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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

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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

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(including postal services)

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Sunday 10am - 2pm

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Hanmer Springs
Thermal Pools & Spa

**Hanmer Springs
Thermal Pools & Spa**

10am - 7pm

Hanmer Springs Service Station



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(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)

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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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I love Hanmer Springs ...

“Absence makes the heart grow fonder”.

I've just had the privilege of some time abroad and I have to say that on my return I have a new-found fondness for my home; Hanmer Springs. Time away from the daily grind always seems to give a fresh outlook on life.

The first term of the school year ended with Easter and we're now in the midst of school holidays. I love seeing visiting families making memories together, and I like to offer my “point-and-shoot” photographic services to these folk, when I'm out and about; a rare chance to get a candid family photo all together!

As the photographer in my family I was the one who regularly encouraged a family photo, and looking through those family photos today it looks like my children (now adults) had no Dad! If you're the photographer in your family don't let this happen! Share the responsibility and remember that the children may well “*whinge and wine*”, but I can guarantee they'll be very happy to receive a copy of all those childhood memories when they leave home. Not surprising, my adult children are now making career choices that leverage their own photographic talent. Something in the blood perhaps? My father was a professional photographer in his early career.

On Monday I took a photo for a family from New Plymouth. They were making family memories with a South Island “roadie” (road trip). So good!

On Wednesday at about 10:30am five children, all on mountain bikes, arrived at *The Powerhouse Cafe*. They were clearly loving the freedom of being out-and-about without the close parental supervision that is needed in the city. The “famous five”, Leo (13), Freya (11), Ned (10), Nella (13) and Archer (15) are family and friends (two families) from Dunedin. They visit Hanmer Springs annually because, “we love it here”. Their parents, ensconced at *The Powerhouse*, had obviously encouraged the children to go mountain biking so they could savour some post-Easter tranquillity, and a coffee! Savvy parents!

Hanmer Springs is a safe place to raise a family and it's also a super safe family holiday destination. Hanmer Springs is like no other town in New Zealand! We're the cute wee village at the end of State Highway 7A (SH7A); a short 90 minute drive from Christchurch. We're at the end of the SH7A *cul-de-sac* and as far as safe holiday destinations go, I reckon we're top of the list. Second on that list might be Oban, Stewart Island!

If you want to give your children the opportunity to roam the village, and the forest trails, just like we did in our nostalgic past, bring your family to Hanmer Springs. You won't be disappointed.

Hanmer Springs is a place where we all make memories. Memories that everyone of your family will cherish; especially you!

Happy holidays and safe travels.
Reece



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

Information

LISTINGS ON THIS PAGE

If you'd like a listing on this page drop a note to
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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

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 for details

MORRIS DANCING

Sunday 7pm
Lots of laughs and some added exertion.
Dancers and musicians welcome.
Call John (021 395 022)

CHURCH NOTICES

Saturday Church Services

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HURUNUI

Saturday Mass 5pm
St Roch's Church
27 Amuri Avenue

Sunday Church Services

ANGLICAN PARISH OF HANMER SPRINGS CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

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

Available for sports groups, weddings,
functions etc. Fully equipped kitchen. Large
carpeted function room, changing rooms and
showers.
Call Nicola at the Hurunui District Council
(03 314-8816)

HANMER SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

Available for hire for functions, weddings,
funerals etc.
Fully equipped kitchen. Spacious and warm
carpeted room. Bar facilities.
Call the Golf Club (03 315-7110)

Tennis

HANMER SPRINGS TENNIS CLUB

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

"Lost time is never
found again"

Benjamin Franklin

The Dunedin “Famous Five” in Hanmer Springs



Making holiday memories in Hanmer Springs; Leo (13), Freya (11), Ned (10), Nella (13) and Archer (15), all from the Dunedin.



Work boots and super snazzy jeans, as seen in The Powerhouse Cafe

Holiday Movie Ideas

Here are some movie ideas for the school holidays. Do your own research to make sure these suggestions are “age appropriate” for your child/children.

