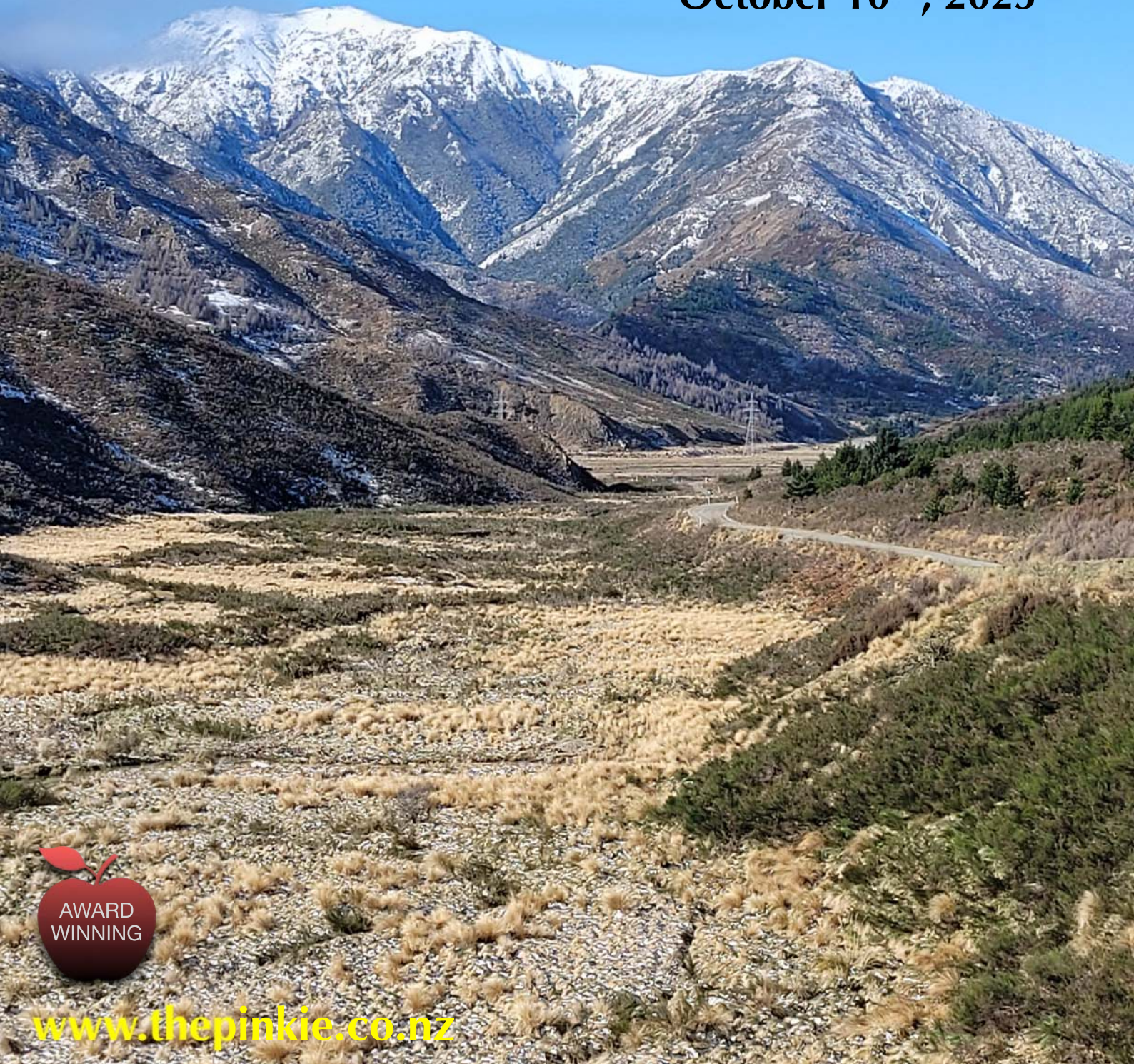


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# Important Information & Useful Opening Times

## Satellite Phones for Hanmer

Should you require access to emergency services during a power outage, and your phones are not working, **Civil Defence Emergency Management has provided satellite phones at four locations in Hanmer Springs:**

Top10 Holiday Park  
3 Bath Street

Pines Holiday Park  
158 Argelins Road

Drifters Inn  
2 Harrogate Street



Hanmer Springs Medical Centre  
(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.

