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Top10 Holiday Park  
3 Bath Street

Pines Holiday Park  
158 Argelins Road

Drifters Inn  
2 Harrogate Street



Hanmer Springs Medical Centre  
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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

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

**03 315-7912**

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

hanmer@hurunui.govt.nz

## Useful Opening Times



**Four Square**  
(Summer Hours)

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Summer hours started with the introduction of Daylight Savings.



**The Toy Shop**

(including postal services)

Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm

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Sunday 10am - 2pm

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

Hanmer Springs 10am - 7pm  
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## Hanmer Springs Service Station



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

(seven days)

**03 315-7107**

**CALTEX**

154 Hanmer Springs Road

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**8:30am - 5:00pm**

(Monday to Friday)

**027 740 4142**

Woodbank Road

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**8am - 5pm**

(Mon - Fri)

**9am - 4pm**

(Saturday)

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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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## Around about Hanmer Springs ...

In the 27 February edition of *The Pinkie* I wrote about wilding pines and made the observation that we don't have southerly winters anymore! Well, on Sunday 1 March, the first day of autumn, immediately after our Motorfest friends had waved good-bye, a voracious southerly rolled into Hanmer Springs at precisely 4pm, as forecast. Looking south one was able to see it approach; a dark wall of rain marched up Mouse Point Road (SH7), past Marble Point, between Wallace Peak and Holmes, past the Waiiau Ferry Bridge, before racing across the plain to Hanmer Springs village.

The southerly brought heavy rain and by 9pm Jacks Pass was under a blanket of snow.

I had good reason to go “over the back” at 9pm (yes!) and it was 2°C over there, and a jolly decent snow storm too!

Imagine driving through a snow storm looking only through a briskly rotated kaleidoscope of wind blown snow, and beyond that, a sea of blackness thicker than blackberry jam! Do you remember your childhood kaleidoscope?

I was heading to Lake Tennyson to rescue my friend Eric who had managed to get himself stuck!

When the cellular towers first arrived over the back I was very sad indeed, but on Sunday night that back-country cellular tower, at Lake Tennyson, saved my friend Eric from a very cold night, or worse! So, as Eric started to warm-up after climbing aboard my trusty Isuzu D-Max, I started to warm-up (a little) to that ugly looking mobile tower that beams mobile coverage and internet into my back-country. It was after 10pm, and still snowing heavily, so we decided to recover the vehicle in daylight hours, and we returned to Hanmer Springs some time after 11pm. What a drive!



*The solar-powered cellular tower at St James homestead.*



## 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  
Marilyn Eagle (021 224 1402) 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

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### 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.  
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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.  
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#### 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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## 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  
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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*

## Hanmer Springs Stitch & Knitting Group



Diane



Anne



Mikkie

The murmur of the knitting needles on Monday morning, in the front part of the Hanmer Springs Library (starts 10am), was therapeutic beyond what I would have expected, and I'm a knitter from way back. My dear mother taught me to knit. A soak in the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa, on a cold Monday morning, is therapeutic too, but the **Hanmer Springs Stitch and Knitting Group (HSS&KG)** provides a different kind of therapy. It seemed like a form of therapy for the attendees individually and collectively, even without a word being spoken, and I was immediately drawn to it. I was amazed that beyond the peace and camaraderie there seemed to be an invisible metronome that encouraged the attendees to gently aim for a rate of work that could be maintained for many hours, without threat of punishment, with simple rations of a cuppa and gingernut as required. I saw a couple of insulated stainless keep-cups which was a smart idea. These HSS&KG folk are very wise! I learned that first timers are encouraged to bring a plate; a form of initiation I expect. Dot suggested scones and I expect I'd be required to bring them every week until I'd proven that my recipe, and the resulting batch, was worthy of a ribbon at an A&P Show! I would agree to those terms providing my scones were not to be judged alongside those big Powerhouse Cafe scones; the Powerhouse cheese scones are the best in Hanmer Springs. Did I say that out loud? I hope not! My date scones are pretty good but I'm going to have to work on my cheese scones!