Hunt for the Wilderpeople (2016, New Zealand, comedy/adventure, Sam Neill, Taika Waititi, imdb 7.8)

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013, adventure/comedy, Ben Stiller, Sean Penn, imdb 7.3)

Ford v Ferrari (2019, sport/action, Matt Damon, imdb 8.1)

Into the Wild (2007, adventure/drama great, sound track, imdb 8.0)

Hidden Figures (2016, drama/history, imdb 7.8)

From Across the Ditch

The Castle (1997, Australia, comedy/drama, imdb 7.7)

The Dish (2000, Australia, comedy/drama, imdb 7.2)

Rabbit Proof Fence (2002, Australia, adventure, imdb 7.4)

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

Fresh fish delivered to your door

Theo's Fisheries, on Riccarton Road, Christchurch,
deliver fresh fish to customers around Canterbury.

On a Wednesday Theo's deliver to Amberley and they
would be happy to extend this service to Culverden
and Hanmer Springs too, on the same day.

To be feasible Theo's would need 10 or more local folk
to commit to a weekly order.

For more information call Jo on 021 248 4478



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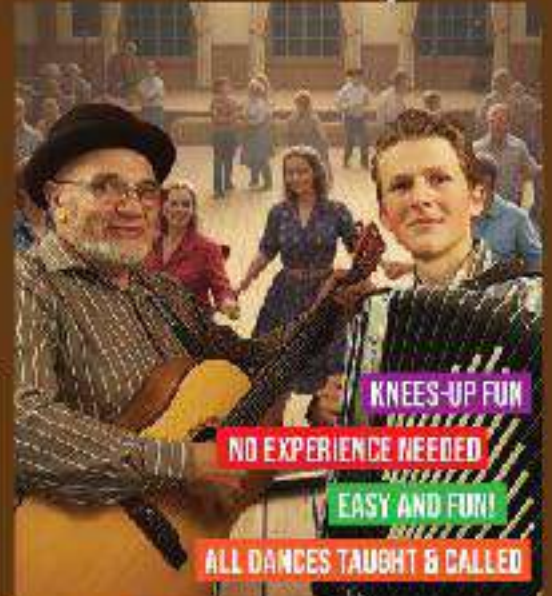
BARNDANCE

SATURDAY 2 MAY 2026 6:30PM – 10:00PM
HANMER SPRINGS MEMORIAL HALL

An evening of knees-up fun! Come and show us
your moves at the Hanmer Springs Barn Dance.
No experience needed – all dances taught and
called. Participation is easy, and fun is assured!!

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Our new bins need emptying ... and cleaning!



Our new rubbish bins are a Public Health Issue; filthy!

We have new rubbish bins in town, and everyone loves them, from a distance!

There has been talk around the village about our fancy new rubbish bins. They are adorned with photos that highlight our past. Yes, the photographs are great, and we can thank a couple of our community, Marty Grounds (signwriter) and Rosemary Ensor (local historian), for their collaboration.

While everyone I have spoken with loves the photography, they are all equally unimpressed, as I am, with the design of the bin and the way they collect rubbish at the entry point. We're also concerned that some of our old bins have been removed without consultation; the one outside the *Ada Design Store*, being an example.

It took only one busy weekend after the installation of the new bins for me (and others) to notice the design flaw of our new bins. Chewing gum, pieces of food, a doggy doo bag and other pieces of rubbish accumulate on the interior ledge, and this rubbish remains on that ledge after the bin has been emptied. For anyone with a slight- to mild- phobia for germs, they will deposit their wee morsels of rubbish on the "ledge" to save having to plunge their hand into the dark vortex of the rubbish bin, and before long their phobia will be exasperated to the point where they will simply place their rubbish on the ground at the base of our fancy new bins, a practice adopted on super busy weekends when the bins are overflowing!

During my recent travels abroad I took note of the rubbish bins used in every municipality I passed through. I drove 3,200km from Adelaide, South Australia, to Meekatharra, Western Australia, and beyond, so I saw some rubbish bins. They all use the same simple well-proven design that accommodates a wheelie bin. What we see on the street is simply the shroud that prevents the wheelie bin from being moved, or blown over by the wind. The shroud, or "housing", presents an opportunity to beautify the street.



