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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 glass bottles is available. Paper, card, cans, plastic bottles and containers (under 4 litres) numbered 1, 2 and 5 can be delivered to the transfer station during opening hours.

637 Hanmer Springs Road



## Hanmer Springs Community Library

Hanmer Springs Community Library  
& Service Centre



Cnr Amuri Avenue  
& Cheltenham Street

03 315-7912

hanmer@hurunui.govt.nz

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

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

## 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 - Fri 9am - 4pm

Saturday 9am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 2pm

Our post code  
**7334**



Hanmer Springs  
Thermal Pools & Spa

**Hanmer Springs  
Thermal Pools & Spa**  
10am - 9pm

## Hanmer Springs Service Station



**CALTEX**

**7:30am - 6:00pm**  
(seven days)

**03 315-7107**

154 Hanmer Springs Road

## Velocity Mechanical



**8:30am - 5:00pm**  
(Monday to Friday)

**027 740 4142**

Woodbank Road

## Hammer Hardware



**8am - 5pm**  
(Mon - Fri)

**9am - 4pm**  
(Saturday)

Closed Sunday & Public Holidays

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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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## It’s all about community ...

With summer holidays in the rear view mirror (for most), and with our school children getting excited about new stationery, it’s a good moment to pause and appreciate what makes our village more than just a world-class destination. While visitors come for the hot pools, mountain views, and fresh alpine air, those of us who live here know that the real heart of Hanmer Springs lies in its people!

Recent months have highlighted just how important community connection is. From volunteers helping out after the winds to neighbours quietly looking out for one another, Hanmer continues to thrive on goodwill. With services sometimes stretched and our population fluctuating between peak tourist periods and quieter weeks, our community has never mattered more.

Local businesses remain the backbone of the village, forever adapting to seasonal pressures while still offering the friendly, personal service Hanmer Springs is known for. Supporting them—whether by shopping locally, recommending them to visitors, or simply saying thank you—helps keep our village resilient and vibrant.

There’s also renewed conversation around community safety, wellbeing, and shared responsibility. Initiatives such as community patrols, volunteer groups, and local clubs are reminders that small contributions, when combined, can have a big impact. You don’t need to commit huge amounts of time to make a difference—sometimes just showing up is enough.

As we move into the coming months, let’s keep talking, checking in, and staying involved. Attend meetings if you can, read the local notices, and don’t be afraid to put your hand up when help is needed. Hanmer Springs works best when we work together.

While people may visit for the scenery, activities and cafés etc, it’s the strength of our community that makes Hanmer Springs a great place to call home.

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### Golf Pro Am - Visitors Welcome

This weekend (Saturday 31st & 1st February) Hanmer Springs is hosting the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa Senior Championship Pro Am. There are 62 golf professionals and 126 amateurs playing over the two-days so please come and enjoy the atmosphere of this great event.



## 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).  
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

### Information

#### LISTINGS ON THIS PAGE

If you'd like a listing on this page drop a note to  
[thepinkie@readme.co.nz](mailto:thepinkie@readme.co.nz)  
It's as easy as that!

### Wednesday

#### 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 5:30-7:00pm (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)  
Call June (021 823 824) or  
Anne Inglis (021 277 7515) for information.

#### HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Thursday 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)

#### HANMER SPRINGS ART GROUP

Thursday 5:00-7:00pm  
(every 2nd Thursday during school term)  
Hanmer Springs Play Centre  
Call Ilze (027 241 0832)

### Saturday/Sunday

#### HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

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

#### MORRIS DANCING

Sunday 7pm  
Lots of laughs and some added exertion.  
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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  
33 Jollies Pass Road  
Tea & coffee after Sunday Service  
Call Jonathan Gardiner (Warden)  
(03 315-7925 or 027 685 9276)

#### REMNANT CHURCH NEW ZEALAND REMNANT HOUSE

Sundays 10am  
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Call 021 076 7236 for details

## VENUES FOR HIRE

#### ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

Available for hire for community groups,  
meetings, worship, retreats etc  
Call Shirley Whitaker (027 416 1415)

