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# the pinkie

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## Hanmer Springs Transfer Station

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637 Hanmer Springs Road



## Hanmer Springs Community Library

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

**03 315-7912**

**Saturday & Sunday**  
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hanmer@hurunui.govt.nz

## Useful Opening Times



**Four Square**  
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**Hanmer Springs**  
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10am - 7pm

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

(seven days)

**03 315-7107**

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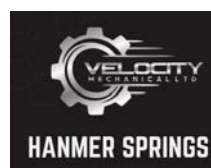
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# About “The Pinkie”

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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

We need more local faces on the front cover of *The Pinkie*!

I’m getting tired (not really) of all the hiking in the hills to get the next cover shot!

On this weeks cover of *The Pinkie* local children (L-R) Harry Saric, Harriet Davies, Nico Vautier and Eloise Davies ski race for Hanmer Springs in the Canterbury Primary and Intermediate School Ski Race at Porters Alpine Resort. (Thanks for the photo Damian).

Harry Saric finished 4th in the Y3/4 Boys race. Harriet was 3rd in the Y3/4 Girls race. Nico finished 2nd in the Y5/6 Boys race and Eloise was 6th in the Y5/6 Girls race, out of a large field. Well done to you all.

The Hanmer Springs community loves when our children represent us in sport and academic pursuits. Some of the adults can be pretty handy too - golf, darts, pool, bowls, knitting, hand crafts etc.

I’ve tried to get a photo of Dot Geen, on her lawn mower, but I’m never fast enough; and Dot loves to hide her face with the peak of her cap and her ear muffs.

Please send through any photos you think are worthy of the front cover! We want to celebrate our local folk. Thanks.

There are a few things coming up that need to be on your radar, or better, marked on your calendar.

Firstly, the local amateur theatre group, *Amuri Players*, will be performing *Puss in Boots*, *A Pantomime* from 18-20 September. For bookings go to:  
[www.trybooking.com/nz/ZBE](http://www.trybooking.com/nz/ZBE)

Secondly, the Con Brio Choir will be performing a lunchtime concert on Monday 22 September at 1pm in the Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall. This is a free concert organised by the Amuri Community Arts Council.

Next up, the Christchurch Youth Jazz Orchestra will be performing on Friday 3 October at 12 noon on the Village Green. Save this date too. Again, this is a free concert organised by the Amuri Community Arts Council.

Next, after the success on the Hanmer Backyard Ultra last month, Grum has decided to organise a mountain bike version where participants complete a 10.5km lap on a MTB bike every hour (on the hour) until only one person remains. These events are won by people that pace, not race! Also, they’re more of a personal challenge, rather than a race against others! Not surprising, women are particularly good at these endurance type events. So mark 7 March 2026 in your event calendar.

Lastly, you may want to start thinking about the Hanmer Springs Half Marathon which will be on 2 May 2026. While this is still a long way off it’s never too early to start “stacking” some base miles. Jenny!

Looking forward to seeing you out there supporting all these fantastic events.

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## 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

#### Mount Isobel Paragliding Club

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

### Wednesdays

#### TRAMPING GROUP

Day tramps in local mountains and surrounding areas. Every Wednesday.  
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)

#### HANMER SINGS

Wednesday 5:45-6:45pm  
(school term only)  
Hanmer Springs Primary School  
Call Judy (021 0246 5633)

### Thursdays

#### PILATES CLASS

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

#### E-BIKE TOURING GROUP

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

#### HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays 7:15pm  
Anglican Church Hall  
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#### HANMER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Dinner meeting second Thursday of the month. Five Stags at 6:30pm. All welcome.  
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### Saturdays

#### HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

Saturdays 8am  
  
Brooke Dawson Reserve (off Bath Street)  
See [parkrun.co.nz](http://parkrun.co.nz) for details

### Sundays

#### MORRIS DANCING

Sundays 7pm  
Lots of laughs and some added exertion.  
Dancers and musicians welcome.  
Call John (021 395 022)

## 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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Sundays 10am  
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#### ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

