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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, the Toy Shop and the Caltex 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 Hanmer Springs ...

This Saturday 28 February the Falcon Fairlane Car Club of Christchurch presents the 2026 Hanmer Motorfest at the Hanmer Springs Domain. The event is open to the public from 9:00am to 3:30pm. The Motorfest starts Friday night (tonight) with "The Cruise" - an opportunity for car owners to drive the streets of Hanmer Springs and an opportunity for members of the public to get a taste of the calibre of cars that will be on display at the domain on Saturday.

Please note that anyone can drive their vehicle in the cruise. Entry is by gold coin donation - all proceeds go to our local Amuri St John Ambulance. If you want to participate in the cruise meet at the domain this evening (Friday) from 6pm. The lead vehicle, an ambulance, will depart from the domain at 7pm.

Our very own Chris Stanton will be driving his pride and joy, a 1966 MG Roadster, while I'll be driving my 1962 Morris Minor, affectionally known as "Myrtle". Myrtle is the name of the first registered owner - Myrtle Irene Cucksey of 4A Onslow Avenue, Epsom, Auckland 1023; that was some 63 years back (3 August 1962).

A good friend, David, an English car enthusiast tells me that the Morris Minor is the only car he knows of that doesn't go faster when given more gas, "It just goes louder"! David's definition is teetering on being quite accurate! I recently drove *Myrtle* from Te Aroha to Hanmer Springs, and while she wasn't the fastest car on the road, it was definitely a fantastic road trip and wee *Myrtle* turned many heads, and was the subject of many photos when I pulled over in towns to give her (and me) a rest! Her top speed was 83km/hr on a downhill on SH32, down the western side of Lake Taupō. I was keeping clear of the traffic on SH1. Little *Myrtle* ticks along at about 75km/hr and will do that all day and all night!



We've been having some busy weekends in Hanmer Springs. A couple of weekends back, on Saturday 14 February, the village hosted "The Graveler", a gravel bike race that starts "over the back" and finishes at the Hanmer Springs Domain. The race starts at the intersection of Tophouse, Clarence Valley and the Molesworth Roads and follows the Clarence, Acheron, Severn and Alma Rivers, in an anti-clockwise direction, before passing Lake Sedgemere and heading back to Hanmer Springs via the Rainbow and Tophouse Roads. The day started off overcast and turned into a blue-bird North Canterbury day. I spoke to a number of participants after the race and they were all buzzing about the event, and the weather, and the scenery!

I do love when the village "empties out" at about 4pm on a Sunday; that's the time to pump up the MTB tyres and hit my quiet uncongested MTB trails, just like my mid-week rides. Don't we love Hanmer Springs?



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PILATES CLASS

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Julian (021 148 2811) for more information.

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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.

Let's Try and Go Forward Ten Years - by Pita Alexander

The following is an extract of a newsletter written by Pita Alexander titled, "Let's Try and Go Forward Ten Years - Don't blame anyone other than Pita Alexander for these thoughts and comments".

1. Perhaps 40% of the present New Zealand adult population cannot afford to retire. That 40% being the present proportion of New Zealanders who will retire with no income source other than national superannuation.
2. Let's have a look at a budget for a couple who retire at say 65 years of age with a debt free house and a car and nothing else - that is no income other than national superannuation.

Gross Income: National Superannuation (gross)		\$49,553
Less expenses		
Income Tax	\$6,240	
Car expenses (6000km@\$1.17/km)	\$7,020	
Rates, insurance, repairs etc	\$8,000	
Phone, broadband, electricity	\$5,000	
Health Insurance	\$4,000	
Unforeseen allowance	\$500	
Personal expenses (\$1,566/mth)	\$18,793	\$49,553

This may work for 5% of retirees but no more and even then, this will not work for 30 years or more.

3. You can kick the data around all day, but a couple retiring at 65 years of age will need a minimum of another \$40,000 of income a year over and above the \$49,553. It would not be extreme to say that within a few years, this typical 65 year old couple would need \$100,000 of income (including national superannuation) for their final 30 years of life.