#### HANMER SPRINGS SPORTS PAVILION

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functions etc. Fully equipped kitchen. Large  
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#### HANMER SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

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funerals etc.  
Fully equipped kitchen. Spacious and warm  
carpeted room. Bar facilities.  
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### Tennis

#### HANMER SPRINGS TENNIS CLUB

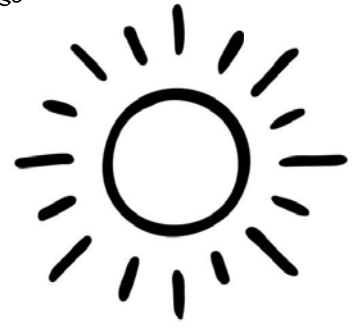
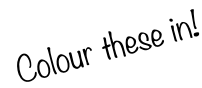
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(During the season)  
Don't call Sarah! She's out!  
Call Kate (021 026 67019) for more info

"Lost time is never  
found again"

*Benjamin Franklin*



## QUIZ



1. The composer Chopin was what nationality?
2. What word can mean “concise” and “abrupt to the point of rudeness”?
3. According to the Guinness World Records, what city is the ‘Sunniest City on Earth”?
4. The drink Perry is made from which fruit?
5. What word can refer both to a piece of foliage and part of a book?
6. What type of creature is the misnamed slow-worm?
7. What is the radio code word that alphabetically follows Yankee?
8. If a creature is described as “piscivorous”, on what does it feed?
9. What creature lends its name to farfalle pasta?
10. Which musical term applies to a note half a tone higher than standard?
11. Which word can describe both a small glass toy and a type of stone?
12. What is the name of the outback locality at the intersection of the border of Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia?
13. What type of creature is a minke?
14. What is the word for a letter that is not a vowel?
15. Which musical direction means “softly”?

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

16. What term is given to a female elephant?
17. What colour fur does the mountain hare have in winter?
18. Boston is the capital of which US state?
19. What is the name of the Dr Seuss character who "hears a Who"?
20. A gatekeeper is what type of insect?

1. "O" is the chemical symbol for which element?
2. The Indian dish Saagwala gets its colour from which ingredient?
3. What is the capital of Ireland?
4. What is the square root of 81?
5. Which New Zealand city is known as the "Garden City"?

## "The Pinkie" Dining & Takeaway Guide



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**11am - late**

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7am - late

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**6 JACKS PASS ROAD, HANMER SPRINGS**



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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.

# Progressing in Uncertain Times - by Pita Alexander

The following is an extract of a newsletter written by Pita Alexander titled, "Progressing in a Mixed-Up World".