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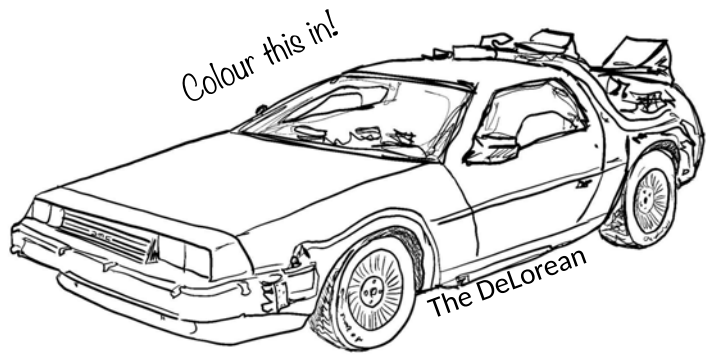
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## QUIZ



1. How many sheets of paper are there in a ream?
2. The *Back to the Future* films starred which actor as Marty McFly?
3. In Formula 1, a green flag being shown indicates what to the drivers?
4. What is the young of an eel called?
5. What is fermented to make the Japanese drink sake?
6. What is the state capital of Tennessee?
7. Chestnut and oyster are varieties of which food item?
8. What is the capital of Slovakia?
9. Which peach variety has a smooth yellow and red skin?
10. What is the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet?
11. Which female rank is equivalent to a knight?
12. What is a gavotte?
13. What type of fruit is an ogen?
14. According to the proverb, what comes before a fall?
15. What does PAYE stand for?
16. Which dessert has a French name meaning "froth"?

17. What type of food is a bloomer?
18. What kitchen measure equals ten millilitres?
19. What type of flower is called a lady's slipper?
20. Who was the lead singer of the Eurythmics?

1. What is the name of the largest settlement on Stewart Island?
2. What is the chemical element with the symbol “Pb”?
3. What is the name of the highest point on the Te Araroa?
4. What name is given to a baby elephant?
5. What vitamin is most abundant in carrots?

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

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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.

# Hanmer Springs Netball Prizegiving

The Netball Club held a great prizegiving to conclude a fantastic season of netball, which has seen the club grow with new members in all teams. This year we had two Future Fern 5 teams, a Future Fern 6 team, an U14 team and a Senior team who played in the Hurunui competition and lots of five and six-year-olds completing the Fun Fern midweek training session.

Future Fern 5 Purple team trophies:  
Most improved player - Harriet Davies  
Role model - Iris Roborgh

Future Fern 5 Blue team trophies:  
Most outstanding player - Tui Inglis  
Most improved player - Elisa Bridge

Future Ferns 6 trophies:  
Player of the year - Eloise Davies  
Role model of the year - Laila Cannell

U14 team trophies:  
Player of the year - Rylee Gavin  
Most improved - Bella Bradley  
Role model - Charlotte Beauchamp

Senior team trophies:  
Most outstanding player - Mikayla Butson  
Most improved - Rebecca Hay  
Player's player of the year - Lorraine Davis-Bainbridge

Club trophies:  
Most dedicated person -  
Melissa Büschl Smith  
Most supportive person - Michelle Saric  
Best overall sportsperson - Mikayla Butson

We would like to thank our club sponsors: Hanmer Springs Four Square; Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa; Monteiths; Fire and Ice; The Toy Shop; The Lolly Pot; Fudgelato; Alpine Electrical and Gavin's Logging. We would also like to thank Sport NZ who helped to fund our travel each week.

Congratulations to everyone who received a trophy and well done to all players and families for another successful netball season.



Melissa Büschl Smith, Rebecca Hay, Lorraine Davis-Bainbridge & Mikayla Butson



Tui Inglis & Elisa Bridge



Harriet Davies & Iris Roborgh



Eloise Davies & Laila Cannell



Bella Bradley, Charlotte Beauchamp & Rylee Gavin

## Sudoku for you!

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

This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

## Trivia Answers

- |                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. 500                    | 15. Pay As You Earn |
| 2. Michael J Fox          | 16. Mousse          |
| 3. Track clear            | 17. A loaf of bread |
| 4. Elver                  | 18. Dessertspoonful |
| 5. Rice                   | 19. An orchid       |
| 6. Nashville              | 20. Annie Lennox    |
| 7. Mushroom               |                     |
| 8. Bratislava             |                     |
| 9. Nectarine              |                     |
| 10. Delta                 |                     |
| 11. Dame                  |                     |
| 12. An 18th-century dance |                     |
| 13. A melon               |                     |
| 14. Pride                 |                     |

### "KIDS" ANSWERS

1. Oban
2. Lead
3. Stag Saddle (1925m)
4. A calf
5. Vitamin A



The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## 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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Lake Tennyson

## Disc Golf To Be Relocated

Some time ago the Community Board found the funding to erect a family-friendly disc-golf course for the benefit of our visitors. It has proven popular.