Artwork on a rubbish bin in Ceduna, South Australia.

It would appear there are two different philosophies operating. In Australia, and everywhere else, rubbish bins are designed and provided to encourage people to discard of their rubbish in the bin (and not elsewhere). On the other hand, in Hanmer Springs our bins are designed with the primary objective of discouraging people from disposing of their household domestic waster in the bin. That's it!

It would appear that the people responsible for choosing our new bins were so busy trying to teach "the 1%" folk a lesson they forgot about the 99% of us who do the right thing and want to live in a clean New Zealand.

As a ratepayer, and someone who calls Hanmer Springs "home", I want to live in a clean environment. To achieve this we need to make it easy for all our visitors to dispose of their rubbish (including the 1% folk who will always be with us). We either spend ratepayer funds on emptying rubbish bins or, option two, we spend our funds on emptying bins, cleaning bins and paying council staff to pick-up dumped and wind-blown rubbish. The cost of emptying a few decent rubbish bins is small compared with option two! I'm sure we're all on the same page!



Attention 2006 Toyota Prado owners

On the afternoon of Sunday 9 November 2025 the male occupant of a white 2006 Toyota Landcruiser Prado was seen hurriedly bumbling his weekend household waste into the bin outside the *Ada Design Store* (that rubbish bin has since been removed). The 2006 Toyota Landcruiser Prado (rego KLT200) had two mountain bikes on a rear carrier. His wife/partner/accomplice was driving. Do you know Mr KLT200? Perhaps his holiday home is close to where you live or holiday. I don't think we need to know who Mr KLT200 is, but he needs to know that everyone is watching, including the cameras that are all around our village!

1. Formed by the late Sir Michael Cullen on: 1st July 2007 (19 years ago).
2. Current overall value: 30th June 2025: \$123.1 billion
February 2026: \$140.0 billion approximately
3. Investors in the New Zealand KiwiSaver scheme and Australian superannuation can be transferable.
4. Is not compulsory at this time but may be at some future point.
5. Annual government contribution per member per year has been reduced to \$260.78 per year.
6. Members must live (or normally be resident in New Zealand).
7. When starting a new job and aged between 18 years old and 65 years old, you are automatically enrolled by your employer . You can choose between day 14 and day 54 to opt out, should you wish.
8. You then chose your preferred KiwiSaver fund provider. There are presently 29 registered KiwiSaver providers.
9. If you are under 18 years of age, then your parents need to be involved in the sign-up process.
10. You do not need to have permanent employment to have and operate a KiwiSaver account.
11. The key is to make regular contributions (say monthly) into your KiwiSaver account.
12. In most cases you will also be able to have your employer make regular contributions into your KiwiSaver account.
13. KiwiSaver withdrawals are possible after you have been in the scheme for 3 years are: a. To assist in purchasing your own first home b. If you move from New Zealand permanently c. Serious illness d. Experience serious financial hardship e. Once you turn 65 years of age, you can deposit into and withdraw out of your KiwiSaver account at will - this is a major plus.
14. Discuss with your own accountant in case there is something I have overlooked in your personal situation.
15. The minimum employer contribution to your KiwiSaver account at the present time is 3.5 % of your gross (before tax) earnings, as from 1 April 2026.
16. Your own contributions as a percentage of your gross (before tax) income are 4% or 6% or 10%. Your minimum contribution after 1 April 2026 will be 3.5%.
17. Your KiwiSaver earnings are taxable, but it operates through what is called a Pie scheme, which generally works in your favour. You need to advise your KiwiSaver provider as to the tax rate you wish to be taxed at inside the Pie Scheme which will be 10.5%, 17.5% or 28%. Probably 17.5% would be the most common rate.
18. The IRD effectively manages the scheme. They manage all contributions and pass them on to your provider.
19. There is a default scheme, but you are far better to choose your own provider and nominate your preferred asset allocating class.
20. If you are 65 years or older you can still join the scheme.
21. The present number of KiwiSaver members as at 30 June 2025 is 3,405,406.
22. How many different funds are there? Approximately 370, although your KiwiSaver provider will mainly deal with this issue.
23. The average annual management fee for the KiwiSaver account is approximately 0.7% per year of the total assets involved.
24. Consequently, if your KiwiSaver account assets were \$60,000, then your annual fee would be \$420.
25. How many withdrew KiwiSaver funds in the 2025 year to purchase their first home: 43,600.
26. How much was withdrawn for first home purchases: \$1.86 billion. The average first home withdrawal was \$42,660.
27. Average KiwiSaver balance at 30 June 2025 was \$36,349.
28. Total contributions for the year ended 30 June 2025 were \$12.2 billion. This includes contributions from employee, employer and government.
29. Net overall investment returns: \$6.4 billion.
30. Total fees paid to KiwiSaver providers in 2025 year: \$865.3 million
31. Split of where overall contributions came from:

Employees	\$7.8 billion	(63.93%)
Employers	\$3.4 billion	(27.87%)
<u>NZ Government</u>	<u>\$1.0 billion</u>	<u>(8.20%)</u>
	\$12.2 billion	(100.00%)
32. Number of KiwiSaver members who made hardship withdrawals in the 2025 year: 45,870
Amount withdrawn: \$471 million.
Average hardship withdrawal: \$10,268 approximately
33. Number who made no contributions to their KiwiSaver in the 2025 year: 1,606,017. This number is far too high.
34. Split of schemes as at 30 June 2025

Growth fund	47.5%
Balanced fund	28.1%
Conservative fund.	16.2%
<u>Cash and other funds.</u>	<u>8.2%</u>
	100.0%

35. To qualify for the government annual contribution of \$260.72 (which is paid from 16 years of age to 65 years of age) members must contribute no less than \$1,042.86 per year.
36. KiwiSaver encourages people to save for the future, whether it is a house, choices later in life, or their retirement. It is a scheme where parents and grandparents can contribute for a period.

In the next issue of The Pinkie there will be an example that will show how parents and grandparents can contribute to a KiwiSaver fund for their child/grandchild.

Suggested Summary

1. I like the concept of helping children and grandchildren along the lines of my example. (See the next Pinkie)
2. The approach with the example would almost guarantee they would be able to purchase their first home at 35 years of age or earlier.
3. One of the keys is to start saving early for the child.
4. The KiwiSaver scheme providers provide very good competition amongst themselves, which is very healthy.
5. As at the present time (2026), approximately 60% of KiwiSaver funds are invested outside of New Zealand. This is necessary to achieve sound sustainable returns.
6. KiwiSaver uses the 'pie' tax issues well.
7. At the age of about 30 years, the growth asset allocation could perhaps be moved to a balanced fund asset allocation; but this is simply a matter of opinion. A good KiwiSaver fund provider is essential, and they will add value to this point.
8. I feel every 65-year-old should continue with their KiwiSaver account, even if they simply use it like their bank.
9. KiwiSaver is also a good way of self-insuring a couple's health costs. At 70 years of age, they often start to find the annual premium for health insurance, even with a significant excess figure, is more than they can cope with.
10. Am I suggesting that KiwiSaver performs any better than other investments? No, there will be others just as good if not better. You would, however, need to be a very good investor and looking at issues probably every day, to beat a good KiwiSaver scheme.
11. KiwiSaver is going to become an increasingly important tool for superannuation and retirement for New Zealanders.
12. Sooner or later, KiwiSaver involvement will be compulsory - the sooner the better for all wage and salary earners.
13. Your bank, or anyone else, cannot take security over your KiwiSaver assets. This is a good feature.
14. The withdrawals for financial hardship from KiwiSaver are disappointing but understandable.
15. All major New Zealand banks are deeply involved in the KiwiSaver scheme as providers, and most handle this well. It is a good sign when our banks effectively support the scheme. Banks only tend to get involved with issues and exercises that work well - generally for themselves also.
16. What does it cost to enter the KiwiSaver Scheme - very little and the ongoing annual cost in fees are also low.
17. The KiwiSaver Scheme is a very good one to save for first home purchases, and later for self insuring personal health expenses and for retirement planning.