Fifty Points for a New Zealand couple, their children and grandchildren

1. Your children must have skills by the time they are, say 24 years old. These skills must be such that employers will pay well for them.
2. Your children need to be on the property ladder by 35 years old (any later and they will probably still have a mortgage when they retire).
3. An early partial inheritance from you will be gold for your children at the time of their first house purchase.
4. In the real world there is good debt, bad debt and ugly debt. House purchase debt is good debt. Hire purchase debt is bad debt. Credit card debt is ugly debt
5. New Zealand House mortgage interest payments are not income tax deductible. This is unsound and increases the overall cost effectively, but there is no alternative.
6. There is nothing wrong with student loans, as long as the planned education is completed. They are interest free if you remain in NZ, and are gradually repaid from the student's earnings once their earnings exceed \$24,128 a year (currently). The loan is repaid over perhaps 12 years depending upon the student's income. It is good debt.
7. Nobody will manage your money as well as you. The government certainly will not. You should hardly ever delegate the management of your money to anyone else.
8. Your children should not purchase a car until they have a regular income. Keep your children off the open road with motorbikes.
9. Your integrity is not for sale - ever.
10. You will not make real progress in life without debt - good debt.
11. The New Zealand government has no money, so do not expect anything from them. The best thing the government can do for you and your children is provide some long term stability and common sense - don't hope for anything beyond that.
12. Very few politicians add real value to anything - real value exercises must come from you.
13. Except for house deposit loans, any loans to your children must be repaid within a certain sensible time frame - no exceptions. Perhaps a low interest rate could be charged, but the loan principal being repaid is the key learning curve issue.
14. Insurance is annoying, but key insurances must be in place - call it risk management if you prefer.
15. Don't live just within your disposable income. Live within 90% of your disposable income.
16. Your car or cars are costing around \$1.25 per km to operate and own. There may be no alternative, but two cars each doing 8,000 kilometres a year represents a cost of \$385 per week - every week. Keep this data in your memory bank.
17. Perhaps 45% of New Zealanders currently receive an inheritance by around 70 years of age. The other 55% receive very little. Don't budget on it, but understand which camp you are likely to be in all going well.
18. Around 56% of New Zealand couples are living from paycheck to paycheck. In the United States, this figure is 62%. Nobody plans to be in this group - you must move heaven and earth to avoid any of your family ending up in this group.
19. A financial mentor who relates to you is worth gold - listen, learn and implement.
20. One of you will live to 95 years of age. Plan for this. Reverse mortgages have a place, but what you borrow will double in value around every ten years. Borrow the minimum, and borrow it as late as possible.
21. Could you pay rent all your life? Yes, you could, but a couple would need to be on the same page and both be very sound and very sensible with their money management. Only around 10% would probably make it in this group.
22. Hardly anything worth investing in will come across your bow - you will need to swim out. Many successful people make calculated investments at certain points. Always pause and have a good look at something that would fit long term for you.
23. Don't wait for perfection - excellence is the key long term investment plan.
24. The most important word in the English language is "No". Never forget this. Often more progress is made with "no" rather than "yes".
25. Cutting losses early on can be a marvellous investment.
26. Don't retire while you are still getting job satisfaction.
27. You have two key options: (1) Time & (2) Choices  
They are ok individually, but together they are really formidable.
28. Become a preferred employer in your community.
29. Fix your own mistakes. People will always remember this. Don't delegate your mistakes.
30. Starting with a blank sheet of paper can lead to something. Clear minds make clear decisions.
31. No dead cat bounces - you must bounce back up from down patches.
32. The people who are good enough to be at your shoulder are good enough to listen to when they disagree with you.
33. Small positive steps are better than big irregular steps.
34. Listen to your life time partner. They know your weaknesses, and weaknesses lead to losses.
35. Failure is not fatal - learn and move on.
36. Talent is good, but perseverance is equally as good, and is much more suited to business.
37. Attack is quite often the best defence.
38. If you are happy, then you are probably successful. Be sure you know what success looks like for you.
39. Nothing worthwhile comes without some degree of planning - it is often a big step, though, from thinking to implementing. Thinking is hard work, so become good at it.
40. You need realistic goals that are few enough to really focus on.
41. Successful people tend to cope with routine because they understand its importance. not because they like it.
42. Read for the future. Learn from the past. Listen to the crackerjacks and don't discard your learning overalls.
43. You won't build anything from ongoing losses.
44. If you don't have discipline, then keep your expectations low and your lifetime partner focused.
45. Steady profits are better than highs and lows.
46. Believe in yourself more than your government.
47. Your health is 50% of your success - preserve it.
48. Risk management is part of being successful - face the cost.
49. Don't paddle your canoe upstream for too long.
50. Your lifetime partner must pass the milkshake test early on and pass it well. *[They must have good habits and discipline with money - Ed]*

## 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!

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

This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

 **Amuri Community Arts Council**

# WORKSHOP



**with JAN THOMSON**

**Hanmer Springs**  
**Sat 28 February 2026**

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info: amuricomunityarts@gmail.com

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For more workshop details check out our Facebook page:  
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 **Amuri Community Arts Council**

