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3 Bath Street

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158 Argelins Road

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Sunday 10am to 2pm



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637 Hanmer Springs Road



Hanmer Springs Community Library

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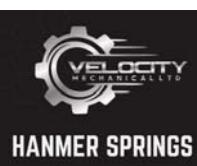
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Sunday 10am - 2pm



Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa

10am - 9pm

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Pinkie News

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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.

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Hanmer Happenings

Seasons Greetings to you all.

Locals and visitors alike enjoyed last Sunday’s Christmas Parade, on a perfect Hanmer Springs day. Our very own Gavin Martin recorded the occasion with some fantastic photos that can be found at:

www.gavinmartinphotography.com (click link for online readers or copy& paste the link below).

<https://www.gavinmartinphotography.com/galleryslide/119564693e23a43c53e>

For those who love to sing Christmas Carols, a traditional Christmas Carol service is being held at the Anglican Church of the Epiphany (33 Jollies Pass Rd) at 8pm on Christmas Eve. There will be a collection for the Christchurch City Mission and supper will be served in the hall afterwards. Even if you aren’t church-goers its a great thing to do with the children; to be part of a choir for a night - Christmas Eve!

Wishing you a safe and joyful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.



Thanks for reading
and supporting
The Pinkie this year.

Wishing you a safe
and joyful Christmas
holiday season.

The next issue of
The Pinkie will be
16 January 2026



In this issue of *The Pinkie* is the last Hanmer Springs School report for the 2025 academic year. A sincere thank you to **Michelle Saric** and all the reporters who have contributed this year. We love reading about what you have been up to. Thank you!

Reminder

Summer Pool Party

Tuesday 20 January 2026

10:30am to 12:30pm

Hanmer Springs School Pool

children under 10 years must be supervised at all times

Questions? Email hyp@hurunui.govt.nz



CLASSES, FITNESS, CLUBS & MUSIC

Monday

AQUACIZE

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

HANMER SPRINGS STITCH GROUP

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

LINE DANCING

Monday 1pm
Memorial Hall
Call Penny (027 240 8321)
Cost: Donation

PILATES CLASS

Monday 5:30pm
12 Amuri Avenue
Call Wendy (027 243 2123)

HANMER SPRINGS BIG BAND

Monday 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

Tuesday

TUESDAY WALKERS

Tuesday 9:45am
Meet at the Jollies Pass Road Forest Entry
carpark (by the old DOC house).
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Call Anne (021 277 7515) or
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TRAMPING GROUP

Day tramps in local mountains and surrounding
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Hanmer Springs Library
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HANMER SINGS

Wednesday 5:30-7:00pm (school term only)
Hanmer Springs Primary School
Call Judy (021 0246 5633)
Cost: Donation

Thursday

PILATES CLASS

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

E-BIKE TOURING GROUP

Thursday 11:00am (winter hours)
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Anne Inglis (021 277 7515) for information.

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Thursday 7:15pm
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HANMER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

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hanmerspringslionsclub@gmail.com

HANMER SPRINGS ART GROUP

Thursday 5:00-7:00pm
(every 2nd Thursday during school term)
Hanmer Springs Play Centre
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Saturday/Sunday

HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

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Sunday Church Services

ANGLICAN PARISH OF HANMER SPRINGS CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
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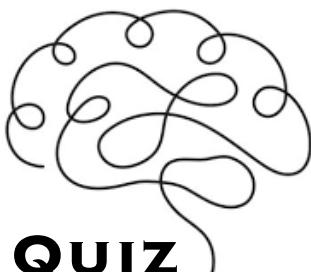
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Twilight Tennis & Kids Coaching
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Don't call Sarah! She's out!
Call Kate (021 026 67019) for more info

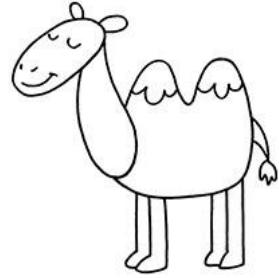
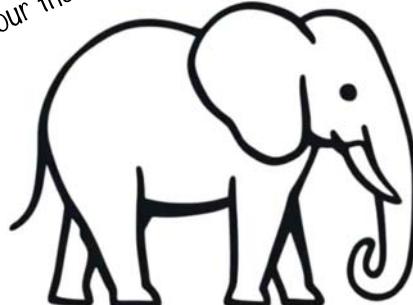
"Lost time is never
found again"