## 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**  
(Summer Hours)

**8am - 8:00pm**

Summer hours started with the introduction of Daylight Savings.



**The Toy Shop**

(including postal services)

Mon - Thu 9am - 4pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 1pm

Our post code  
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**Hanmer Springs**  
**Thermal Pools & Spa**

10am - 7pm

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Thermal Pools & Spa

**Hanmer Springs Service Station**



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

(seven days)

**03 315-7107**

**CALTEX**

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(Monday to Friday)

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**8am - 5pm**

(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, and the Toy Shop, 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



Photo by MA Media

The 2025 Sadlers Garage Hanmer Memorial Rally was held in the Hanmer Forest on Saturday 27 September.

Robbie Stoke, in his Skoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, was too quick for his rivals winning the Sadlers Garage Hanmer Memorial Rally and the 2025 Mainland Rally overall title. Stokes, along with co-driver Matt Summerfield (photo above), were the first competitor home in all seven special stages beating second placed Ari Pettigrew/Matt Dellit (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IV) and third placed Deane Buist/Richard Fairhall (Subaru Impreza STi N10). Forty-nine cars finished the Rally.

Last Friday 3 October the Christchurch Youth Jazz Orchestra performed at 12 noon on the Village Green. The talent of these young folk was inspiring. This was another free concert brought to us by the Amuri Community Arts Council. Thank you ACAC.

The village has been busy the last couple of weeks with school holidays. The children were back to school on Monday - the last school term of the year.

We've had such a mixed bag of weather it would be near impossible to summarise the situation with one word! "Windy" would be close, but we've also had snow, a decent frost and some beautiful sunny days too. For those of us who are up early you'll notice that the sun is starting to track quickly towards summer solstice position, and with more daylight hours our gardens are starting to bloom and the lawn mowers are getting a workout.

Have a happy day!

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Local Government elections close Saturday 11 October at 12 noon. If you are yet to vote remember you can drop your vote into the ballot in the foyer of the Hanmer Library. If you need to cast a special vote you can do that at the Library on Saturday morning from 10am to 11:45am.

## 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  
Call Joy (027 220 2511) for information.

#### HANMER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Dinner meeting second Thursday of the month. Five Stags at 6:30pm. All welcome.  
Email Boio Sarahu-Hothersall at [hanmerspringslionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:hanmerspringslionsclub@gmail.com)

### 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 CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Sundays 10am  
Jollies Pass Road  
Coffee after Sunday Service  
Jonathan Gardiner (Warden)  
021 685 7925 or 027 685 9276

#### REMNANT CHURCH NEW ZEALAND REMNANT HOUSE

Sundays 10am  
Remnant House 108 Rippingale Road  
Children's Church & He Brews  
Monthly lunches & Evening Service  
A Four Square International Church  
Call 021 076 7236 for details

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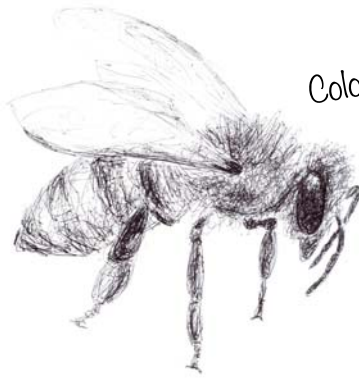
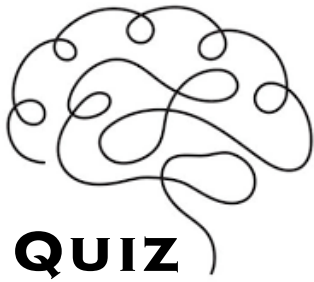
#### HANMER SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

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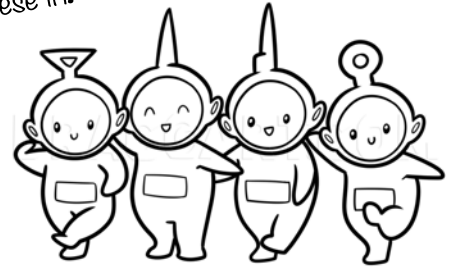
#### HANMER SPRINGS TENNIS CLUB

Twilight Tennis & Kids Coaching (During the season)  
Don't call Sarah! She's out!  
Call Kate (021 026 67019) for more info

# TRIVIA



Colour these in!