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## Trivia Answers

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Polish          | 15. Piano         |
| 2. Short           | 16. Cow           |
| 3. Yuma, Arizona   | 17. White         |
| 4. Pears           | 18. Massachusetts |
| 5. Leaf            | 19. Horton        |
| 6. Lizard          | 20. Butterfly     |
| 7. Zulu            |                   |
| 8. Fish            |                   |
| 9. Butterfly       |                   |
| 10. Sharp          |                   |
| 11. Marble         |                   |
| 12. Cameron Corner |                   |
| 13. Whale          |                   |
| 14. Consonant      |                   |

### “KIDS” ANSWERS

1. Oxygen
2. Spinach
3. Dublin
4. Nine
5. Christchurch



Spend your cash in Hanmer Springs



Mueller Lake. An oil painting by Jan Thomson

## You become what you repeat

You are a reflection of your environment.

The quality of your relationships.

Where you spend your time.

The thoughts in your head.

The media you consume.

The quality of your sleep.

Your work environment.

Your physical activity.

The food you eat.

Your core beliefs.

Your daily habits.

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Or phone Emma on 027 808 4563

## DISC GOLF AT TARNDALE PARK



The Hanmer Springs Community Board  
is proposing to relocate a 9-Hole Disc Golf  
course to Tarndale Park.

## What are your thoughts?

For more info visit  
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**Parasocial**

Cambridge Dictionary has named its word of the year for 2025, alighting on "parasocial", used to describe a connection that people feel with someone they don't know - or even with an artificial intelligence.

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## Septic Tank Emptying



### Liquid Waste Management

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"Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by  
change." — Jim Rohn



## Hanmer Community Patrol Update



The Community Patrol in Hanmer Springs has been inactive for some time. With the increasing workload currently faced by our two local police officers, reinstating the patrol would provide valuable support and assistance to their efforts.

To make this possible, we are seeking a minimum of eight volunteers—men and/or women—who are willing to commit to one four-hour shift per month. Patrols would take place on weekend nights from 10:00pm to 2:00am.

If you are fit, healthy, and able to meet the registration and vetting requirements, you would be eligible to take part in this worthwhile community service.

The National Administration of Community Patrol New Zealand based at Police Headquarters in Wellington, has advised that if there is sufficient interest, a representative will visit Hanmer Springs to hold an information meeting. This session would outline the support available, provide advice, and begin the registration process for those who wish to commit.

If you would like to help support our community in this way, please contact Bill or Neil as detailed below. Thank you.

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Neil Whitaker on 022 0070 4863  
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## Facts about Greenland

Greenland has been in the news lately. Here are some facts about Greenland.

Greenland is an autonomous territory of the Kingdom of Denmark and is the largest, by area, of the kingdom's three constituent parts; the others being Denmark and the Faroe Islands.

Greenland has an area of over 2.1 million km<sup>2</sup> making it roughly 8 times bigger than New Zealand.

The population of Greenland is 56,830 compared to New Zealand's population of 5,339,950. The population is concentrated on the southwest coast, strongly influenced by climate and geography, while the remainder is sparsely populated.

The capital of Greenland is Nuuk and the official language is Greenlandic.

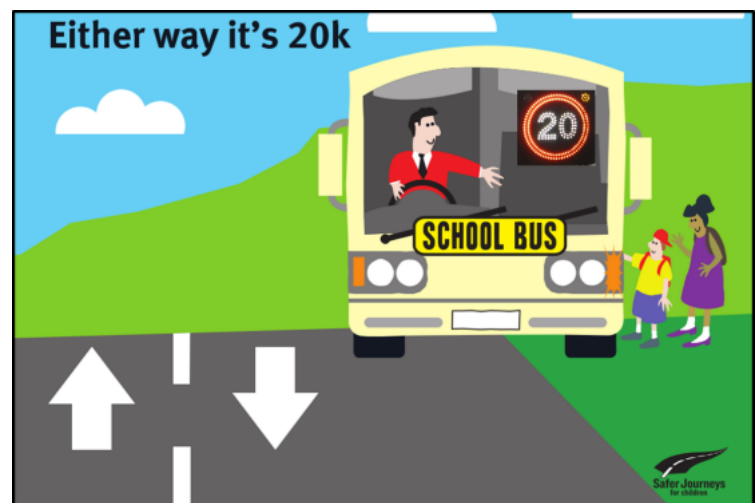
## School is Back!