Benjamin Franklin

TRIVIA



QUIZ



1. What is a female swan called?
2. If a Scottish person is “havering”, what are they doing?
3. Who was the Beatles’ manager until his death in 1967?
4. What is the capital of Nebraska?
5. Which friar was one of Robin Hood’s Merry Men?
6. On which day of the week was Solomon Grundy married?
7. Which actress was married to Tom Cruise from 2006 to 2012?
8. What name is given to the first four New Testament books of the Bible?
9. Indira Gandhi International Airport is in which city?
10. How many items are there in a brace?
11. Which actor starred as Ray Kinsella in the 1989 film *Field of Dreams*?
12. What species of camel has two humps?
13. Diana Ross originally sang with which group?
14. What is the capital of Afghanistan?
15. Leaves of which plant are traditionally used to relieve nettle stings?
16. In which Cairo suburb are the Pyramids located?
17. Which limb is affected by carpal tunnel syndrome?
18. Which bird of the crow family is traditionally described as “thieving”?
19. Which organ of the body produces insulin?
20. Who directed the 2012 film *Life of Pi*?

QUIZ FOR THE “KIDS”

1. How many sides does a pentagon have?
2. What is the collective term for a group of elephants?
3. What is the capital of Scotland?
4. What is the cube root of 216?
5. During which war did the Battle of Britain take place?

A little space for doodling!


A subliminal message

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

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Please update your records.

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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.

The Economics of Retirement in NZ - by Pita Alexander

The following is an extract of a newsletter written by Pita Alexander titled, "The Economics of Retirement In NZ". The article is broken in two parts: (1) the Issues, and (2) What can we do to better plan for our retirement.

This weeks extract deals with "the issues".

The issues

1. People are living longer.
2. The workforce numbers are reducing.
3. Perhaps 50% of NZ people are presently living pay-check to pay-check.
4. Health costs are rising steadily. Hip and knee operations are often \$15,000 - \$20,000.
5. With an inflation rate of 3% the costs will double every 24yrs. At 4% costs will double every 18 years.
6. There are 926,200 New Zealanders that are 65 years or older (30/6/2025).
7. Over 80 people in NZ turn 65 each day (and qualify for National Superannuation).
8. How much is NZ national superannuation as from 1/4/2025: (net after tax) for a single \$27,984.53 (\$538 per week) (net after tax) for a couple \$43,312.28 (\$833 per week)
9. How much might these national superannuation net incomes increase as at the 1st of April each year: it will differ every year but at present perhaps by 3% - 3.5%.
10. What did national superannuation cost the NZ government for its year ended 30/6/2025: \$23.180 billion (estimated at \$24.691 billion in 2026 year).
11. How much is the NZ national superannuation increasing each year: The 2026 estimated cost is 6.53% higher than the 2025 year actual cost - at this rate this national superannuation cost will double every eleven years - which NZ cannot afford for long.
12. By 70 years of age a couples personal/medical insurance policy has often doubled or tripled in its annual premium cost from when it was first taken out consequently they tend to cancel the policy simply because they cannot afford it.
13. Around 13% of people at the age of 65 years still have a mortgage.
14. Around 20% of people at the age of 65 years are still renting.
15. If the current market value of your house at retirement is worth \$800,000 then what will your annual rates and insurance cost be: close to 1% of the house and section value that is around \$8,000/year.
16. What % of NZ people work (full time or part time) after turning 65 years of age: approx 25% with approx 50% being because of necessity.
17. Only perhaps 2% of people will be able to live on national superannuation with no other income.
18. It is expected that the retirement age eligibility for NZ national superannuation will increase in time.
19. It is expected that national superannuation will be means tested in time.
20. House insurance and rates will almost certainly continue to increase.
21. If you live for 30 years following your retirement at 65 years of age and your rates and insurance both increase by say 5% a year then both will double over 14 years, and again after 28 years time from your retirement.
22. At 65 years of age can you withdraw your funds in your kiwi saver account: yes but you don't have to. At 65 years you can deposit and withdraw at will which is very useful.