PS. It is fair comment that:

1. Over the last few weeks, the world's sharemarkets including the New Zealand share market and New Zealand KiwiSaver fund have all taken a hammering re current market value due to the Middle East war.
2. Market volatility is a fact of life and will continue.
3. Since 1950 (76 years ago) the New Zealand sharemarket return before allowing for inflation has averaged 9.13%.
4. After allowing for inflation this return has been 5.56%.
5. Long term the return before inflation from dividends and interest has been 5.36% and capital gains 3.87%.
6. Historically a down cycle is followed by an up-cycle but the up-cycle tends to be slow compared with the down-cycle but the upside tends to last longer - that at least is the history.

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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.

Amuri Community Arts Council
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Sing around the World

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF TWO COMMUNITY CHOIRS

Haven Choir from Nelson joins our own Hanmer Sings



Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall
9 May 2026 @ 2pm
FREE ENTRY - koha welcome to help with travel costs

Free Concert - 9 May @ 2pm

Hanmer Sings (Sings, not a spelling mistake) 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, and a Saturday afternoon concert in The Memorial Hall (2pm, Saturday 9 May). A great family outing just before Mothers day!

Have you got the bikes?



A new perspective of the bikes ... loaded for good times in Hanmer Springs

INFINITY'S REFLECTION



Patricia Fanning

inspiration from the celestial - star systems, nebulae & the intricate scatterings of stardust echoing the vast cold silence of vulnerability ...



Opening 7 March 5pm - Live Music



The Dixie Hotshots
FREE refreshments

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Amuri Community Arts Council
Gallery info: mclubbnz@gmail.com

A healthy lunch option when in the Big Smoke



If you're in Christchurch and need a healthy lunch, "on-the-run", try Pepe's at the city end of Riccarton Road.

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.

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12/28 JACKS PASS ROAD, HANMER SPRINGS



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

It literally speaks to the notion that art is a reflection of the way we see the world, a word that cannot be limited to one thing or viewpoint and therefore cannot be encapsulated by a single theory. This exhibition brings that idea to life and provides a window into 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
with FREE refreshments



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bureaucrat/bureaucrats

noun

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Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club Inc.



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23rd May 2026 - 5pm

Top10 Holiday Park Conference Room

Followed by Committee Meeting

Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust



Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust

AGM

Monday 11 May 2026 6:30pm

Anglican Church meeting room

Please come along and share your views,
and find out about the work of the Trust.

Refreshments will be served following the
meeting.

Any nominations to the Board must be with
the secretary by Saturday 9 May, and sent
to:

rozinhanmer@gmail.com



It Is the Soldier - A Poem

A poem by Charles M. Province

It is the Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organiser
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician
Who has given us the right to vote.

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Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

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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:

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

For more information please phone Louise Green on 03 253 4367



Hanmer Springs School Report.

TKC Extreme Hide & Seek - By Georgia.

The Senior Hub went into the forest for Extreme hide-and-seek. They teamed up in pairs or threes and went off to hide. They had 15 minutes before the seekers came looking for them. The teachers and parents were the seekers who had to try and find us. Once we were found, we then helped to find the others. 10 people survived hiding in the forest for one hour. Most of the winners were dressed in camo, and they all had really good hiding spots. One of the local policemen came with his thermal imaging monocular. It was a fun afternoon and we all had a great time.



On Thursday in our end-of-term assembly, the students who had completed their Term 1 TKC challenges received their badges. The Y5 and Y6 students are required to complete 3 hours of mindfulness, 3 hours of community service, 3 hours of passion project, read a novel and participate in the school outdoor activity. The Y7 and Y8 students are required to complete 5 hours of each activity. There were lots of students who completed the Term 1 badge. Some students were recognised for doing extra hours in their activities or for doing lots of entries in their TKC book, these students were given a super rise-up, worth 10 house points.