Remember our children are back to school so please keep an eye out for them crossing the road.

Look out for school buses too.

Remember the speed when passing a school bus is 20km/hr. Regardless of the direction you are approaching, you must slow down to 20km/hr if a school bus is letting children off, in case a child dashes across the road.



Doing the right  
thing is **NEVER**  
the wrong thing.

*Ted Lasso*

## Thought of the week

Your beliefs become your thoughts,  
Your thoughts become your words,  
Your words become your actions,  
Your actions become your habits,  
Your habits become your values,  
Your values become your destiny.

Mahatma Gandhi



# The Lewis Pass Road

The completion of the Lewis Pass road was a great event. It carried with it the symbol of further linking Canterbury with Westland. You must remember that in early days, the West Coast was isolated from the east by the Southern Alps, and the people were very conscious of it. The West Coasters became hardy and independent because of this.

A big celebration was planned for the official opening, which was attended by an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 people. The day chosen was Saturday 30th October, 1937. The weather was brilliantly fine.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was performed by the Hon. R. Semple, Minister for Public Works. Present too, were the Hon. D. G. Sullivan, Minister for Railways, and the Hon. P. C. Webb, Minister for Mines. Also present was the former Prime Minister the Rt Hon. G. W. Forbes, in his capacity as Member Parliament for the district.

There had been agitation for a road since 1882, but it was in 1929 that Mr E. P. H. Burbury of the Glynn Wye Station put his enthusiasm into the project. It was his persistence in getting the various public bodies together that got the road put through, persistence which never lagged from 1929 till 1937. By the time it was finished, the road was being referred to as "Burbury's Road" by some.

To ensure a successful Grand Opening, Burbury himself provided a huge marquee at the top of the Pass in which 500 people were supplied with food and drink. Those who couldn't get in were given drinks and pies outside.

Many of the eulogies spoken that day were directed at Mr and Mrs Burbury.

Making his reply, Mr Burbury stated, "Every dog has his day, and this, I think, must be mine."



Above: Lewis Road under construction in the 1930s.

Below: The Public Works Department Camp where workers were "housed".  
Photos courtesy of the Canterbury Museum





# Summer Veggie & Sausage Tray Bake

(One tray, low cost, big flavour, serves four)

- Uses **in-season NZ summer vegetables** (courgettes, capsicum, tomatoes, new potatoes)
- Sausages keep it affordable and filling
- Everything cooks together → less dishes, less stress

## Ingredients

- 8–10 good-quality sausages (pork, beef, or chicken)
- 700g–1kg baby or new potatoes, halved
- 2 courgettes, thickly sliced
- 1 red capsicum, sliced
- 1 yellow capsicum, sliced (or swap for onion)
- 1 punnet cherry tomatoes
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed (or 1 tsp garlic powder)
- 1 tsp dried rosemary or mixed herbs
- Salt and pepper
- Optional - splash of balsamic vinegar or lemon juice at the end

## Method

- Heat oven to 200°C.
- Toss potatoes with 1 tbsp oil, salt, pepper, and herbs. Spread on a large tray and roast for **20 minutes**.
- Add sausages and remaining vegetables. Drizzle with oil and garlic, toss gently.
- Return to oven for **25–30 minutes**, turning once or twice, until sausages are golden and veggies are tender.
- Finish with a splash of balsamic vinegar or lemon juice if using.



## To serve

- Serve as-is, or with crusty bread
- Add a simple green salad if you like
- Leftovers make great lunch the next day

## Cost-saving swaps

- Use onions instead of capsicum
- Replace sausages with chickpeas for a veg option
- Grow or borrow courgettes (check our sharing shed for abundant seasonal vegetables)

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## Letter to the Editor

### By email

In a world of rapid change, what has become obvious is the amount of untruths broadcast via information networks. Political spin veiled in cleverly contrived propaganda has become the norm. People are increasingly polarised with conflicting views sourced from endless data shaping opinions and behaviour.