23. The kiwi saver scheme is not currently compulsory, but it should be.
24. Would you feel the present cost of living is going to continue: yes for approx 50% of NZ people it is hard to see any change for the next 5-10 years. That is it will be permanent for this group.
25. How much of a retired couple's financial requirements are covered by their NZ national superannuation: perhaps 50% - 55% but no more in most cases.
26. Approximately 32% of NZ home owners are presently mortgage free.
27. The currently average first home commencing mortgage is \$568,846.
28. First home owners need to be on the ownership ladder by 35 years of age.
29. How many members in Kiwis saver are presently over 65 years of age: 237,634 which is 7% of the total members as at 30/6/2025.
30. Kiwi saver is going to be a more and more important source of retirement income for NZ people. Every wage and salary employee should have an account and encourage their employer to contribute say 5% and they contribute 10% on a regular basis - that is in time head for a 15% of gross income contribution. It is a good scheme for our children and grandchildren. A starting point with your employer may perhaps be 4% employer and 8% you.
31. What does a typical NZ couple need as a gross income in retirement: probably no less than \$90,000 in today's terms. Perhaps: Gross national superannuation \$49,553 Other income (say \$800,000 at 5%) \$40,000 \$89,553
32. Is it ok to live on your capital which for say a 20 year period of your retirement: yes but don't run out. It is certainly not compulsory to leave any inheritance although many couples would prefer to.
33. Do reverse mortgages have a place: yes, but borrow the minimum as late on as possible because the debt you borrow will double approx each 10 years.
34. Is a continuation of the NZ government present overall expenses less overall income sustainable: No it is estimated that the government debt at 30/6/2026 will be \$20.928 billion higher than at 30/6/2025. The NZ treasury has estimated that the NZ government will probably not balance its financial book for 11 of the years from 2015 to 2029 and has increased its core crown debt so called from \$60.631 billion in 2015 to \$238.515 billion in 2029. A treasury report of 25/9/2025 has made it quite clear to the NZ government that the current pathway is definitely not sustainable.
35. In retirement you need to live within 90% of your disposable income (that is from gross income less tax). This comment needs to be embedded in your memory.
36. What % of NZ people presently turning 65 years have little or no income other than national superannuation. This figure apparently is around 35% - 40%. This will not work. You must not be in this group.

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



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!

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This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

Trivia Answers

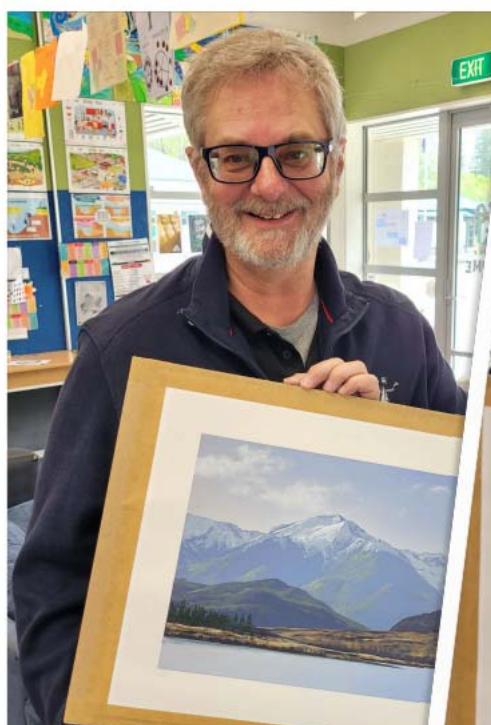
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| 2. Chattering foolishly | 16. Giza |
| 3. Brian Epstein | 17. Wrist and lower arm |
| 4. Lincoln | 18. Magpie |
| 5. Friar Tuck | 19. Pancreas |
| 6. Wednesday | 20. Ang Lee |
| 7. Katie Holmes | |
| 8. Gospels | |
| 9. Delhi | |
| 10. Two | |
| 11. Kevin Costner | |
| 12. Bactrian | |
| 13. The Supremes | |
| 14. Kabul | |

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1. Five
2. Herd
3. Edinburgh
4. Six
5. WWII