1. What name is given to a male honey-bee?
2. Which country disappeared when the Berlin Wall came down?
3. Anne Sullivan first became teacher to which famous pupil 1887?
4. Which sense is related to the olfactory organs?
5. What is Sachertorte?
6. In which European capital city would you find the Spanish Steps?
7. The "clean and jerk" movement is used in which sports discipline?
8. Who won the 2010 Wimbledon men's single championship?
9. What was the home planet of the aliens in the classic novel *The War of the Worlds*?
10. Dry ice, often used in stage shows, is a solid form of which gas?
11. Which desert is found in the north of Chile?
12. What is the capital and chief port of the Philippines?
13. Which Latin phrase means "Let the buyer beware"?
14. The flag often known as the Red Banner showed which two symbols?
15. What is an electrically charged atom called?
16. A neutral pH is given which number on the pH scale?
17. What is the main artery carrying blood away from the heart?

18. In our solar system what is the second largest planet?
19. What is the surname of Edmond, the astronomer who predicted the return of a comet?
20. Human nails are made of which protein?

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## QUIZ FOR THE "KIDS"

1. Which Teletubby is green?
2. What is the name of the founding member of *The Wiggles* who wore a red shirt and played the guitar?
3. A John Dory is what type of creature?
4. What name is given to the boundary of a circle?
5. What is a baby hedgehog called?

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A little space for doodling!



A subliminal message

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

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## "The Pinkie" Dining & Takeaway Guide



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**11am - late**

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Friday - Tuesday  
7am - late

Wednesday & Thursday  
7am - 3pm

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Sunday 10am - 3pm

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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.

# Lessons for Life - by Pita Alexander

The following is an extract of a newsletter written by Pita Alexander titled, "Lessons for Life in New Zealand in 2025".

1. The present average age for New Zealanders is around 37.7 years. The point being that, on average, most people still have some 60 years in front of them. Still plenty of time to take on a few lessons.
2. Listen to Mum and Dad around the kitchen table. Learn from their pain, their mistakes and their experience.
3. You will learn a lot more from listening than talking - listening is a real skill.
4. Everything comes second after breathing.
5. The best landlord in the world will be your parents.
6. Hardly anyone knows exactly what they want to do at 18 years of age - don't expect to be any different.
7. 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.
8. At 24 years old you will need skills that a New Zealand employer is prepared to pay well for.
9. Don't purchase a car until you have an income.
10. Once you have an income, a KiwiSaver account on say a 50% growth 50% balanced fund type asset allocation is a good starting point.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. At 20 years of age you must understand the difference between something you actually need, and something you like the look of.
15. At 20 years of age you must understand how compound interest works.
16. Your integrity is much more important than the clothes you purchase.
17. Never lose your sense of humour. Practise it. Work on it.
18. If you cannot say something nice about somebody, then say nothing.
19. With the internet and cellphones, anything untrue or unfortunate comments can go half way around the world in ten minutes. If you are not sure about something important, then say nothing.
20. Find work in your school holidays, university holidays - learn the value of money and the value of work early on.
21. Don't think too small - when the writer obtained his first job in a bank on £985 per year (equivalent today of 94.7 cents per hour) my father said to me, "Pita as long as you do not play the secretary or the till, you could in time be a manager on £1,585 and have a job for life".
22. Don't head for perfection. Head for excellence.
23. You don't need to react physically to people. Learn to control yourself and walk away.
24. When you find you are in the wrong - then comment immediately to the other party. Learn to apologise verbally and in writing early on.
25. Never, never, tell a fib on a serious issue.
26. Work with your life time partner to get onto the New Zealand house property ladder when no older than 35 years of age. Any older will mean that, with a 30 year mortgage, you will still be paying that mortgage at your ultimate retirement.
27. Always encourage parents and / or grandparents to make an early financial inheritance to you if they can. You will have years to return this favour.
28. Your sincerity is more important than your cleanliness - but get both right.
29. Be punctual. Being consistently late is a bad attribute.