Cultural Celebration. 🇬🇧 - By Christie 🌸

On Wednesday afternoon, to conclude our inquiry learning, we held a Cultural Celebration for the 18 cultures which are represented in our school. We started with our flag ceremony, where representatives from each culture carried their flags. Some students dressed up in their traditional costumes. The Y5&6 students gave speeches about the countries and shared facts that they had learnt. We shared our inquiry learning with our families. All the families brought food from their culture, and we shared an afternoon tea. The food was delicious. There was a huge variety of food like fry bread, dumplings, bhajis, chips and dip, Russian honey cake, cucumber sandwiches, fairybread and lots more!



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.

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Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 28 March

Stableford
1st Cliff Tipler 38 pts
2nd Scott Callaway 37
3rd Ken Williams 36
4th Susan Turner 36
5th Adam Jacks 35

No Twos

Nearest the Pin
Mark Worner

Jackpot Twos & Net Eagles
Not struck

Saturday 4 April

Net & Gross competition
Division 1 0.0 - 12.0
Gross Mike Berry 69
Net Brent Berry 68

Division 2 12.1 -18.0
Gross Sharn Ogilvie 80
Net Mark Minson 68

Division 3 18.0 - 40.1
Gross Ben Williams 87
Net Warren Houghton 66

Twos - Brent Berry - Mike
Berry - Adam Jacks

Jackpot Twos - Brent Berry

Nearest the Pin - Paul Jones

Net Eagles not struck

Saturday 11 April

Stableford competition
AVI Shootout round



Results kindly submitted by Mike Gainsford.

Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 26/03/2026

1st - C Scrivener & J Pillidge

Results 02/04/2026

1st - R Hothersall & G Baldwin

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

Event Calendar



APRIL 2026

- 20 School Term 2 Starts
- 25 ANZAC Day (Observed Monday 27 April)
- 27 ANZAC Day observed

MAY 2026

- 02 Hanmer Springs Half Marathon
- 09 Combined Community Choir Concert
(Memorial Hall, 2pm, free entry)
- 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

NOVEMBER 2026

- 13 Canterbury Anniversary 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 2

Monday 20 April to
Friday 3 July

Term 3

Monday 20 July to
Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October to
Wednesday 16
December



The Soldiers Block



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

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Sawland Environmental Limited wishes to advise the public of its intention to aerielly apply the toxin sodium fluoroacetate (1080) in the upper Severn area of Molesworth Station for the purpose of controlling possums. The operation is being carried out on behalf of OSPRI New Zealand as part of its TBfree programme, which aims to eradicate bovine tuberculosis from wildlife vectors that pose a risk to farmed cattle and deer.

Description of Control Area

The Molesworth-Severn operational area takes in approximately 2,000 hectares of Public Conservation Land situated on the eastern side of the Raglan Range and is more or less oriented along the upper Severn River and its tributaries, from a point approximately 1.2km upstream of the Severn Hut to the vicinity of the saddle between the Severn and Leatham catchments.

A detailed map of the Molesworth-Severn operational area may be obtained from Sawland Environmental as per contact details below.

Commencement Date

Possum control in the approximately 2,000 hectare Molesworth-Severn block is scheduled to commence from 1 May 2026, with the aerial application of non-toxic cereal prefeed pellets. This will be followed approximately 7-10 days later by the aerial application of pellets containing biodegradable sodium fluoroacetate (1080).

All work is weather dependent, and commencement may be later than indicated. In the event of an extended delay, further notices will be placed to advise the public.

Bait Description

- Prefeed - Non-toxic cereal-based pellet, approximately 16mm long, cinnamon-lured and dyed green.
- Toxic bait - Cereal-based pellet, approximately 16mm long, cinnamon-lured and dyed green with a toxic loading of 0.15% sodium fluoroacetate (1080).

Note: all prefeed and toxic pellet bait for the operation will contain deer repellent.

Precautions

The public are reminded of the danger that toxic baits and possum carcasses pose, particularly to children and dogs.