One of the dictionaries many definitions of corruption is: *to alter from the original, to ruin, literally to break to pieces.*

We see protests globally against governance making decisions that tear apart and ruin peoples lives. War being the classic example where vested interests conspire to gain more power and control over resources. The old adage: If in doubt follow the money, then look carefully at who truly wins. Moral ethics have always (since the fall of Adam) been under the influence of corruptive powers that seek to destroy the good and replace it with theirs. The question is where do you stand, what do you stand for. The decision is yours.

Regards

Richard E Roe. B.Sc DC

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## The Upside of Recent Rain

While the recent rain may have tested our jackets, our fancy hair-do and our patience, it's brought some welcome benefits to Hanmer Springs. One noticeable improvement has been the reduced dust on our gravel roads, including over the back, making travel cleaner and more pleasant. The rain has also given the lawns, gardens, paddocks, and surrounding hills a jolly decent drink, refreshing the landscape and restoring that lush alpine green we all love. The Hanmer Springs Golf course is looking very lush too, for this time of the year; perfect timing for the tournament this weekend. Our fire risk is also lower, and the air feels cleaner and crisper! I'm trying to look at the upsides here! Sometimes a stretch of wet weather is exactly what the blackberries need! We're now ready for some warm weather. Bring it on February! John, Dot, Les, Susan, Aljay and the rest of us need a break from mowing lawns every time the sun shows its happy face!

P.

## Oxford Word of the Year - "Brain Rot"

'Brain Rot' is defined as the supposed deterioration of a person's mental or intellectual state, including their critical thinking skills, especially viewed as the result of overconsumption of material (now particularly online content) considered to be trivial or unchallenging.

Tackling the Trivia Quiz in every edition of *The Pinkie* might just be the perfect antidote to brain rot.

P.

## Things to Think About in an Election Year

- The 2026 General Election will be held on Saturday 7 November 2026.
- If you're 60 years old you've seen the population of New Zealand double. In 1965 the population was 2,628,400.
- Our population is currently 5,310,695.
- In 1995 the population of New Zealand was 3,673,400. So over the last 30 years our population has increased by 1,637,295 - an increase of over 44%.
- Is targeted immigration a better policy than what appears to have happened?
- Has our immigration policy ever been an election matter?
- Is a three-year electoral term working for New Zealand? It seems that with a three year term only one year of work gets done!
- Is MMP working for New Zealand?

P.



# Last Legs

Continued from previous issue ...

By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

Thankfully there is a sealed highway between the two cities and whoever wrote in the travel guide that it was a three hour drive to La Paz had not met Juan Enrique, the pilot of my journey. We alternated travelling unseat belted at reckless speeds, sitting on the edge of the seat, wrapped tight in a pink blanket and I have a vision that this is how I am to die, I have absolutely no control over my life. I have surrendered my options to a maniac, the ribbon of road across the altiplano at speeds up to 160kph, then we would stop at a police point and there seemed a lot of discussion before he asks me for fifty Bolivianos for the motorway tickets. He only gets two tickets for the money.

The poverty in Bolivia seems more desperate than I witnessed in India, simply because the Indian's religion offers him a more philosophical attitude about his place in life and although he has the same aspirations to become rich he displays a happier breed of desperation than one that seems to pervade the Bolivian campo and slum barrios. They seem pissed off to have missed out, whereas the Asian mentality displays more of a let's-make-the-most-of-it attitude, even a laugh. Hinduism and Buddhism really are opium for the people and make life bearable in the way a cold hard dogmatic Catholic Church will never offer the Bolivianos. Who can blame them for cultivating coca leaves to make a few bob. As long as the Americans are silly enough to deviate their septum by snorting the stuff, sell it to the suckers I say.