This article will be continued in the next issue of *The Pinkie*.

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## Free Evening with Pita Alexander

Learn about KiwiSaver, Income Tax, GST,  
Government Debt, Immigration,  
Education and a possible Wealth Tax

When: Friday 21 November 2025 at 7:00pm

Where: Hanmer Springs Golf Club

Cash Bar from 7pm to 9pm

Nibbles will be provided.

All welcome

A full copy of the notes from the evening will be provided.

## 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.

## Sudoku for you!

4		8	3		1	5		2
			6	8				3
6	2	3	4	9		8		7
	5		2	1	8		7	9
7				3	4	1	2	8
8	1	2		6			5	4
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This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

## Trivia Answers

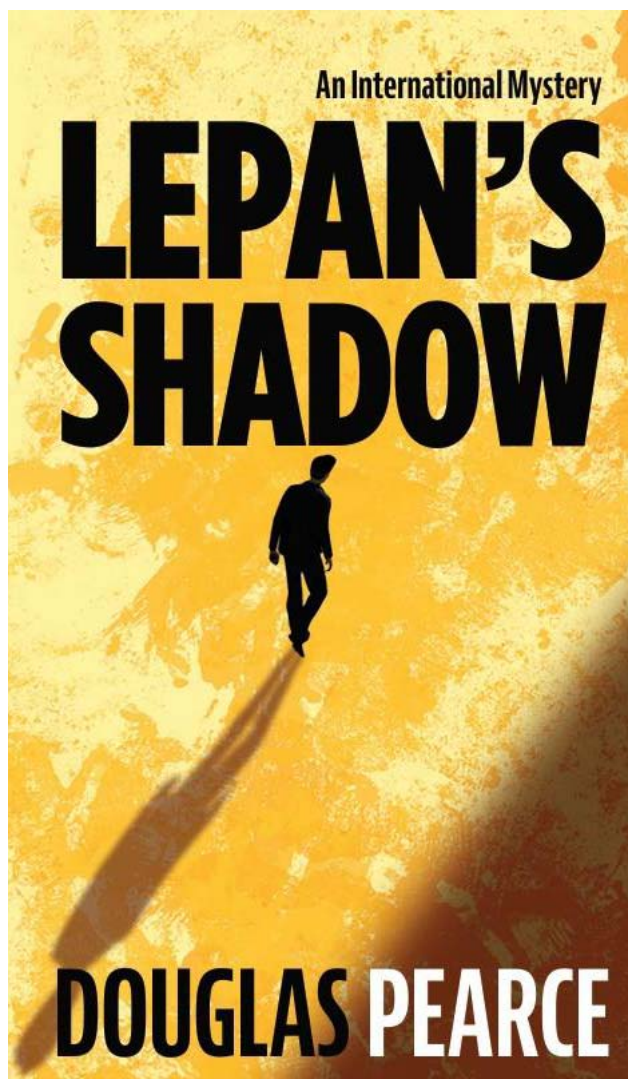
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| 1. Drone              | 15. Ion     |
| 2. East Germany       | 16. Seven   |
| 3. Helen Keller       | 17. Aorta   |
| 4. Smell              | 18. Saturn  |
| 5. Chocolate Cake     | 19. Halley  |
| 6. Rome               | 20. Keratin |
| 7. Weightlifting      |             |
| 8. Rafael Nadal       |             |
| 9. Mars               |             |
| 10. Carbon dioxide    |             |
| 11. Atacama           |             |
| 12. Manila            |             |
| 13. Caveat emptor     |             |
| 14. Hammer and sickle |             |

### "KIDS" ANSWERS

1. Dipsy
2. Murray Cook
3. Fish
4. Circumference
5. Hoglet



## Lepan's Shadow - A Novel by Hanmer Author



Local man, Doug Pearce, wrote much of *Lepan's Shadow* in Hanmer Springs where he has had a bach for over thirty years. Doug turned to writing fiction after forty years of penning academic papers and books on tourism research.