4. What percentage of New Zealanders actually need national superannuation out of the total 933,200 superannuitants presently?

There is no official benchmark, but perhaps 80% do. This would represent around 746,560 people and the remaining 20% of people represent around 186,640 people.

I don't think a major change could be made to national superannuation overnight though. I feel any means test would have to be brought in gradually, say over ten years, to give pending retirees time to plan. Also, the number turning 65 each year is around 72 per day (that is around 26,380 per year).

5. How many New Zealanders are renting presently - approximately 663,000 households.

As at 1 January 2026, there are 2,057,500 households in New Zealand. The rental total (663,000) represents 1.5 times the total current population of Christchurch.

What's the real point here?

Firstly, perhaps 40% of New Zealanders will never own a

house. Secondly, their children will probably not receive much, if any, inheritance. Lastly the whole process will tend to repeat itself again and again.

6. What percentage of New Zealanders will receive an inheritance?
Perhaps when they are 70 years old - maybe 45%. This inheritance for a two-child family will be perhaps \$400,000 each based on present data.
7. The cost of living crisis in New Zealand is set in concrete for perhaps 56% of New Zealand households. Certainly, they may receive a 3% or 4% salary increase each year, but inflation and a few other costs will offset that 3% or 4% increase perhaps completely. This group (around 56% of the New Zealand workforce) is living from pay day to payday (in the USA this official figure is 62%).
8. The next New Zealand general election is scheduled for Saturday 7th November 2026 (253 days away). The number one priority for the 123 politicians involved is to get re-elected - nothing else is even close. Once they get past this first point their second focus should be on the present cost of living.
9. What would most New Zealand people say right now are the key economic issues:
 - a. Cost of living crisis re food, inflation, and energy costs.
 - b. The New Zealand health care system.
 - c. Rising unemployment - particularly youth unemployment.
 - d. Housing affordability.
10. Falling interest rates will help some, but not all, New Zealanders. For example, given that there are 2,110,200 houses presently in New Zealand then:
 - a. 30% of households have no mortgage, which equates to 633,060 houses (30%)
 - b. 663,000 households renting from investors who still have a personal mortgage 663,000 houses
 - c. Leaving people with a mortgage who own and occupy their house 814,140 houses

There are 2,110,200 houses (100%) Consequently, 70% of New Zealand households are affected positively by lower interest rates.



This article will be continued in the next issue 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!

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

This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

Trivia Answers

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Russia | 15. REM |
| 2. Rosemary | 16. Aft |
| 3. Brown | 17. Signor |
| 4. Sam Mendes | 18. Kenny Rogers |
| 5. Georgian | 19. Bus |
| 6. Venus | 20. Catacombs |
| 7. Kappa | |
| 8. Omega | “KIDS” ANSWERS |
| 9. Torquay | 1. Gallop |
| 10. Royalty | 2. Twelve |
| 11. Helvetia | 3. 3.14 |
| 12. Mortar-board | 4. 180 |
| 13. A pond | 5. Seven |
| 14. Cajun | |



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2026 Hanmer Motorfest



The Christchurch Falcon Fairlane Car Club invites all car enthusiasts, families, and friends to the Hanmer Motorfest on Saturday 28 February at the Hanmer Springs Domain.

Saturday 28 February 2026
 Hanmer Springs Domain.
 9:00am - 3:30pm

This year's event promises to have a stunning lineup of classic cars, hot rods and bikes that will take your breath away. Whether you're a die-hard petrolhead or just looking for a fun day out with the family we've got you covered with live music, food trucks, and a range of exciting activities for all ages; there's something for everyone at the 2026 Hanmer Motorfest.

There will also be a Friday Night Car Cruise with all proceeds going to the Amuri St John. More details in this issue of *The Pinkie*.