*In the sixties we as a generation challenged the 'system' to explore not only the world but an alternative to a corrupt society; to prevent the destruction of society as we know, of even the human race, certainly the reigning white establishment. There was no loss of innocence, there was a striving to regain it. Sadly the corrupt society is still winning and the establishment organises wars so they can charge billions to clean up after it, or to steal their oil. We will have to rely on subsequent generations to fix that and I don't have a lot of faith in that happening. There is an alarming lack of common sense in government.*

*We were the children of parents who did not want us to go through the suffering they had seen, because a war had made them suffer and it was oh so fresh when we baby boomers were born. How would my generation feel about a spouse leaving them for a long period with a strong possibility they will be killed and never return and then certain guarantee if they do return they will be mentally damaged. We never gave any consideration to their lives before we existed, as though they had not lived until we came along. Nabokov saw a film of his mother before he was born and it filled him with panic because she did not give a damn that he did not exist. Like all children we thought only of ourselves and the world available to us.*

*I have seen places in a state of war and the terror involved, but I have only seen them as an observer without offering myself as a target and I can't help but wonder what sort of mindset had descended on my father after years of fighting in the tank corps in the desert, against Rommel, and being a part of the division that first*

*broke through the German lines at Al Alamein. I was born only nine months after he came back to try and resume his life and obey the compelling urge to create another generation; then he too could contemplate a new life. I always felt I disappointed my father, but secretly I heard he boasted about my exploits.*

*Now, as we grow older we look at our children and think they know nothing of what we have seen, of what we have been through, but they have more choice even than we did, but the very sad thing is they had no great explosion like we did with the sixties, or if they did, I never heard it go off.*

*We were a bunch of scruffy kids who decided we wanted a different set of values to our parents and there was the warmth of loving each other, there was freedom in the air and there was the best music the world had ever produced and so much of it told us we were free to do as we pleased and there was nobody to stop us and we could smoke as much herb as we wanted. But still we are possessed of a purpose to improve the world and change our society for the better. Did we succeed? The answer would have to be no, but we did make a difference and we had a great time trying, and we leave an important legacy not only in music but in people's mind set.*

*We were averse to the idea that something was expected of us and it preyed on many who quickly abandoned being a child of the generation and strove for respectability. Personally, I am not among that crew.*



Sadly this concludes Richard's writings titled, "Last Legs". I trust you have enjoyed journeying along with Richard, on his travels, as much as I have. Ed

## Event Calendar



### JANUARY 2026

31-01 Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa  
Senior Championship Pro Am Golf Tournament

### 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>  
28 The Bandquet - Hanmer Springs

### MAY 2026

02 Hanmer Springs Half Marathon

### JULY 2026

04-18 Alpine Winter Festival

### AUGUST 2026

08 Hanmer Springs Backyard Ultra  
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### !! Attention Event Organisers !!

Please let us know if you have events coming up within the next few months.  
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## Hanmer Springs Golf

### Saturday 17th January

Par competition

1st Matt Smith +4  
2nd Sam Gavin +2  
3rd Don Giles +1  
4th Nicky West +1  
5th Brent Berry +1

Twos  
Brent Berry  
Matt Smith

Jackpot Twos  
Brent Berry

Net Eagles  
Not struck

Nearest the Pin  
Brent Berry



Results kindly submitted by  
Mike Gainsford.

### Saturday 24th January

Ladies Stableford  
1st Carolyn Williams 33 pts  
2nd Nick West 29

Men Stableford  
1st Sam Gavin 39pts  
2nd Matthew Smith 37  
3rd Scott Callaway 37  
4th Jason Hill 35

Twos  
Carolyn Williams  
Matthew Smith  
Ken Williams  
Sam Gavin  
Brent Berry  
Steven Pearson

Nearest the Pin  
Steven Pearson  
Net Eagles & Jackpot Twos  
Not struck

Saturday 31st & 1st February we're hosting the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa Senior Championship Pro Am. There are 62 professionals and 126 amateurs playing over the two-days so please come and watch some fantastic golf and enjoy the atmosphere of this great event.

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Results. 15/01/2026  
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Results. 22/01/2026  
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Results kindly  
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[Thanks Joy. Ed]

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