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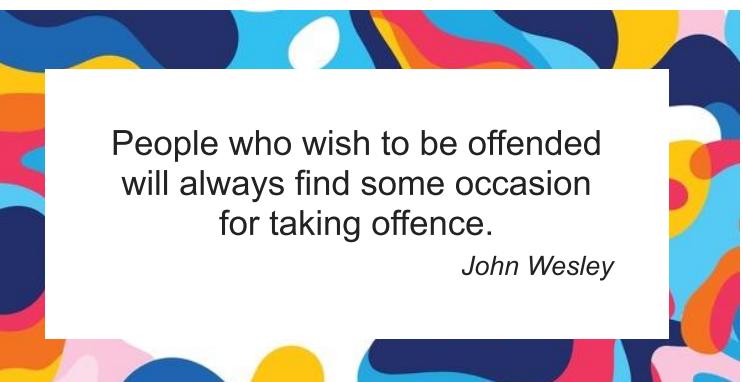
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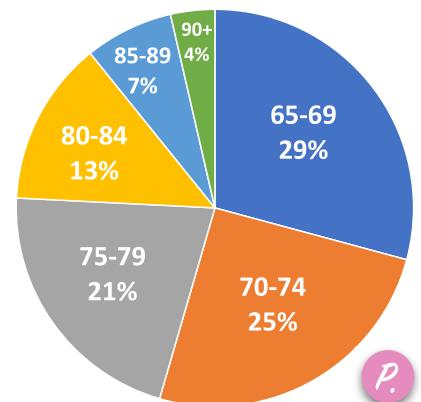
Interesting Facts about New Zealand Superannuation

On 30 June 2025 the population of New Zealand was 5.325 million. At the same time 941,511 people (17.7% of our population) were receiving National Superannuation.

The pie chart to the right shows the percentage receiving superannuation for each age group. Of the people receiving superannuation 75% are aged from 65-79 and the balance (25%) are over 80 years of age. It is interesting to note that 4% of the recipients of national superannuation are over 90 years of age.

Of those receiving superannuation 53.1% are female and 46.9% are male.

As the percentage of superannuitants increases to say 20% of our population (1 in 5), and above, this demographic will carry considerable voting power at the general elections.



Kia ora Summer POOL PARTY

Gather the team and whānau to create an unforgettable celebration of togetherness!

Hanmer Springs School Pool
Tue 20 Jan 10:30am - 12:30pm

FREE

Children under 10 must be supervised at all times during the Pool Party. Individual pool rules apply outside of this event.
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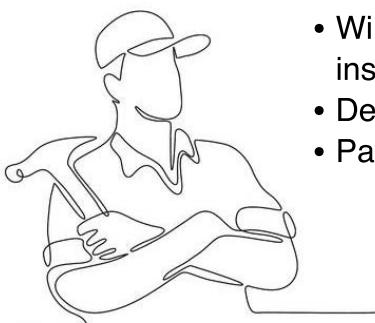
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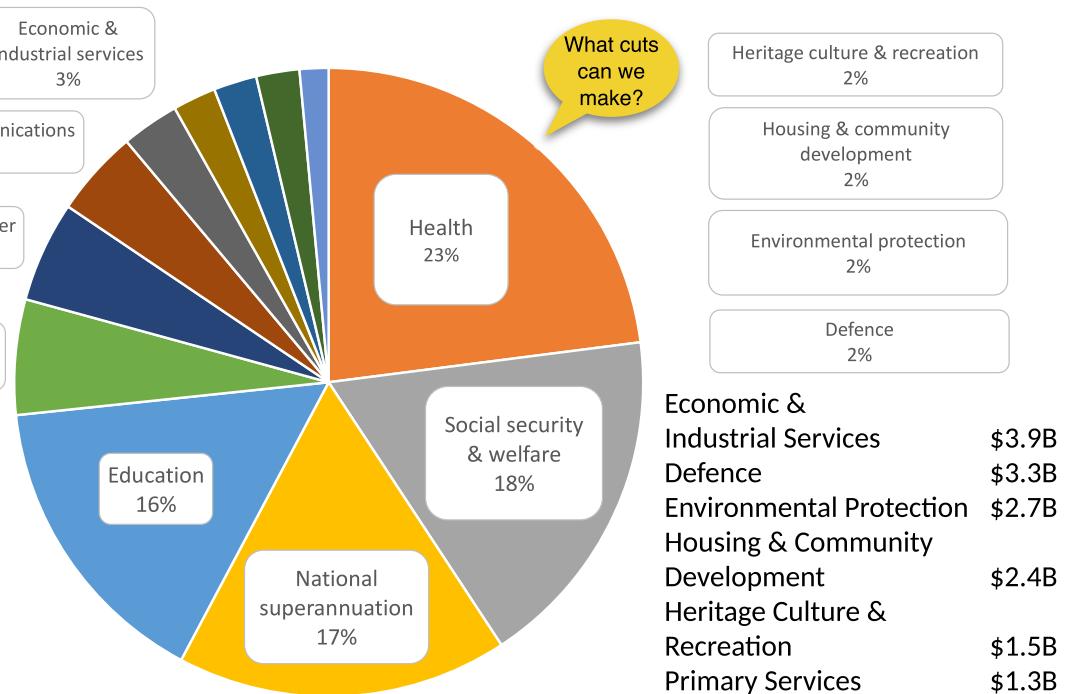
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Something to Think About - Government Spending

\$136.1 billion
to run our country

Something
to think
about ...