Doug, an emeritus professor of tourism management at Victoria University says, "The biggest difference between writing *Lepan's Shadow* and my earlier books is that I could make the story up. Of course, characters must be believable, settings realistic and the plot credible and coherent, but in fiction you have the freedom to create relationships, to mould events to fit the narrative and change things around if the story heads off in a new direction, as it inevitably does. That was liberating after the rigours of academic research. I learnt to leave chapter endings hanging rather than draw formal conclusions. And in writing the book here in Hanmer Springs it was only natural that local incidents drive the story forward despite much of the action occurring in Chile."

A retired Wellington professor, Cliff West, hauls the body of renowned French anthropologist and activist, Antoine Lepan, from a hot pool in Chile's Atacama Desert.

Years earlier, a young boy suffers a horrific mountain bike accident on a forest trail in Hanmer Springs.

How are these events linked? How do they result in Cliff's obsession with uncovering what led to Lepan's death?

The truth about the Frenchman and his fate gradually unfolds in *Lepan's Shadow*.

*Lepan's Shadow* is available from The Underground Bookshop (with pickup possible in Hanmer).

<https://www.theundergroundbookstore.nz/Lepans-Shadow-p778463797>



## Daffodil Day - Thanks Hanmer

The Hurunui Cancer Support Group would like to thank the wonderful Hurunui community, and businesses, for your generosity and support, which made Daffodil Day 2025 a 'blooming' success!

Because of you, vital funds have been raised to support cancer patients and life-saving cancer research right across New Zealand.

A special shout-out to the incredible volunteers who gave their time, energy, and infectious positivity — we couldn't have done it without you.

Hurunui, your kindness and community spirit continue to inspire. Thank you.

Anne Costello  
Branch secretary

Good character is not formed in a week or a month. It is created little by little, day by day. Protracted and patient effort is needed to develop good character.

*Heraclitus*

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**03-315 7262**



## Helipad for Hanmer Springs

The Hanmer Springs Community Trust is building a dedicated emergency helipad and a concrete pathway to the Hanmer Springs Health Centre. This will provide a safe, paved, and well-lit landing zone that can be used in a wider range of conditions, and allow for faster, safer patient transfers, giving people the best chance at survival and recovery.

When every minute counts, safe and fast access to emergency care can make all the difference. Right now, rescue helicopters landing in Hanmer Springs face real challenges: they touch down on the sports reserve, which can be difficult in poor weather or at night, and often require local volunteer firefighters to assist with lighting and safety.



Scan QR code to donate on the give-a-little page or donate by direct bank transfer to:

Hanmer Springs Community Trust  
02 0876 0132702 001

We want to change that.

The total project cost is \$100,000 – \$120,000. While most funding will come from major donors, we're asking our community to help raise \$50,000 to make this vision a reality.

This is a local effort with a local impact. Whether you're a resident, a business owner, a holiday homeowner, or a visitor who loves Hanmer Springs, your support will help us build something truly lifesaving.

Donate now and be part of something that will save lives for years to come.

Support the helipad. Support our community.

With thanks,

The Hanmer Springs Community Trust



Hearing Clinic - Wednesday 22 October  
Call Liz now to book an appointment  
029 0455 2823

## Hanmer Springs Hearing Clinic

22  
October



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## Local Gymnast Represents Canterbury



Local gymnast Georgia Good (9) was busy over the school holidays representing Canterbury at the NZ Gymnastics Nationals, held 23-27 September at The Trusts Arena in Auckland.

Georgia competed in the trampoline events. She came 9th in her synchronised pair (mixed 9-10 years) and 11th in the individual event (9-10 female).

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# Last Legs

Continued from previous issue ...

By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

The next morning I have the usual Hotel La Torre omelette and toast and *mate de coca* then head to the plaza and the Internet parlour. There is no improvement in my health. The thing that is so hard to live with, is the acutely painful pins and needles and still I have to stop for a rest every few paces on the way up to the plaza. Today is market day so after checking my emails I am going to head to the markets with my camera.

I round the corner into the plaza and walk slap bang into Gabriella, something which took the little wind left in my sails even.