Initially the course was proposed for Tarndale Reserve, but eventually was located in Brooke Dawson Reserve for various reasons.

Brooke Dawson has become very busy with other family-type activities. On a sunny weekend this park is happily populated by ball-throwing, barbeque grilling and bike riding public! A recent incident, leaving a dog badly injured by a fast-flying frisbee, has highlighted to the Council that frisbee throwing is no longer safe in this small space.

A number of possible new locations are being considered by the Community Board. A decision will be made in the near future.



**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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Are the big tall trees around the Hanmer Springs Thermal Reserve Redwoods?

**Answer:** No.

So what are they? They are *Sequoiadendron giganteum* or Wellingtonia.



*Sequoiadendron giganteum* or Wellingtonia.



*Sequoia sempervirens*, or Redwood.

*Sequoiadendron giganteum*, commonly known as the Wellingtonia, classified in the family Cupressaceae. Wellingtonia specimens are the largest (as in bulk) trees on Earth. They are native to the groves on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountain range of California. These withstand a lot more wind than the Sequoia, which is fortunate, as we have plenty of wind here (and there is plenty in Wellington too).

**What is a Redwood then?**

It is *Sequoia sempervirens* and is the sole living species of the genus Sequoia in the cypress family Cupressaceae. Common names include coastal redwood and California redwood. As the common name says these trees grow along the coast of California and are the tallest known tree in the world.

Plants are often given many different common names which leads to confusion over what they actually are.

**So do we have any Redwoods in Hanmer?**

Yes, there is a grove of them on the Woodland Walk and some young ones in the Heritage Forest.

Note the different foliage between the two trees.



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## Hanmer Springs School Term 3 Week 9

Reporters: Anika, Bridie, Jonty, Katie

### Daffodil Day

On Friday 29th August we held a mufti day and gold coin donation for Daffodil Day. We made over \$100 to give to the Cancer Society. Everybody wore lots of yellow.

### Conservation Week.

September 1st-7th is Conservation Week. Chris Hughey came a few weeks earlier to talk to the senior school about his conservation work and how he got started in conservation when he was younger. He spoke about setting up Te Tihi O Rauheia Hanmer Springs Conservation Group and his ongoing work with wetland restoration, planting, weed control and trapping in Hanmer Springs. He has also managed to get a parcel of land on Conical Hill to be planted in kākū in the future.

Tori talked about the Hanmer Springs trapping programme and brought in a trap to show how it worked, the predators targeted, and the native wildlife we are trying to protect. She also brought in some tracking tunnels and ink pads, which classes put out overnight, in the school grounds. The next day all the tracking cards had footprints and the pupils identified which predators had left their footprints on the cards. Hedgehog footprints were clearly identified and the school now has a trap (locked away from little people) on its grounds. Bridie and Mrs R are in charge of checking this trap.

The trapping programme started about 5 years ago and runs in Hanmer Springs with the help of 15 dedicated volunteer trappers. Kirsty James and Tori Rowley volunteer to manage it. Kirsty does possum and wasp control in the area too. Bridie and her mum work as volunteer trappers and Bridie shared with the pupils some of her trapping knowledge.

Bridie showed classes how to set the trap and showed them the stinky bait that she puts in the traps. Classes went out and put a tracking tunnel out in the memorial garden to see what footprints there are in there in the morning. The day after we put a trap in the memorial garden to see if we could catch anything. The next day we checked the trap and there was nothing in there.



## Staff Profile

Our reporters interview members of the school staff with their own questions.

### Melanie Roborgh.

Jonty: "How would you describe yourself?"

Mrs R: "Hard working, a literacy lover, and family orientated."