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| Health | \$30.9B |
| Social security & welfare | \$24.5B |
| National Superannuation | \$23.2B |
| Education | \$20.9B |
| Core Govt Services | \$8.3B |
| Law & Order | \$7.0B |
| Transportation & communication | \$5.9B |



To keep our country running our government was planning to spend \$136 billion in the year ending 30 June 2025. We were planning to spend more than we paid in taxes! If we are to live within our means where should we be tightening our belt?

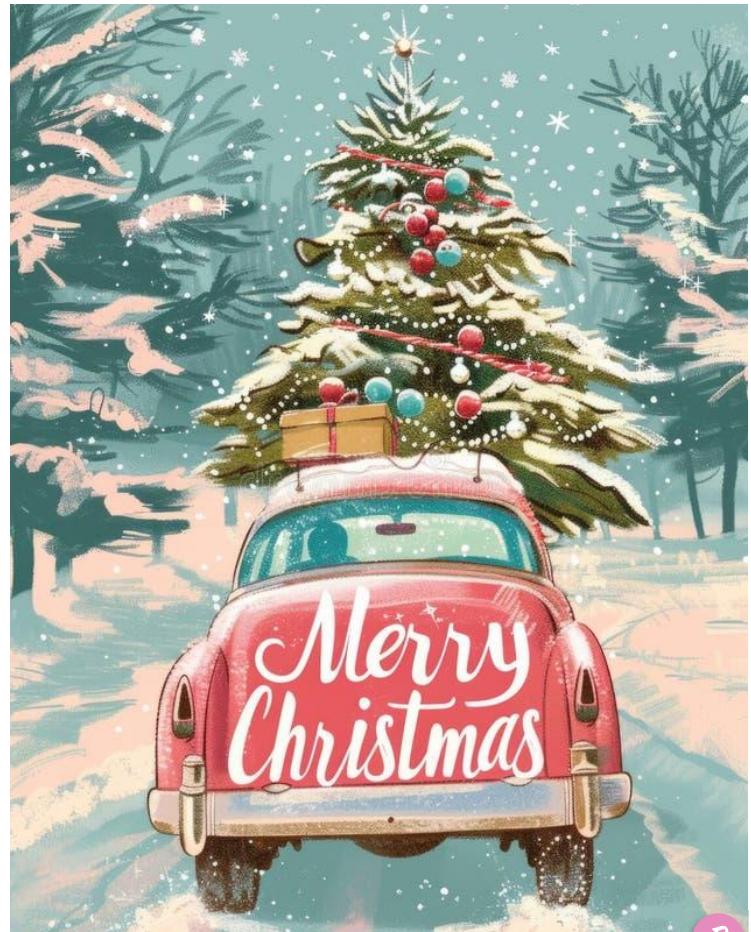
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Christmas - Once Upon a Time

It was a far cry from the Christmas snow of the old land to the bright December sunshine of the new; but the pioneers brought with them the festal spirit of Yuletide. Midsummer it may be in this southern land, but all the old ceremonies—the roast turkey, plum pudding, and sprigs of holly—sanctioned by long usage appeared from the beginning at the colonial Christmas dinner. It was a time for a general holiday. An old colonist from a bush settlement in Canterbury says that families used to combine to celebrate Christmas in grand style. The women would be preparing for a fortnight beforehand, baking bread and cakes and puddings, making butter, and getting game ready—wild ducks and kakas and wood pigeons—for nobody ate mutton at Christmas! As the houses were too small to accommodate all who came, it was usual to lay the table under the trees outside. The older folk would recall past days in the old land; sometimes there was a touch of sadness when the oldest one of all would rise to toast absent friends. But the youngsters were more interested in the future and brushed aside memories of the past. In the afternoon games would be played. Quoits were always popular: in the bush settlements they used horse-shoes and maul rings for throwing. A cricket match was always played—and the sides were Married V Single. The rules of the game were never taken very seriously and no one worried how many players were on each side. But everyone batted and the score was faithfully kept. Well before sunset the table would be laid again with cold meats and bon-bons, while down the centre the Christmas cakes would be placed. The custom was for each family to bring a cake, usually iced and decorated. After tea a dance would take place, sometimes in the open, sometimes in a neighbouring barn. Last of all supper would be served near to midnight, and the guests would retire to temporary beds made up in every room in the house. For many of the early settlers Christmas was the one

holiday of the year, and it was not unusual to keep the merriment going until New Year's Day.