The folk at the HSS&KG are a loving bunch. They seem to get a great deal of satisfaction from making gifts for people in our wider community; anyone that would benefit from hand knitted clothes and crafts. Cute wee woollen singlets, gloves, hats and booties for newborns, or a comfort doll for those that love something to hold. They have also made a decent number of dolls that have been individually packaged in a plastic bag and left at the fairy door walk in the forest between Tarndale Reserve and Brooke Dawson Park, on the eastern bank of Dog Creek. A gift for the children that visit! Folk are also encouraged to work on their own projects and if your handcraft skills are not up-to-scratch there are plenty of willing tutors to help you cast on, cast off or read the pattern - knit one, purl one (K1P1), a foundational rib stitch pattern! I know my stuff. If you have any surplus wool lying around, the HSS&KG would be very happy to receive it and I'm sure they would promise to turn it into something that will bring a smile to someones face. I think it's time to get out my knitting needles. Nights in front of the log burner seem to be getting closer.



Vicky



The Hanmer Springs Stitch & Knitting Group is open to any men and women who are in Hanmer Springs on a Monday, whether you're a resident, holiday home owner or visitor, you are welcome to pop in.

For further information please call Call Diane on 021 315 779

## Thermal Pools Winter Hours

Hi Everyone

Autumn & Winter Opening Hours Update

As the seasons change, so do our opening hours.  
Here's what to expect over the coming months:

1 March – 30 April

Sunday to Thursday: 10:00am – 7:00pm

Friday & Saturday: 10:00am – 9:00pm

From May until the end of November (Winter Hours)

Daily: 10:00am – 7:00pm

We look forward to seeing you over the coming months  
and appreciate your support.

Thanks for your continued support,

The HSTPS Team

## Letter to the Editor

I want to give a shout out to the articles that Pita Alexander writes for *The Pinkie*. I read them and keep some of them. Some of Pita suggestions in “The Economics of Retirement” scares the living daylights out of me, and with the rise in rates and insurance, in particular, and the current world situation it is a frightening prospect for many.

Thank you Pita for your wise words.

Alison N

## Tait Gallery Closing

So long, farewell (a great song!), it's been good to know you!

Yes, the gallery will be closing very soon.

It's time I retired and shuffled off to an old people's home!

A big thank you to all who have supported me, and my staff, these past nine years. It has been fun ... and at times, frustrating! The present economy has not helped and has probably hastened my decision.

We will be having a closing down sale, so come on in ... you may get a bargain!

Remember: Always look on the bright side! And thank you for being with me on this journey.

God bless, Look after yourselves, and be kind.

William

027 432 5914



John McBride, principal at Hanmer Springs School, basks in the morning sun on another picture perfect autumn day!

# Grum's MTB Backyard Ultra



Imi Blance, Emily St John and Grum; Imi & Emily both completed 31 laps (310km), both cycling the greatest distance in the women's category.

The inaugural Hanmer Springs MTB Backyard Ultra was held over two quintessential Hanmer Springs autumn days on Saturday 7 March and Sunday 8 March 2026.

It's my quietly held opinion that Grum likes to self-inflict sleep deprivation because with these "Backyard" format "challenges" he loves to organise, he never knows when the event will end, and when he'll get some sleep. Grum's previous Backyard Ultra was a running event where participants line up at the start line every hour, on the hour, and complete a relatively achievable 6.7km loop. "Why the crazy 6.7km distance?", you may ask! The idea is that if a participant completes 24 loops (one loop every hour for 24 hours) they run 100 miles, and in running circles that big!

On Saturday 7 March the Backyard Ultra was a MTB event where participants line up every hour, on the hour, with their mountain bike, and ride a relatively achievable 10km loop of some of Hanmer Springs most iconic MTB bike trails. The event comes to an end for a participant when they no longer wish to participate and the remaining participants continue until one participant completes a solo loop and they are declared the winner; and every other participant is awarded "DNF" status (Did not finish).

The event was well supported by local riders; Andrew Good, Juan Buchanan, Alex Shaw, Emily Shaw, John Dawber, Angus Gardiner, Ange Charity, Darron Charity, Lachlan Crumpton, Flynn Pearson, Spencer Glidden, Jane Pearson and Jonty and Archie Manion (as seen on the cover photo of this issue).