What she is doing here, still short of her next destination in the Salar de Uyuni. We go to the café at the north end of the plaza, sit down and order coffees and she tells me what happened to her.

She came to cross the border into Bolivia and they turned her back because she didn't have the right paperwork for her truck. She just rocked up to the border with the truck and being a female alone she was immediately harassed. Some guy touched her up. (It would need to be a man with a fast side step who fondled this woman without consent.) She inevitably smacked the guy across the face. She was no *gringa facil*.

Next thing she knew, she was locked up. She knew she could handle herself in a fight, but she had to admit to being a little nervous. After about four hours they told her she was being refused entry to Bolivia because her truck's papers were not in order, there was no insurance, and she had to cross back to La Quiaca. She decided to sell the truck in La Quiaca but after stuffing around for a couple of days she still had problems with the paperwork so she drove back to Salta and sold it to the guy she bought it from. He was delighted to buy it back for a third of what she paid. Then she took the bus back to La Quiaca and crossed into Bolivia again through Villazon, but the guy at the border recognized her. It took about four hours before she convinced them her father was an important diplomat as well as being the owner of the Fiat Corporation which was building a factory in Bolivia. They finally stamped her passport for thirty days.

She came straight from Villazon to Tupiza by taxi, still fuming to think someone might have mistaken her for a woman of easy virtue.

She is staying at the Hotel Mitru, which is supposed to be the best hotel in town and the two of us walk back there together.

You've got the *soroche* bad, she says. You're puffing when you walk *downhill*. You wouldn't be much use to me. The best thing to do is agree with her. Sex with Gabriella right now would kill me. Even the wisest of men must sometimes admit that things have gone beyond their control. Reason wins; I must be aging. She tells them to give me a *mate de coca* while I sit in the lobby and wait for her to collect some money for the markets.

Money is not really needed at the markets, there is little to lash out on. The stalls run from the railway station following the dusty pavers along the Avenida Serrano running north from the railway station. The bright colours of cheap synthetic clothes are muted by a thin film of dust. Plastic sails keep the weak winter rays from the stalls of vegetables and fruit, a million mandarins and bananas, a dozen varieties of maize and glasses with bright stripes of coloured jelly topped with sweetened cream to which wasps cling like chopped nut garnish. There are stall after stall of the same traditional Bolivian petticoats. Old ladies, whom I desperately want to photograph, fix me with the eagle eye of suspicion because of the camera. They wear woolen cardies and thick knitted leg warmers and socks stuffed into flimsy alparagatas, bowler hats pushed back on their heads, a group of them sitting and leaning on a handcart, abandoned for the moment between stalls of fleecy jackets and the vendors of *chupe*.

We head for the juice man and he squeezes and blends a cocktail of citrus fruit and apple and mango which is really tart, just the way I like it. A pint glass full is less than twenty cents. I am only half way through the first suck on the straw and Gabriella spots someone she knows, a hippie looking character who is trying to flog badly made silver jewellery from a blanket spread on the footpath. "Oh look," she says, "There is Potosi Rafa from the Bariloche markets." And she charges off in his direction. They are strange things these human emotions. I would be quite happy for her to run off with anyone and leave me in peace, but I feel that old painful twinge of jealousy as she throws herself into the arms of this handsome young dude. I disappear quietly from sight and quicken pace as much as the *soroche* will allow. Something says it will be wise, that it might save possible pain and discomfort. I don't mean to make her sound so unwelcome, but feeling as ill as I do is all I can handle at this moment. I can castigate myself for cowardice when I feel better.

I decide that my health is never going to improve and someone tells me about a doctor in La Paz who will give me oxygen and sort me out. In fact I am operating on a second-hand, out-of-date copy of Lonely Planet's Bolivia and although it is a few years behind the times the prices don't seem to have changed much. The previous owner of this travel manual has written the address of one Dr Eduardo in Avenida 16 de Julio with the notation that the good doctor had provided great relief from the *soroche*. This, coupled with my friend Judy's email saying I had to do it, encouraged me to go on instead of heading out of the hills and down to the coast.

To be continued ... next issue ...