From "Making New Zealand", published in 1940; a publication about the first 100 years in New Zealand.



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Hanmer Springs School Term 4 Week 11

Reporters: James, Katie

TKC Mt Isobel Climb.

The senior school hiked up Mt Isobel as a challenge that all students must do before they leave Hanmer Springs School. Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 went in groups with teachers and parents suited to their pace. 28 kids made it to the top!! Everybody showed resilience and they were extremely supportive of each other. It was a great day. Thank you to everyone, parents and teachers, who walked with us.



On Thursday, 4th December, I went up and climbed right to the top of Isobel. When we got to the top, we had photos and a rest. I was coming down and fell for such a long way. There was a rock sticking out at an angle, and I tripped while I was picking up something off the ground. I got 20 bruises, but I carried on to finish! I gave Scout (Jonty and Archie's dog) some water. By James.

At the start, at the bottom of the mountain, I didn't think I'd make it to the tippy top, but I pushed on till halfway, then we had a break. Mrs Gavin and Mr Davies were leaders of our group including; Bella, Shanuli, Bridie and Laila; (it was the girl power group). Ms Wright and the Hogs, made up of James, Noah, Archie G, Nicholas, Patrick and Nico (were boy power group). I felt way more confident. I had to strap a foot cause it hurt, but I kept going. I fell over a lot going down because it was slippery like really slippery. We were mountain hikers who were not going to give up. By Katie.

Kereru lighthouse paintings.

We have been doing our lighthouse paintings all term. Every week, we have learned something. I did mess up a bit, but it was not bad. At first, we made waves, which was fun. We got to draw like we were five years old, we just went crazy. Second was the background, where we only had to colour in halfway, we needed to look like it was stormy, so I mixed white, blue and black with a bit of green too. Next, we did the rocks and lighthouses, and I made a big rock. I kept doing badly at the lighthouse, but finally I did well at the lighthouse. We painted in the lighthouse. I made mine a bit pink by accident.

By Katie.



School Prizegiving.

On Tuesday afternoon we had our prize giving which was led by head student Anika and deputy head student Pippa. The kapa haka group performed and certificates were awarded for most academic, most improved and school values in each class. The Y6 students received their graduation from primary school certificates, as they head into our intermediate school

class next year. Cups and certificates for swimming, athletics, citizenship, most improved, maths, Literacy, Kapa Haka, guardianship of the school, the arts and general excellence were awarded. The students who completed their Kereru and Kārearea Challenge were awarded with certificates for completing their full year of activities. Pippa and Anika were awarded with a special pounamu for completing 2 years worth of badges, gaining all 8 badges. Well done girls. Congratulations to everyone who won an award or cup. Our Year 8 leavers were presented with their leaving gift from the Home and School. Two staff were recognised for their long service to the school receiving their 10 years service plaques.

Our 2026 head students, deputy head students and leaders were also announced. Congratulations to Archie who is our 2026 head boy and Jamilah who is our 2026 head girl. Congratulations to Bella and Shanuli who are our 2026 deputy head girls.



We would like to thank our community for all of your continued support and generosity throughout the year. They say it takes a village to raise a child; well this village certainly does join together to help raise the children of our school to grow, achieve and succeed. Have a lovely Christmas and our reports will be back next year once our school year starts.

Christmas Church Services

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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS

Family Service with Christmas Craft **Sunday 21 December, 10am**

- ★ 10am Service; set up the Nativity, sing your favourite carols & enjoy a Christmas craft for all
- ★ Morning tea in the hall afterwards

Christmas Eve Community Carol Service **Wednesday 24 December, 8pm**

- ★ 8pm Carol Service, Carols + readings (on the lawn if fine – BYO chair/cushion)
- ★ Collection taken for the Christchurch City Mission
- ★ Supper in the church hall afterwards

Christmas Day Service **Thursday 25 December, 9am**

- ★ 9am, Christmas Communion

Hanmer Anglican Community Church
33 Jollies Pass Road

Proposed Road Closure



Proposed Temporary Road Closure

The Hurunui District Council has received an application from Nudruo to temporarily close the following road to ordinary vehicular traffic for the Hanmer Springs Adventure Run.