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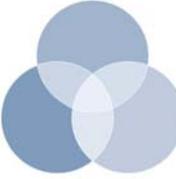
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The primary cause of unhappiness is never the situation but your thoughts about it.
Eckhart Tolle

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New Zealand Adventures for Two Londoners



(L to R) Jack and Sam halfway up Clarence valley Road

Jack Balme (19) and Sam Wemyss (18) are school buddies from London; in the London Borough of Camden. They finished high school (College) last July and they both have university plans that start in the United Kingdom in September.

Jack and Sam decided they needed some adventures in New Zealand, to fill their gap year, but they couldn't afford a car so they brought their bikes that are all setup for bike packing.

This is Sam's first visit to New Zealand. Jack, on the other hand, is visiting for his third time. Jack doesn't remember his first visit but his parent's do. He was one year old and he took his first steps up the Coromandel. Jack's second visit was a year or two back when his family returned to catch up with family near Paekākāriki. Jack's maternal grandmother is a Kiwi and Jack has somehow wrangled himself a New Zealand passport so he's feeling pretty chuffed with himself.

Sam is planning on reading physics and maths or physics and philosophy in Glasgow, Manchester or Bristol. He is yet to receive enrolment confirmation.

Jack will be studying architecture in Manchester.

P.



The upper section of Clarence Valley Road, before the pass, is the boniest it's even been. The rain we've had this summer has washed all the fines away and we're now at bedrock!

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Pepe's is located inside the Caltex Station at 66 Riccarton Road (opposite KFC). There is free parking directly in front of Pepe's.

Pepe's is a dine-in or take-out sandwich type bar where you'll get fast service with easy parking.

Try a Burrito, Nachos, Chimichanga, Quesadilla, Rice Bowl, Tochos, Taco Salad or a salad.

Mention that you saw this ad in *The Pinkie* and you'll get a free can of drink, or bottle of water, with your purchase.

MEXICAN GRILL

IT'S HOW WE ROLL

**10am to 8:30pm
7 days**

66 Riccarton Road, Christchurch

Amuri A&P Show



Amuri A&P Show

Rotherham Show Grounds

Saturday 7 March 2026

8AM to 7PM

Heaps of fun, Competition and Entertainment

Admission: 17yrs and over \$15, 5-16yrs \$5, Pre-schoolers Free

The Amuri A&P Show brings together the best of rural life and community. There is plenty to see and take part in, including:

- Horses and Ponies
- Sheep, Wool and Shearing
- On-farm Beef and Dairy Cattle
- Steer Riding
- Produce Shed – featuring cooking, handcrafts, art, produce, flowers and more
- Dogs
- Terrier Racing
- Pie Eating Competition
- Family Look-a-Like Competition
- Food Stalls
- Trade and Machinery Displays
- Demonstrations and Presentations
- Family Entertainment and Rides

To round out the day, a community BBQ from 5–7pm. All are welcome!

Amuri A&P Show



Amuri A&P Association

“Kaiwara Angus”

Young Achievers Award

We are seeking nominations for the above award to be presented at the Amuri A&P Show on

Saturday 7th March 2026

Contenders are to be under 30 years of age and residents of Amuri who are working in and contributing to our community.

Please forward nominations to

Phil & Sue Smith

balmoral@amuri.net

Phil – 027 222 7927

Sue – 027 222 9581

Nominations close on Monday 2 March 2026



Community Patrols NZ PUBLIC MEETING

Monday 2nd March 2026, 5:30pm

Upstairs in the Fire Station building

39B Amuri Ave, Hanmer Springs

(please park on the street rather than in the yard 😊)

Further to our notice in the January Pinkie, the public are invited to this meeting to confirm their support for the re-establishment of the Community Patrol in Hanmer Springs.

The national administrator of Community Patrols New Zealand will be in attendance to provide information on the support available, to provide advice, and to begin the registration process for those volunteers who have already committed and for anyone else at the meeting who'd like to help with this. More volunteers are still required.