Tyrone Low (Christchurch) won the event riding 330km. Oliver Burgess (Christchurch) rode 320km and Ryan Campbell (Nelson) rode 310km.

Two Christchurch based women, Imi Blance & Emily St John, each rode 310km; the furthest distance ridden in the women's category. I have no doubt Imi and Emily could have ridden more, and challenged the men for a win, however, they displayed fine sportsmanship and wisdom and "bailed" out together; having enough fuel in the tank to return to work the following day and be half useful!

I'm sure Grum will agree with me; these events are not races. They are a challenge for each individual to achieve a personal best while testing their mental & physical fortitude.



At the start of the 32nd hour, the final four, Oliver Burgess, Tyrone Low, Imi Blance and Emily St John

A fine example of this is the performance of local boys Archie and Jonty Manion. They entered as a school boy team, to share the load. Together they cycled 70km with each contributing to that very respectable distance. Well done Archie and Jonty. You should be very proud!

P.

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Hanmer Sings has made a connection with the Haven Choir from Nelson and currently 30 members of their choir are joining in with Hanmer Sings for a day of workshops at the Primary school, a Saturday afternoon concert in The Memorial Hall and a shared meal together. :) A great pre-Mothers day event! Thanks!!!

## 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

HANMER SPRINGS ART GALLERY

7 March – mid April 2026

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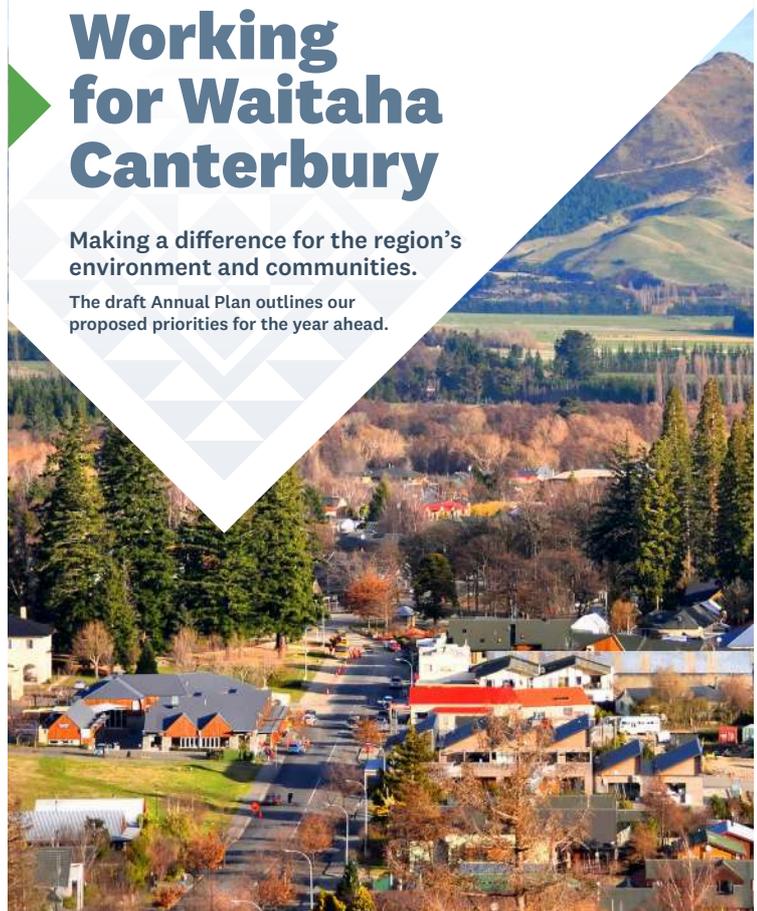
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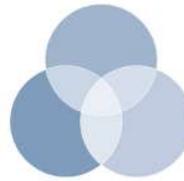
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Eckhart Tolle

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## Hanmer Motorfest - So Good For Hanmer