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## Event Calendar



### OCTOBER 2025

27 Labour Day (Monday)

### NOVEMBER 2025

14 Canterbury Anniversary Day (Friday, Show Day)

15 Anglican Church Fete (16th if wet)

21 Evening with Pita Alexander, 7pm, Golf Club

*See advertisement in this issue.*

30 Hanmer Howler MTB Race  
(6hr/12hr/24hr format)

### DECEMBER 2025

14 Hanmer Springs Business Association  
Christmas Parade

24 Community Carol Service, 8pm  
Anglican Church

### MARCH 2026

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

### MAY 2026

02 Hanmer Springs Half Marathon

### AUGUST 2026

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

#### !! 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".*

## School Holidays

The current school term  
(Term 4) started Monday  
6 October 2025.

The last day of term for  
Hanmer Springs School  
is Wednesday 17  
December 2025.

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*Lucius Annaeus Seneca*



# 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/>

## Leslie Hills Amuri Garden Club

Leslie Hills Amuri Garden Club will in Hanmer Springs on Monday 20th October 2025 at the home of Jonathan & Sarah Gardiner, Coleridge Street, Hanmer Springs at 1.30 pm. Friends and visitors welcome. Enquiries please phone Yvonne 03 315 8017

## Hanmer Springs Foodbank

Did you know there is a "Foodbank" in Hanmer Springs that has funds available to help those that are struggling.

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## Hanmer Springs Golf

### Saturday 27th September

Hidden Holes Stableford  
1st Mike Gibbon 42 pts  
2nd Paul Jones 38  
3rd Levi Sadler 38  
4th Murray Pool 38  
5th Marty Bonnett 37  
6th Ethan Lam 36

Twos  
Terry Smith  
Carolyn Williams  
Brent Berry  
Mike Gibbon  
Ali Dunbar

Nearest the Pin  
Ali Dunbar

Net Eagles  
Paul Jones  
Rae Bowyer

Jackpot Twos  
Not struck

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

### Saturday 4th October

Par competition  
1st Adam Jacks +6  
2nd Garry Ritsma +2  
3rd Scott Callaway +2  
4th Ken Williams +2  
5th Wayne Love +1  
6th Nicky West +1

Twos  
Murray Pool  
Howard Chellev

Nearest the Pin  
Steve Gill

Net Eagles & Jackpot Twos  
Not struck

Congratulations to Nicky West for her hole-in-one on the first. It's Nicky's second hole-in-one this year.



## Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 25/09/2025  
1st - J Wilson & J Pillidge

Results 02/10/2025  
North / South - W Stewart & J Pillidge  
East / West - J Bell & A van de Wiel

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



## Hanmer Springs School Term 4 Week 1.

Reporters: Remington, Nicholas, Laila.

### Staff Profile.

Our reporters interview the current staff of Hanmer Springs School.

#### Mrs Josland

Remington and Nicholas: "How long have you been a teacher?"

Mrs J: "About 15 years."

R and N: "Why did you become a teacher?"

Mrs J: "Because I like working with kids and making fun learning experiences for them."

R and N: "Why do you teach primary instead of high school?"

Mrs J: "I prefer working with younger kids."

R and N: "Where did you meet Mr J?"

Mrs J: "When I was at university and we worked together in a restaurant."

R and N: "What is your favourite hobby?"

Mrs J: "Netball, hiking, baking, cooking and reading."

R and N: "What is your favourite sport?"

Mrs J: "Netball."



#### Mr McBride.

Laila: "Why did you want to get a new playground?"

Mr McB: "Because we are the best school, so we need the best playground."

Laila: "Why did you want to be a principal?"

Mr McB: "So I can give out lots of detentions!"

Laila: "How happy are you for your upcoming birthday, and how old are you going to be?"

Mr McB: "Turning 40. Extremely happy because I'm looking forward to having my midlife crisis soon."

Laila: "What is your favourite colour?"

Mr McB: "Pink."

Laila: "What is your favourite hobby?"

Mr McB: "Family time, spending time with Eli and Alina."

Laila: "Why are you crazy about your coffee cups?"

Mr McB: "Correction, I only drink tea and I always use the same cups, so I don't have to wash lots of dishes!"