If you would like more information, please contact Bill Clarkson or Neil Whitaker.

Bill Clarkson - 021 347 905 - william.clarkson66@gmail.com

Neil Whitaker - 022 070 4863 - neiltwhitaker@gmail.com



Hanmer Springs Golf Course looking fantastic

Time Is An Illusion

“Time isn't precious at all, because it is an illusion. What you perceive as precious is not time but the one point that is out of time: the Now. That is precious indeed. The more you are focused on time—past and future—the more you miss the Now, the most precious thing there is.”

Eckhart Tolle

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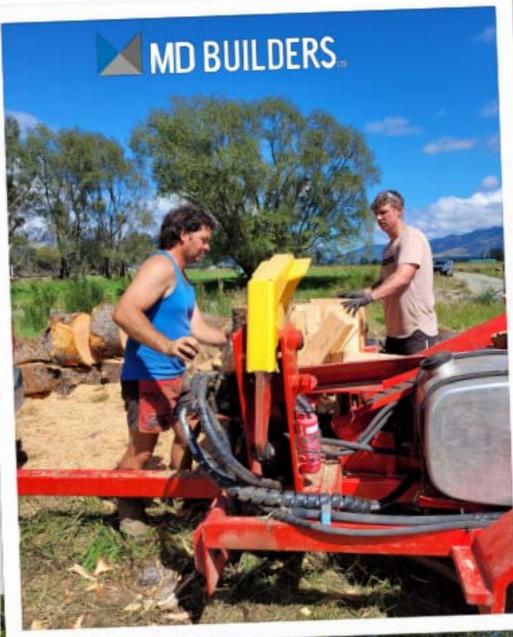
Hanmer Springs School Firewood Fundraiser



Damian Vautier, Hugh Davies, John Mc Bridge, Mark Donaldson & Mark Gavin (left to right) enjoy a cold drink after the work is done.



Harley Manion



John Geen keeping the splitter busy!

The annual **Hanmer Springs School Firewood Fundraiser** was run on Saturday 14 February 2026 in ideal conditions. Around \$8,000 was raised for the school with about 20 parents, and others, volunteering to make this a great wee community event. The fundraiser is generously supported by the sponsors; **Matariki Forests** provide the logs, **Button Contracting** harvest the logs, **SML Cartage** (Steve Murphy Ltd) freight the logs, **Elite Trees** ring up a lot of the logs, Jim & Kate from **PJ's Pies** provide morning tea and lunch for the volunteers. Thanks to Harley Manion who organises the day and provides refreshments when the work is done. Local families generously provide their equipment including Mike Manion (tractor), Mark Donaldson (wood processing), Dunc Duncan (splitter), John & Dot Geen (splitter), Sarah and Ray Mudgway and others who provide chainsaws, fuel, chain bar oil, trailers and towing vehicles. Thank you everyone!

Hanmer Motorfest 2026 - Friday Night Cruise Map



If you would like to sit out on your deck chair and watch the cars cruise past, here's a copy of the cruise map. The cars will turn left onto Jacks Pass Road when leaving the domain, so they're effectively going counter-clockwise for the majority of the cruise. Down Rippingale Road, right onto Argelins Road, left onto SH7A, up Amuri Avenue, then Conical Hill Road, left onto Chisholm Crescent, then left onto Jacks Pass Road, crossing Amuri Avenue to do a clockwise loop around Cheltenham Street, Scarborough Terrace and Leamington Street. Then turning right back onto Amuri Avenue, then left onto Jacks Pass Road, going past the entrance to the domain, and then completing a second lap of the above course.

Anyone is welcome to be part of the cruise. Meet at the domain from 6pm (tonight, Friday 27 Feb). Entry is by a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the Amuri St John Ambulance. The cruise starts from the domain at 7pm.