Jonty: "Biggest life accomplishment?"

Mrs R: "Having a family, raising my children."

Jonty: "What's the most fun moment you've had at Hanmer Springs School?"

Mrs R: "Hanmer School is a fun place to work, going on school camps."

Jonty: "When did you start teaching at Hanmer Springs School?"

Mrs R: "I started teaching here in 2013."

Jonty: "What is your favourite class to teach?"

Mrs R: "My favourite is Year 3 and 4, and my favourite subjects are art and literacy."

Jonty: "What do you eat for breakfast?"

Mrs R: "Porridge and banana with chocolate peanut butter and a big cup of coffee."



### Jen Brett.

Katie: "What do you eat for breakfast?"

Mrs Brett: "Fruit and a cup of tea."

Katie: "When did you start teaching at Hanmer Springs School?"

Mrs Brett: "2022."

Katie: "Who are your favourite classes to teach?"

Mrs Brett: "Tui class is the only class I teach at the moment."

Katie: "What is the funniest moment you've had at Hanmer Springs School?"

Mrs Brett: "The zombie apocalypse drill!"

Katie: "Why did you start teaching at Hanmer?"

Mrs Brett: "I wanted to teach fantastic children in a beautiful location."



## Canterbury Primary and Intermediate Schools ski race.



On Monday a small team travelled to Porters Alpine Resort to compete in the primary school ski race run by Mt Cheeseman. They each had two runs on the course, where they had to go around the red and blue gates. The skiers all had great races and gained fantastic results.



Nico came 2nd in the Y5/6 boys, Harriet came 3rd in the Y3/4 girls, Harry came 4th in the Y3/4 boys (only 19 milliseconds behind the third place, after catching an edge and doing a 360 turn, and carrying on) and Eloise came 6th in the Y5/6 girls.



# Last Legs

Continued from previous issue ...

By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

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. Her brother tells her nothing, nor does her mother, they are going to make her suffer, but a Scandinavian girl can see what they are doing, so she calls her over and tells her. She looks at her brother and he offers her a confirming nod. Her face literally bursts with delight and she doesn't know who to greet or thank first. She runs for her mother as though her blessing is now necessary to complete the picture. But her mother barks at her and she shoots back to the restaurant where she offers us all a drink, but her mother comes out and scowls at everyone and says no, stupid girl. We are all tarred with the Yanqui brush.

The young lady shakes our hands individually. She shall never forget us for our kindness.

It really hurt paying for those people's pizzas.

There is no real improvement in my condition the next day, so I make my way up to the square again. It is a disappointment to see the girl from the restaurant in the street and despite a friendly greeting, she fails to recognize me and carries on without acknowledgement. I am going to the Internet to look up my medication because on the packet it says to have one per day but in a travel guide it says to have eight. I am taking five hundred micrograms but I am reluctant to take too many drugs when I am feeling this shitty and weird (experience speaking) but it seems like everything I read about dosage is different.

I decide to stick to one, but I'm feeling awful. I need two rests just getting up one flight of stairs at the Hotel la Torre. I foolishly overlook reading the side effects, the *contradiciones* for those pills. After all they had been prescribed in New Zealand. It says something about paresthesias on the Internet but who knows what that is and I can't find it in my Spanish dictionary.

The guys next door are still locked in their room smoking dope.

The servant cooks me a good breakfast with eggs and hot bread and fruit and strong black coffee and I wish I could say it makes me feel better but it doesn't. La Senora says her husband will take me on a tour of Tupiza and surrounds today. I should stay here at least another two days before I head up to the Salar de Uyuni.

As much as they would love to show me around for nothing I will need to help defray the costs and help cover Archimedio's petrol and if I give her the money she will send him to fill up the jeep and buy food for lunch, because of course they will provide a picnic. I pay up, I do want to go for a conducted tour, the idea of a journey with Archimedio has possibilities. It might be something different.