Laila: "Why did you come to Hanmer Springs School?"

Mr McB: "Because I heard they have amazing Pinkie reporters and I couldn't think of a better place in the world to be living with my whanau."



### Kereru Class artwork.

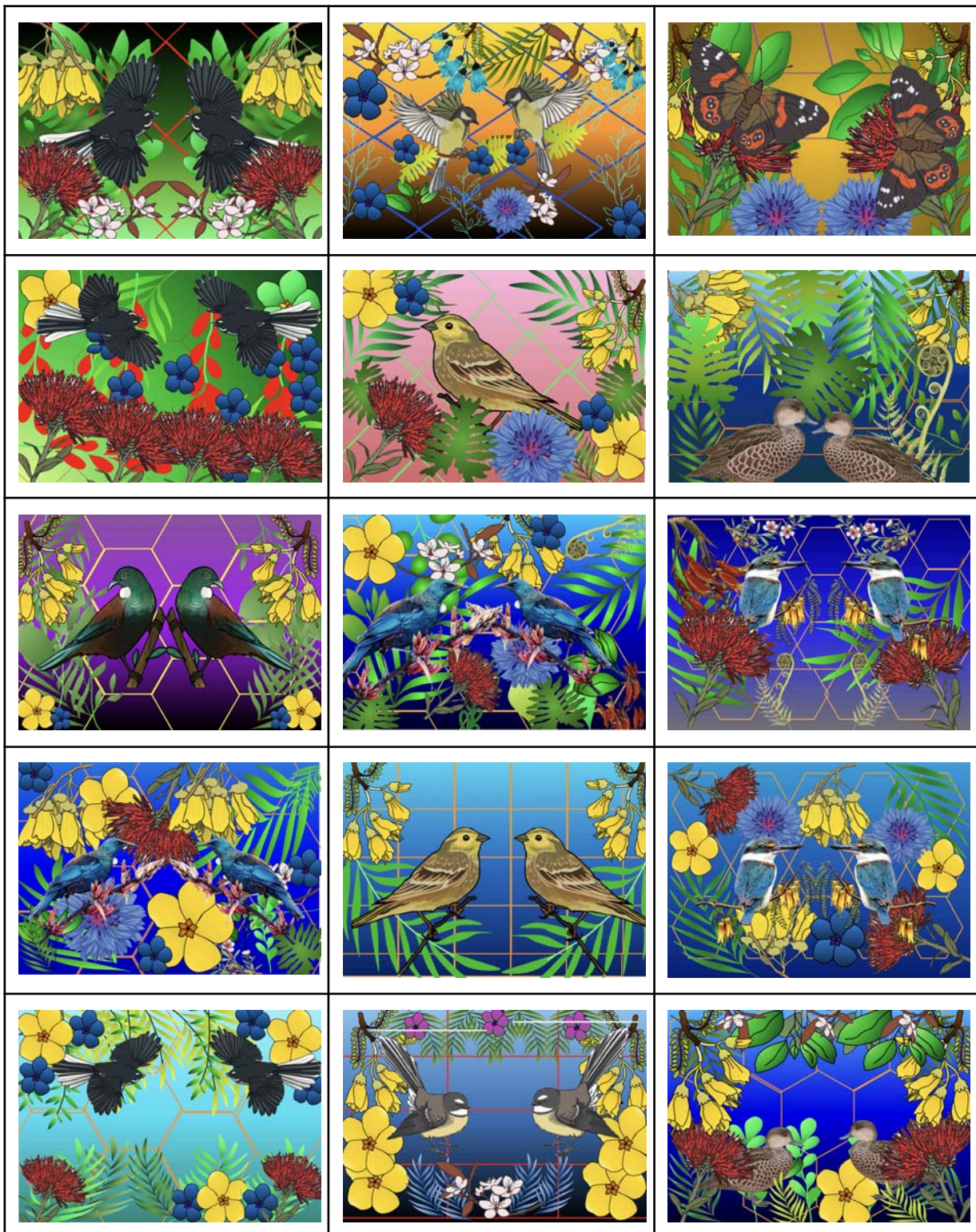
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