Amuri Ave West - Saturday 17 January 2026,
4am-8pm, Harrogate Street to Amuri Ave.
and
6am-10am, Jacks Pass Road to Harrogate Street.

Any objection to the proposed closure will need to be lodged with Council by **12pm, Tues 23 December 2025**.

Email: info@hurunui.govt.nz

Post: Hurunui District Council
PO Box 13
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This closure is proposed under paragraph 11e of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974. The proposed closure will apply to all vehicular traffic with the exception of emergency services vehicles.

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U.S. author, Ernest Hemingway

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Hanmer Springs

Te Whakatakanga o te Ngārahu o te ahi a Tamatea
(the falling of the embers of the fire of Tamatea)

Population 1180
Annual visitors 500,000+
Elevation 388 metres 1,273 feet

Event Calendar



DECEMBER 2025

21 Family Christmas Service, 10am
Remnant House, 108 Rippingale Road

21 Family Christmas Service with craft, 10am
Anglican Church, Jollies Pass Road

24 Community Carol Service, 8pm
Anglican Church, Jollies Pass Road

25 Christmas Day Communion Service, 9am
Anglican Church, Jollies Pass Road

JANUARY 2026

17 Hanmer Springs Adventure Run
(55km/24km/15km & 7km races)
<https://www.adventurerun.co.nz>

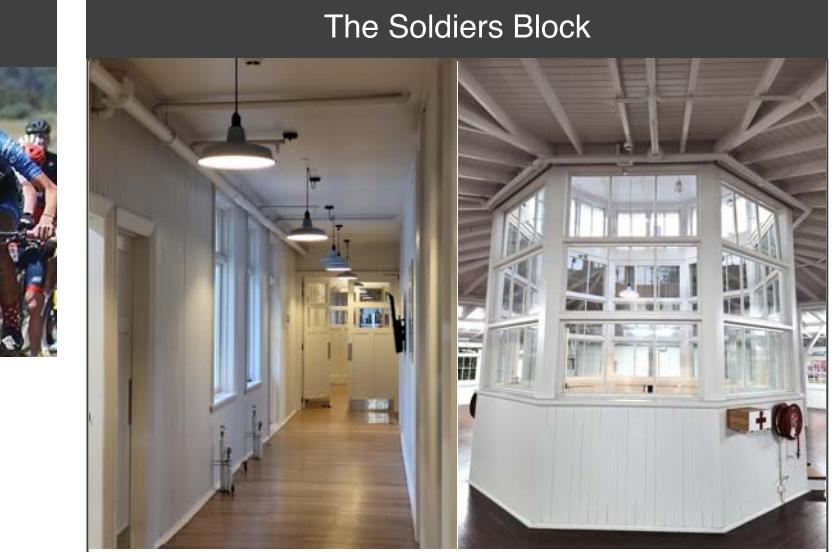
26 Hanmer Springs School office opens

FEBRUARY 2026

02 First day of school for Hanmer Springs School children

MARCH 2026

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



The Soldiers Block

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

Represent Your Community

Represent your community!!



Hanmer Springs Community Board

A By-election is required to fill an extraordinary vacancy on the Hanmer Springs Community Board. This is an opportunity for a community-minded individual to join others in working for the betterment of the Hanmer Springs area.

There is no specific job description for board members, however:

- As a representative and leader of your community, you will be involved in representing and acting as an advocate for the interests of the community.
- You will consider and report on all matters referred by Council, or any matter of interest to the Board.
- You will maintain an overview of services provided by Council within the community.
- Board members need a passion for their community with a desire to see it do well.

Did you know....?

Nearly anyone can stand, as long as they are over the age of 18, a New Zealand citizen, and enrolled on the Parliamentary electoral roll. Also, candidates don't have to live in the Hanmer Springs area, but their nominators do.

Nominations:

Opens Monday 24 November, closes at noon Monday 22 December. A nomination form and candidate information can be downloaded from www.hurunui.govt.nz, collected from the Hanmer Springs Library, or from the deputy electoral officer - Naomi Woodham, 03 315 8400 or 029 7709151, elections@hurunui.govt.nz

The extraordinary vacancy has arisen from insufficient nominations received during the 2025 triennial elections.



!! 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

Wishing all the Hanmer Springs School children an awesome summer holiday. May they go on for "ages and ages".

The school office opens Monday 26 January and the first day of school is Monday 2 February 2026. Merry Christmas everyone.