- Do not touch or eat baits
- Children must be kept under strict supervision in the control area.
- Dogs must be kept under strict control at all times and not have access to, or be taken into the control area, as they are particularly susceptible to harm from contact with toxic baits and poisoned carcasses. The risk that poisoned carcasses pose to dogs may extend downstream of the control area.
- Toxin warning signs will be installed at main public entry points and the public are reminded that it is an offence to remove this warning signage. Please follow the instructions on the signs.
- Game animals should not be sold or taken for eating from within or adjacent to this area until it is declared clear of pesticides.

**If you suspect poisoning

Contact your local hospital, or dial 111

National Poisons Centre 0800 POISON – 0800 764 766

In the case of a domestic animal being poisoned, contact a local veterinarian.

For further information please contact

Operation Controller: Molesworth-Severn

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Our Happy Places



This is one of Wendy's happy places. Do you know where it is?



One of my happy places ... over the back!

Council Notices



2026 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Hurunui District Council is calling for nominations for worthy recipients from the Hurunui District for Community Service Awards.

These awards are to recognise a long period of exceptional service to the community.

Further information and the nomination forms:

- See Council's website, type 'Community Service Awards' into the search bar,
- Drop into the Amberley Office, or service centres/libraries in Amberley, Culverden, Cheviot, Hawarden or Hanmer Springs.

Entries close 5.00 pm Monday 4 May 2026.

Completed forms should be emailed to maree.hare@hurunui.govt.nz

Or posted to:

Maree Hare
Hurunui District Council
P O Box 13, Amberley 7441





SportNZ



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
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ANZAC DAY RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

Rubbish and recycling collections in Hanmer Springs will happen one day later than normal on Tuesday 28 April.

For further information on rubbish and recycling, please visit
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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.

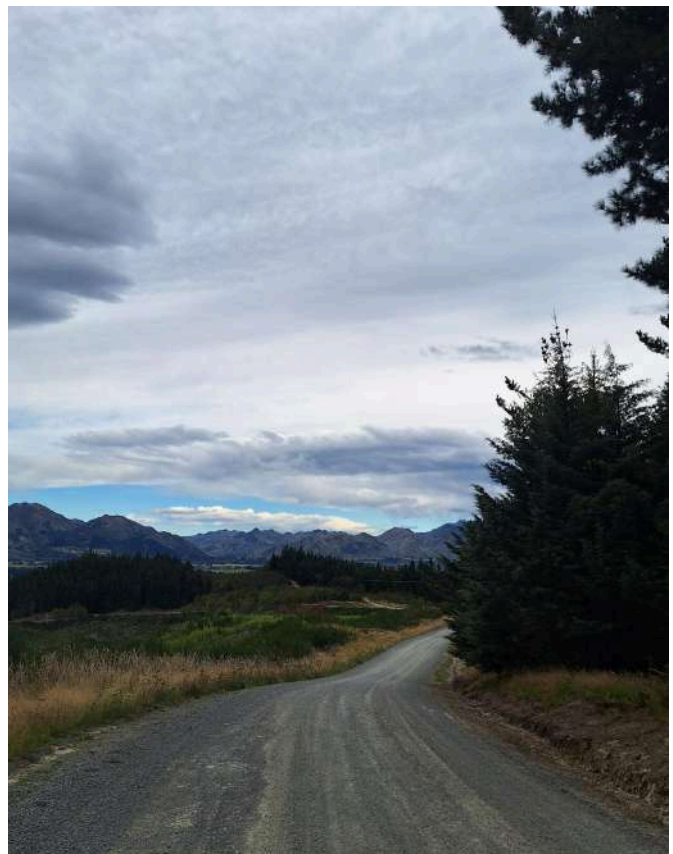
Location: From the water tanks on Clarence Valley Road by the forest entrance, up to the top of the hill at the public carpark. Approximately five kilometres.

Time: 7am to 5pm.

Lunchtime opening: Midday- 12.30pm.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation, closing the road means is the best option for public and road worker safety, and it allows for quicker work which means less cost to ratepayers.

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