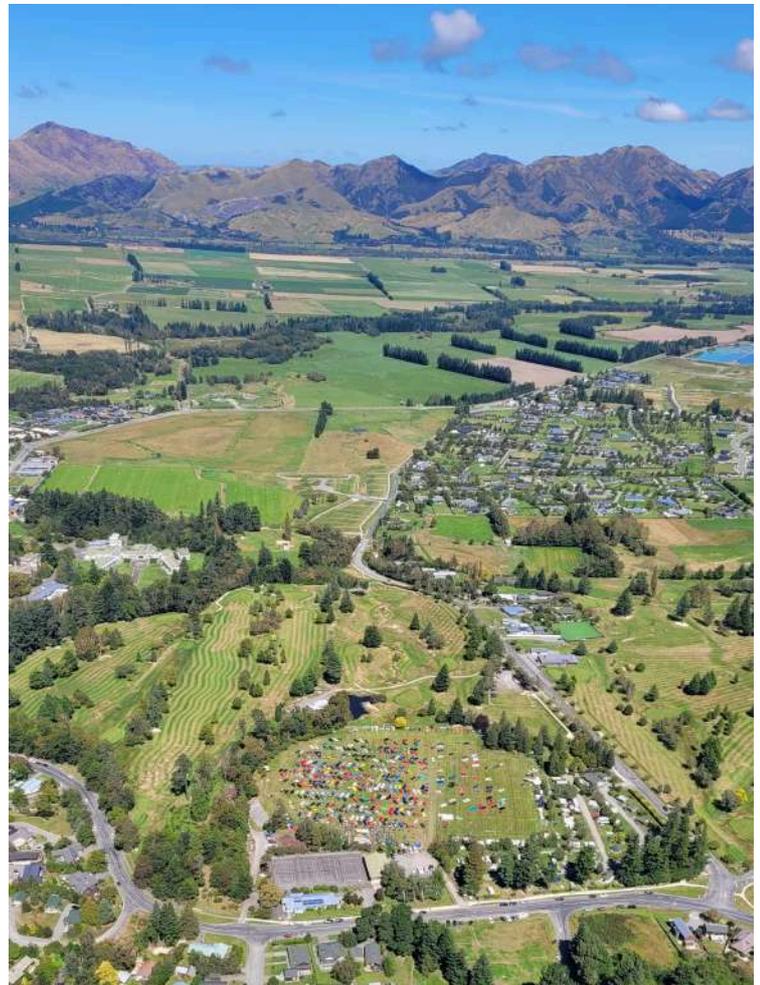
Julian Cunningham from Julian Cunningham Photography (Blenheim) took this photo on the weekend of the Hanmer Motorfest. If you're in Blenheim and need a photographer call Julian on 022 164 1604.

Almost 700 cars were on display at the Hanmer Springs Domain on the weekend of the Hanmer Motorfest 2026, organised by the Falcon & Fairlane Car Club of Christchurch. The Friday night cruise around the streets of Hanmer Springs gave an opportunity for local residents, and visitors, to line the streets to see the cars. Any car could participate in the cruise and the gold coin entry was given to the Amuri St John Ambulance.

The Motorfest is a fantastic event for Hanmer Springs and we are grateful to the organising committee; Campbell, Fiona and David. The event is well run and the atmosphere at both the event and around the village is wholesome and family friendly. We also acknowledge the committee to blessing our community with the full proceeds of the Friday night cruise. We all benefit from the work of our local Amuri St John Ambulance, so thank you.



Local man, Chris Stanton, with his 1966 MG Roadster (MGB).



The colour display of Motorfest cars from above.



## Hanmer Springs School report.

### Takahanga Marae trip.

We started our year with a trip to the Takahanga Marae in Kaikoura. The trip was an awesome provocation for our conceptual inquiry learning theme for 2026, which is Kotahitanga (unity/togetherness). One group of students stayed the night at the marae and the other group went for the day. The overnight group had a trip down to the beach and to the seal colony and enjoyed fish and chips for dinner. Activities at the marae included a powhiri for each group, listening to stories of the carved panels in the colourful whareniui, Māori stick games, taiaha for our Kapa Haka boys, and flax weaving. We had lots of fun and enjoyed the different activities.