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"When the spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous, when hope hardly seems worth having, just mount a bicycle and go out for a spin down the road, without thought on anything but the ride you are taking."

British author, Arthur Conan Doyle

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 Menzshed



Hanmer Springs Menzshed

Tuesday/Thursdays, 10am
(Summer hours)

Queen Mary Hospital Grounds
Beside the old boiler house/large chimney

Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 04/12/2025

1st - D East & G Bateman

Results 11/12/2025

1st - J Pillidge & W Stewart

This was our last playing night for the year.

Restart play Thurs 15th January 2026

Seasons Greetings To All

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

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I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.

Albert Einstein

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Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 6th December

Gross & Net Medal
Ladies
Gross Nicky West 90
Net Boio Sarahu Hothersall 68

Division 1 Men
Gross Adam Jacks 77
Net Owen Evans 70

Division 2
Gross Gray Prebble 82
Net Scott Callaway 66

Division 3
Gross Don Giles 95
Net Gordon Simpson 71

Twos
Sam Gavin
Adam Jacks
Scott Callaway

Net Eagles & Jackpot Twos
Not struck

See you on ...
Saturday 20 December
Combined Stableford



Results kindly submitted by
Mike Gainsford.

Saturday 13th December

Irish Stableford
1st Craig Meacle 85 pts
2nd Mike Hill 82
3rd Paul Jones 79
4th Bev Pool 75
5th Sandra Best 75
6th Gray Prebble 73
7th Matt Morgan 73

Twos
Howard Chellew

Nearest the Pin
Garry Ritsma

Jackpot Twos & Net Eagles
Not struck

Christmas Hamper Results

Sunday 14th December

Overall Winner
Carolyn Williams 40 pts

Ladies
1st Sharyn Peters 40 pts Greymouth
2nd Rae Bowyer 38
3rd Maree Herlund 38
4th Maryanne Glasson 36 Hokitika
5th Liz Gibbon 34

Men
1st Marty Bonett 40 pts
2nd Joe Gantley 39
3rd Dean Wood 37
4th Ben Williams 37
5th Brent Berry 36
6th Bruce Mitchell 35
7th Jeff Dalley 35
8th Graham Heenan 35

Nearest the Pins
Marty Bonett
Lynley Gainsford
Twos
Howard Chellew
Paul Jones

Christmas & New Year - Rubbish and Recycling



Rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal over Christmas and New Years on a Monday.

Please remember:

- Only HDC bags will be collected.
- Bags must be securely tied and at the kerbside by 8am.
- Collection times may vary; crews will not return to collect bags put out late
- Split or non-official bags will not be collected. Bags must not exceed 15kg.
- Bundles of cardboard and recycling bags containing glass bottles, soft plastics or wrapping paper will not be collected.

The following items are accepted via Council recycling bags if clean, free from food waste and loose. Papers must not be tied.

- Newspapers, magazines and office paper.
- Cardboard, greetings cards, junk mail and egg boxes.
- Food, drink and pet food cans.
- Plastic bottles (under 4 litres) and small containers.
- Types 1, 2 and 5. No lids.

Hanmer Springs Transfer Station - Closed Public Holidays

As Transfer Stations will be extra busy over this period - and to reduce wait times - please sort recycling and remove lids from glass bottles prior to arrival.

For further details on waste and recycling, visit www.hurunui.govt.nz/property-rates/rubbish-recycling

Building Consents:

On-site inspections will stop Wednesday 24 December 2025, and restart Monday 12th January 2026. Building consents will keep being processed during this period.

Hanmer Springs Library and Service Centre:

Closes 1pm, Wednesday 24 December 2025, Re-opens Monday 5 January 2026.

2026 Summer Pool Party:

Tuesday 20 January, 10.30am-12.30pm

Your Water Supply:

Our team will operate with reduced numbers during the holidays. If on a restricted scheme, please ensure you have 3 days' water available; make sure your water storage is reliable; fix any leaks and conserve water where you can. Summer puts extra demand on our team, so please be prepared for the holidays. A 24hr call service is available on 03 314 8816, and keep an eye on water restrictions through our website.

Christmas Greetings, from Mayor Marie Black

Wishing you a Christmas season filled with peace and harmony. May good health, happiness and treasured moments with family and friends fill your days.

This year has challenged us all in unique ways. I hope this festive time sparkles with laughter, love and togetherness, and may every joy of the holidays stay with you and carry forward into 2026.

Happy Christmas from Mayor Marie and Dave Black



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