1963 Ford Falcon Sprint on display at last years Hanmer Motorfest (22 Feb 2025)

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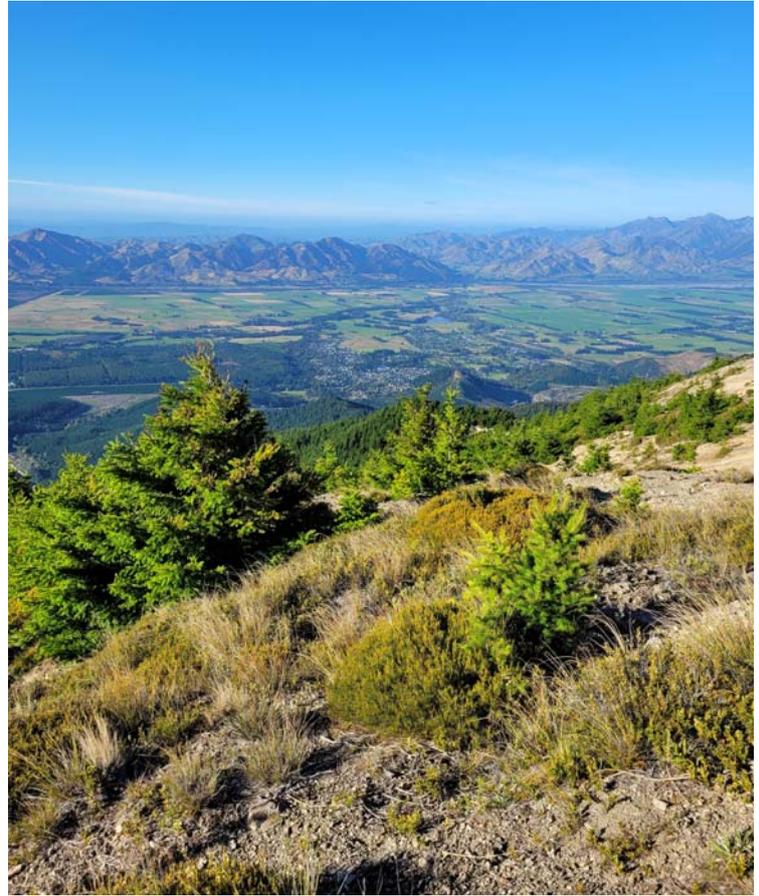
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LOVERS**

Too Little, And Now Almost, Too Late

We used to have winters that were dominated by weather brewed in the Southern Ocean. The southerly weather systems would roll past Campbell Island, then Auckland Island before blasting Stewart Island and the south coast of Southland. The wintery southerly would then work its way up the South Island, rolling out a thick white carpet of snow and ice over Otago and Canterbury. On the shirt-tails of the weakening southerly we'd have a week or more of hard frosts and blue skies. Great for the skiers among us!

In the early 2010s I remember one winter where we had a week or more of -7°C frosts and perfect blue sky days after a decent snow fall. I remember driving over the back and seeing the mercury, on my truck outdoor temperature thermometer, dip to -15°C . Since then we've had northwest winter after northwest winter, and with these warm winters the ground temperature remains warm and any snowfall disappears quickly.

The cold southerly winters of the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s resulted in cold ground temperatures that stunted vegetation growth on our mountains. Only the hardiest of plants could survive above the bushline. Now, with warm northwest winters, the wilding pines march up our mountains without any resistance. They are like soldiers wanting to plant a flag on the summit, claiming new territory. Today wilding pines grow on the summit of Mt Isobel (1319m) and Dumblane (1303m). It's my guess that in the next 5-10 years our mountain landscapes will be completely different.



Douglas fir (Oregon) immediately below the trig on Mt Isobel

Department of Conservation (DOC) acknowledge wilding pines “are invasive weeds that threaten to permanently alter the unique landscapes that are only found in New Zealand”. From my perspective DOC have done too little too late, and what they have done has been “in fits and starts”! I wouldn't be surprised if DOC are claiming carbon credits for all the wilding conifers on conservation land.