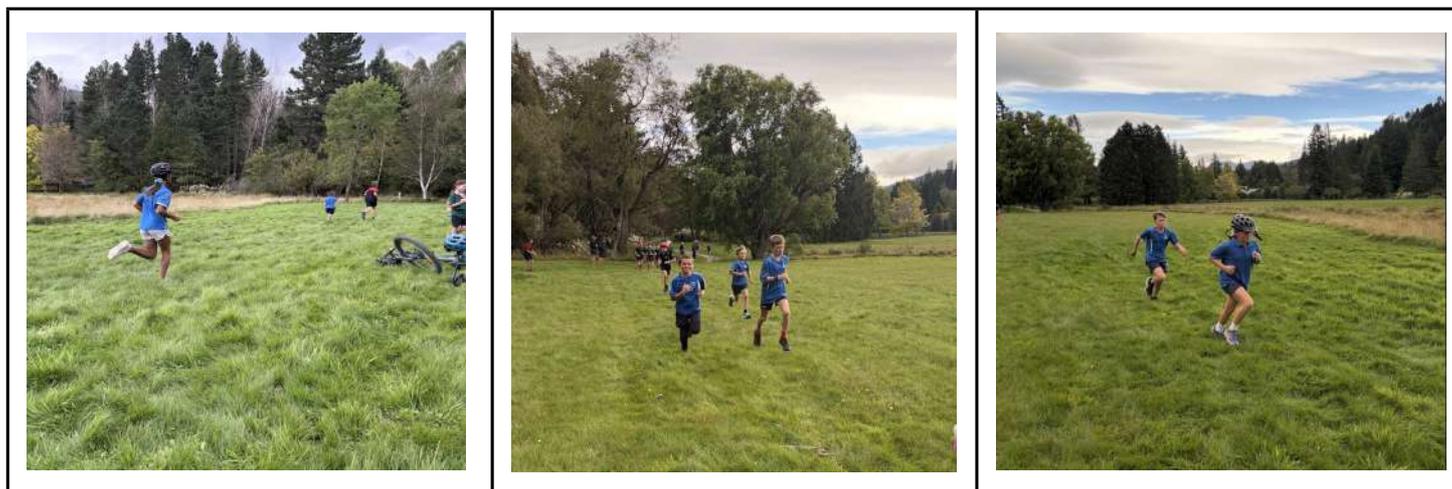
### Swimming Sports.

At the beginning of our year, students completed two weeks of swimming lessons at the Thermal Pools. The focus was on water safety, and students gained more confidence in the water and learnt skills to keep themselves safe. We would like to thank the swim instructors and the Thermal Pools for these free lessons. We are lucky to have the pools so close to our school and really appreciate their continued support.

Earlier in the term, we held our Y4-8 school swimming sports. Students entered freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke races, either 25m or 50m. Those who came first or second qualified for the Hurunui swimming sports, which were also at the Thermal Pools. From the Hurunui swimming sports, Aaliya qualified for the Canterbury swimming sports which are this week. The Y1-3 students had a swimming celebration to show what they had been learning during their swimming lessons and had some fun swimming races as well.

Hurunui Duathlon.

On Wednesday last week, a team of 17 students entered the Hurunui Duathlon. The Y5/6 students ran a lap around the Woodlands Pond walking track, then biked 5km around Pawsons Road, Western Link, Basecamp and Helix mountain bike tracks and ran another 1km. The Y7/8 students ran 2km, then biked 5km and ran another 1km. Georgia came 2nd in the Y5 girls, Kahn came 2nd in the Year 5 boys, Archie came 2nd in the Y8 boys, Aaliya came 3rd in the Y7 girls and Sam came 3rd in the Y7 boys.



Amuri A&P Show artwork.

All classes created some artwork based on the theme 'from the land'. These were displayed at the Amuri A&P Show earlier in the month. Piwakawaka class created cute bunnies with extra nature pieces to enhance them; Korimako class painted sheep on the hills; Tui class used pastels and dye to create beautiful sunflowers and the Senior Hub made Picasso-style animal artwork. They all looked amazing on display.



