the plaza I decide on a pizza for my first night's dinner in Bolivia. Hardly the ethnic experience I came seeking, but it feels safe and it is warm and cosy with wood paneled walls and a plump Bolivian girl whose radiant smile is only troubled when she has to deal with a group of six students from Wisconsin or somewhere midde-American. They are honking at her with their mid western accents like a flock of demented geese. As I watch her I can see a natural smile instantly change to fear and she jumps in fright when they snap their fingers at her. She is seriously stressing because the place is packed and they are all impatient gringos and she has only her little brother to help her. Despite the fact he is no more than about nine, he is a pro, he sweeps in and takes over. I have a menu and a beer in front of me in double quick time, delivered with great gravity and all the flourish of a Roman piazza. I try to read the menu but my vision is fuzzy so I just point. He does have the good manners to tell me there will be a half hour wait. He also takes over dealing with the Yanqui table and tries being implacable, but it seems they have been waiting a long time for their dinner and are not about to be placated with anything but food. They are a pain in the arse and have everyone else in the restaurant squirming in embarrassment at being foreigners. El Chicito bows to them with gravity and gracious subservience. If you would like your pizzas now I can bring them, he says seriously, or if you wish to wait five minutes more they will be cooked. But their command of Spanish is not enough to grasp any of the subtleties beyond the *cinco minutos*. So they all say 'cinco minutos', like it is a threat.

Their pizzas arrive but of course they are not good enough and they complain loudly, eat two thirds of the pizza, swab up the rest of their beers and juices and walk out without paying. But it gets worse. The plump girl bursts out of the kitchen when she sees they are gone. We feel guilty on behalf of all foreigners. Why didn't we call her. We have let them go. Then she picks on me and says I am a Yanqui and these are my friends. Could not have said that worse, so of course I loudly protest that I am not a Yankee, nor did I ever meet those people, or even want to meet them and how dare she. She retires to the kitchen to tell her mother and you can hear this does not get a good reception – there is an audible cry of outrage and a sharp slap and the young lady heads through the restaurant pulling on her pink coat, tears streaming down her smarting face, dispatched to find those people who had made such a fool of her -- and don't come back without the money is the unmistakable cry from the kitchen.

We all want to run away, none of us want to be in the middle of this scene, but as one, we are behind the young girl so we pick up their bill, everyone contributing and we have more than the required amount. The young brother continues to serve meals and decap beers and pour drinks, all with the severity of an undertaker.

My pizza eventually arrives, just before the door opens and the bell rings quietly as the young lady slips disconsolately back in and shakes her head when we ask if she has found them.

To be continued ... next issue ...

## Event Calendar



### SEPTEMBER 2025

- 05 Mid Canterbury Artists' Exhibition Opening  
ACAC Gallery, Hanmer Library
- 07 Father's Day
- 18-20 Amuri Players presents "Puss in Boots"  
Look out for posters around the village
- 22 Con Brio Choir Lunchtime concert 1pm  
Memorial Hall
- 23- Mid Canterbury Artists' Exhibition

### OCTOBER 2025

- 03 CHC Youth Jazz Orchestra 12 noon  
Village Green (Memorial Hall if wet)
- 27 Labour Day (Monday)

### NOVEMBER 2025

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



## Hanmer Springs Bowling Club AGM



### Notice of the 2025 Annual General Meeting And Special General Meeting for Hanmer Springs Bowling Club Inc.

To be held on:  
Sunday 31 August 2025 at 2:00pm  
Hanmer Springs Golf Club  
133 Argelins Road  
Hanmer Springs

Notices of Motion need to be sent to the Secretary  
[secretary@hanmerspringsbowls.co.nz](mailto:secretary@hanmerspringsbowls.co.nz)  
before Monday 18th August 2025

ALL WELCOME!

## The Soldiers Block



The Soldiers Block is open every Sunday from 10am - 12 noon.

## Amuri Community Arts Council Event

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## School Holidays

The current school term (Term 3) ends Friday 19 September 2025.

The next school holidays are from Saturday 20 September to Sunday 5 October 2025.

Term 4 starts Monday 6 October.



# 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/>

## HANMER SPRINGS ART GALLERY EXHIBITION

MID CANTERBURY ARTISTS  
Pottery, drawings and paintings from the collection of Judi Smitheram



An interesting collection of inspiring, eclectic and beautiful artwork and pottery from well-known Mid-Canterbury artists. The personal collection of Judi Smitheram, past Secretary, Workshop & Exhibition Co-Ordinator of the Ashburton Arts Society 1980-90's, this collection includes contemporaries of Judi - those she exhibited with, plus fellow Monday night Sketching Group & workshop attendees including Alison Ryde, Robert McDowell, Colin Redmond, Rhonda Campbell, Marcia Scott, Kath von Tunzelmann, Walt Rutgers, Margaret Trolove, Sally Withell, Kay Jamieson & Janet Simmons. The exhibition also includes works by Judi & pottery by Steve James.



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## Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 16 August

Irish Stableford  
1st Sam Gavin 86 pts  
2nd Richard Campbell 77  
3rd Neil Duncan 76  
4th Louise Pearce 73  
5th Jason Hill 68

Twos  
Louise Pearce  
Sam Gavin

Nearest the Pin  
Sam Gavin

Jackpot Twos & Net Eagles  
Not struck



Saturday 23 August

Ladies  
Jessie Sutherland Memorial  
1st Susan Turner 41 pts  
2nd Maree Herlund 36

Men  
Scotty Anderson Memorial  
1st Marty Bonnett 40 pts  
2nd Matthew Morgan 37  
3rd Steve Gill 36  
4th Sam Gavin 36  
5th Gordon Simpson 35

Twos  
Cliff Tipler

Nearest the Pin  
Cliff Tipler

Net Eagles  
Susan Turner  
Neil Duncan  
Maree Herlund

Jackpot Twos  
Not struck

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

## Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 14/08/2025  
1st - R Hothersall & G Baldwin

Results 21/08/2025  
1st - J Pillidge & A van de Wiel

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

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