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September 2026 performances - Hanmer Springs
Expressions of interest close 12th March 2026

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Event Calendar



FEBRUARY 2026

- 27 Hanmer Motorfest Charity Cruise (meet at the domain at 6pm, gold coin donation to enter, starts 7pm, all funds raised go to Amuri St John Ambulance)
- 28 Hanmer Motorfest (Domain, 9:00am to 3:30pm)

MARCH 2026

- 07 Amuri A&P Show
- 07 Hanmer Springs MTB Backyard Ultra <https://hanmerbackyardultra.co.nz//mtb>
- 10 Nelson College visits Hanmer Springs (see advert in this issue of *The Pinkie*)
- 28 The Bandquet - Hanmer Springs

APRIL 2026

- 03 Good Friday
- 06 Easter Monday
- 25 ANZAC Day (Observed Monday 27 April)

MAY 2026

- 02 Hanmer Springs Half Marathon

JUNE 2026

- 01 King's Birthday



!! 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".

2026 School Dates

Term 1

Monday 2 February to
Thursday 2 April

Term 2

Monday 20 April to
Friday 3 July

Term 3

Monday 20 July to
Friday 25 September



The Soldiers Block



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

FREE Learner Licence Theory Course - Hanmer Springs

Gain your Learner's Licence or convert an overseas Driver's Licence, at a free Learner Theory Course, Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa

Tuesday 22 April,
2:00pm - 7:30pm



Scan for more information and to register



Or phone Emma on 027 808 4563



"Smiling is contagious"

"Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation of all abundance"

Eckhart Tolle

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/>

Creative Communities NZ grant scheme Seeking a panel member



We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our panel as we assess funding applications for arts projects in our district through the Creative Communities NZ grant scheme.

This opportunity is open to anyone who is passionate about the arts and familiar with the range and diversity of arts within Hurunui District.

This is a voluntary position with no remuneration offered and involves attending a meeting in Amberley in March and September to assess the funding applications.

If you are interested in becoming a panel member, please send us a brief resume with your contact details and listing your interest and involvement in the arts, as well as the names of two referees who would support your application.

Email applications to maree.hare@hurunui.govt.nz before 5pm Friday 13 March 2026.

For more information

✉ maree.hare@hurunui.govt.nz
☎ 027 808 6157



JPs in Hanmer Springs

Rod Ell	027 437 2464 (03 315 7222)
Jonathan Gardiner	027 685 9276
Alice Stielow	021 317 001
Ann Toomey	021 155 7622
Ken Williams	027 284 7241
Joy Wilson	027 220 2511



Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 14th February

Stableford competition
1st Boio Sarahu Hothersall 43 pts
2nd Steve Pearson 39
3rd Gordon Simpson 39
4th Gray Prebble 38
5th Greg Samson 38
6th Jason Hill 37

Ruby Turton Memorial
Boio Sarahu Hothersall 75 pts
Tom Menzies Memorial
Steve Pearson 39 pts

Nearest the Pin
Boio Sarahu Hothersall

Twos
Joe Gantley
Steve Pearson
Boio Sarahu Hothersall

Jackpot Twos
Steve Pearson

Net Eagles
Not struck



Results kindly submitted
by Mike Gainsford.

Saturday 21st February

Graham Rouse Memorial Trophy
Stableford
Overall winner Abi Middlehurst
43 pts

Ladies
Boio Sarahu Hothersall 42 pts
Jade Sadler 36 pts

Men
Levi Sadler 41 pts
Brent Berry 40 pts
Howard Chellew 39 pts
Jeff Dalley 37 pts
Paul Jones 37 pts

Twos
Tony Hawker
Sam Gavin
Colin Hight
Levi Sadler
Nicky West
Brent Berry

Jackpot Twos
Tony Hawker

Nearest the Pin
Tony Parmenter

Net Eagles
Gray Prebble

Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 12/02/2026

1st – R Hothersall & G Baldwin

Results 19/02/2026

1st – A van de Wiel & J Wilson

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

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