## Easter Church Services

# EASTER SERVICES



### GOOD FRIDAY

*"It is finished."*

#### Reflective Service

Friday, 3 April 2026  
9am-10am

#### Great Three Hours

Friday, 3 April 2026  
12pm-3pm

*The Great Three Hours is not a service, but simply a time when the church will remain open for anyone who wishes to sit and reflect.*

### EASTER SUNDAY

*"He is risen."*

#### Communion Service

Sunday, 5 April 2026  
8:30am-9:30am

#### Family Service

Sunday, 5 April 2026  
10am-11am



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Choreographer  
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September 2026 performances - Hanmer Springs  
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## Heritage Forest Trust AGM

Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 11th May 2026. Venue and time details will be advertised closer to the AGM date. Please save this date.

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## Independent Director Sought for Kaikōura Hurunui Water Services

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### Board make up:

In addition to the three directors already appointed, each council will appoint their own independent director to form the inaugural board of five directors. This role is by appointment of Hurunui District Council. Appointments will be made in May 2026, with commencement of operations from around mid-2026.

Term of appointment is based on a 3-year cycle, with one director elected as Chair. These are legacy roles. You'll be instrumental in building a new organisation that will serve communities ensuring safe drinking water and efficient management of stormwater and wastewater for generations. You'll work with committed partners and have a clear mandate, with the opportunity to make your mark.

### Seeking directors who collectively bring:

- Governance experience, particularly in regulated environments or managing infrastructure
- Strategic leadership and stakeholder engagement to establish and guide an organisation
- Financial and commercial acumen to oversee treasury, long-term planning, financial regulation and balance sheet management
- Human resources, legal and organisational development skills
- Community focus and understanding of the challenges of delivering public services in rural NZ.

### To apply:

Candidates can apply, in strict confidence at [www.sheffield.co.nz](http://www.sheffield.co.nz).

To apply by email, please attach your cover letter and CV in PDF format wherever possible, and send to [cvchc@sheffield.co.nz](mailto:cvchc@sheffield.co.nz) quoting **9168aa**. Emails will be electronically acknowledged, and further correspondence may be by email. Please indicate in your cover letter which Council you wish to be appointed to as Independent Director.

Applications close on **Thursday 23 April, 2026**.

For more information please phone Louise Green on 03 353 4367

# 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  
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Queen Mary Hospital Grounds  
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## JPs in Hanmer Springs

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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

Simes Cup  
Best Net 27 Holes  
1st Stretch Renai & Rae Bowyer 99.5  
2nd Mike Gibbon & Liz Gibbon 100

Best Gross 27 Holes  
1st Geoff Rudduck Mel Newburn 109  
2nd Charlie Westlake & Kasey Cross 118

Minson Salver Best Net one being a HSGC member  
1st Levi & Jade Sadler

Twos  
Charlie Westlake & Kaset Westlake  
Mike & Liz Gibbon

Par Comp  
1st Jason Hill +2  
2nd Wayne Love +1  
3rd Gray Prebble 0  
4th Owen Evans 0  
5th Tony Hawker 0

Twos  
Steve Pearson  
Barry Toomey  
Jason Hill

Nearest the Pin  
Steve Pearson

Jackpot Twos & Net Eagles  
Not struck



### Saturday 21st March

Gross & Net Medal  
Ladies  
Gross Carolyn Williams 91  
Net Susan Turner 76

Men  
Senior 0.0 to 9.9  
Gross Sam Gavin 72  
Net Brent Berry 72

Intermediate 10.0 to 16.5  
Gross Howard Chellew 82  
Net Steve Gill 67

Junior 16.6 to 36.0  
Gross Greg Samson 85  
Net Cliff Tipler 68

Twos  
Sam Gavin  
Tony Hawker  
Mark Rippen

Nearest the Pin  
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On Saturday 28th March there will be a Stableford Competition.

Results kindly submitted by Mike Gainsford.

## Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 12/03/2026  
North/South - C & G Scrivener  
East / West - D & F McRae (visitors)

Results 19/03/2026  
1st - C Scrivener J Pillidge

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

# Event Calendar



## MARCH 2026

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

10 Mother's Day

## JUNE 2026

01 King's Birthday

## JULY 2026

04-18 Alpine Winter Festival

10 Matariki

## AUGUST 2026

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

28 Daffodil Day

## SEPTEMBER 2026

06 Father's Day



### !! 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



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

Eckhart Tolle

# D.I.V.E.R.S.I.F.Y

17 April 2026



## Judy Kleis



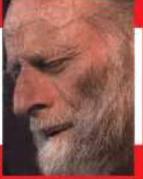
Judy Kleis is a painter and mixed media artist based out of Kaikoura. She has been painting for 20 years. She is part of the Kaikoura Art Society (KAS) and Gallery. This will be her first solo exhibition.

d.i.v.e.r.s.i.f.y speaks to the notion that art is a reflection of the way we see the world. A world that cannot be limited to one singular viewpoint, and therefore cannot be encapsulated by one singular style. This exhibition brings that idea to life, and provides a mirror to the complexity of the world around us.

**Opening 17 April 5.30pm**

**Includes 1 hour concert from legendary folk-blues fingerstyle guitar artist Eric McEachen**

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## Rural Travel fund

The fund is available to assist young people in rural communities to participate in sporting competitions. The fund is open to all rural sport club teams and rural school sport teams who have members aged between 5 and 19 years and is designed to subsidise travel costs to local sporting competitions.

The rural travel fund cannot be used for the purpose of travel to regional or national events and is available for teams only, not individuals.

Applications close on 13 April 2026.

Application forms available online or by emailing [maree.hare@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:maree.hare@hurunui.govt.nz)



# Clarence Valley Road

## Upcoming temporary road closure

In preparation for road metalling, Clarence Valley Road will be closed for one week, starting on Monday 13 April. Weather dependent.

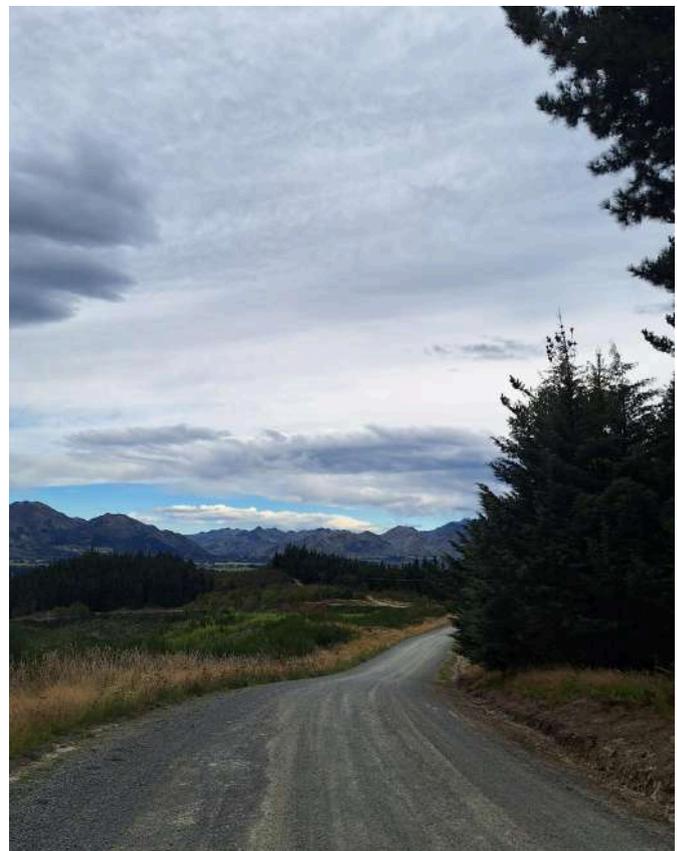
**Location:** From the water tanks on Clarence Valley Road by the forest entrance, up to the top of the hill at the public carpark. Approximately five kilometres.

**Time:** 7am to 5pm.

**Lunchtime opening:** Midday- 12.30pm.

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