Sadly, we are thwarted because the university students have decided to roadblock the city and not let any vehicles either in or out as a protest about what all students want, control of the university, the keys to the asylum. They are intractable and obstinate about rite of passage but wily old Archimedio was born in these parts and we drive back

and double around through the middle of the dump and up a goat track into the hills beyond. It is not really a road and I hang on tight because there is a very large drop. In one area there is a tight turn and a part of the track has washed away. Archimedio calls for me to help him dump some rocks in the gap and doesn't look kindly when I beg off for health reasons. His method of crossing the washout is to make a rush at his boulders and for a moment I think we are going over but we deflect and make it through. After about ten minutes we reach the top of a pass and descend down the other side and rejoin the main road at a walled cemetery, safely on the other side of the road block.

We go to visit the Valle de Los Machos which is a valley full of penis shaped rock formations. Definitely, some high caliber knobbery. (Later when I emailed my photos from here to the odd ex-wife, they said they liked the look of the place.)

Through the Gates of Hell and into another valley and on to the Canyon of the Incas, a long narrow fissure in the rocks that Archimedio said went on for six kilometres with barely enough room for a man to pass. Several horses are tethered at the entrance way as proof of this, they cannot get through. Good enough for me, I decided not to venture in.

This is a very important part of the Inca Trail, I am told, but then I learned in Argentina that a lot of goat tracks, roads or pathways going in any old direction fall into this category.

I ask Archimedio what Tupiza means and he tells me it comes from the Chicha words *tuc* and *picas*, and when I ask what that means, he shrugs his shoulders. It's a dead language he says, nobody knows what it means. It is not very important is it?

For our picnic lunch he chooses a rickety wooden table right next to an oil drum overflowing with garbage and festooned by insects. It is the designated picnic site, but I insist we go down and spread out our ponchos on the edge of the river and enjoy where we are. A cold wind drives down the river bed and because sand gets in our empanadas we move back to where we started and Archimedio does a wonderful job of resisting the temptation to say, I told you so. But the old bastard is smug. He is forgiven because of the caliber of the lunch. La Senora has wrapped empanadas of different fillings in a red and white napkin, still warm in their wicker basket, crusty bread, sheep's cheese and tomatoes and lots of tiny mandarins, not to mention a couple a couple of Tupiza beers which froth up when we remove the caps.

Archimedio has a very small bottle of red wine which he seems unwilling to share, not that I want any. Alcohol is the last thing I need. I am pretty slow and Archimedio says I have got the *soroche* bad, what am I going to be like when I get to La Paz. Don't try and go to the Salar de Uyuni he counsels, don't let them try and talk you into it at the hotel. If you get really sick you are a long way from anywhere. At least in La Paz you can go to hospital or get down to Arica on the Chilean coast in one day. I appreciate his advice because I know that better judgement should prevail. I also know it rarely does.

To be continued ... next issue ...

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*Michael Jordan*

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# Event Calendar



## SEPTEMBER 2025

- 18-20 Amuri Players presents "Puss in Boots"  
See advert in this issue of *The Pinkie*
- 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)

## DECEMBER 2025

- 14 Hanmer Springs Business Association  
Christmas Parade

## MARCH 2026

- 07 Hanmer Springs MTB Backyard Ultra  
<https://hanmerbackyardultra.co.nz//mtb>

## 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".

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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.

Term 4 starts Monday  
6 October 2025.



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# 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.

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## Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 30 August

Par competition

1st Paul Jones +1  
2nd Matt Hudson 0  
3rd Les Mitchell 0  
4th Adam Jacks -1  
5th Don Giles -1  
6th Jeff Dalley -1

Twos

Adam Jacks  
Ken Williams  
Brent Berry

Nearest the Pin  
Brent Berry

Jackpot Twos  
Adam Jacks

Net Eagles  
Not struck



Saturday 6 September

Irish Stableford

1st Mike Gibbon 80 pts  
2nd Jeff Dalley 79  
3rd Sam Gavin 77  
4th Adam Jacks 70  
5th Les Mitchell 69  
6th Gordon Simpson

Twos

Sam Gavin  
Mike Gibbon

Nearest the Pin  
Matt Morgan

Jackpot Twos & Net Eagles  
Not Struck



Results kindly submitted by  
Mike Gainsford.

[Thanks Mike. Ed]

## Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 28/08/2025

1st - C Scrivener & R Ensor

Results 04/09/2025

North/South - T Davies & P Bennett  
East / West - J Pillidge & G Baldwin

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