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Should you require access to emergency services during a power outage, and your phones are not working, **Civil Defence Emergency Management has provided satellite phones at TWO locations in Hanmer Springs:**

The Gateway Lodge
35 Hanmer Springs Road
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(Available 24/7 from the office/reception)



Hanmer Springs Medical Centre
59 Jacks Pass Road
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(opening hours only)

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Tuesday	10am to 2pm
Wednesday	10am to 2pm
Friday	10am to 2pm
Sunday	10am to 2pm



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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

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10am - 2pm

hanmer@hurunui.govt.nz

Useful Opening Times



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8am - 8:00pm

The Four Square is open 8am to 8pm.



The Toy Shop

(including postal services)

Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm

Saturday 9am - 4pm

Sunday 10am - 2pm

Our post code
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Thermal Pools & Spa**

Hanmer Springs 10am - 7pm
Thermal Pools & Spa

Hanmer Springs Service Station



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(Saturday)

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We all love Hanmer Springs ...

In her down-time Holly Whittfield, from the Gateway Lodge, likes to get “out and about” to explore Hanmer Springs, and the surrounds. On 23 April Holly visited Lake Tennyson, making the most of a perfect autumn day, with fresh snow on the hills. The cover photo, by Holly, was taken a short distance up the road from St James homestead, on the way to Lake Tennyson. Thanks for sharing this magic photo Holly!

Hanmer Springs is a great place to live! You either know this, or you don’t, and you’re dreaming about trying it for yourself!

There are so many good reasons to live in Hanmer Springs. For starters, it’s a great place to raise a family; and the Hanmer Springs School is fantastic!

Secondly, we have some great places to enjoy a coffee and a catch-up. If you don’t live in Hanmer Springs imagine this ... catching up with a good friend for a coffee and scone on a picture perfect, lazy, mid-week autumn day. Mmmm!

Thirdly, we have some great forest trails for walking and running, and we also have some fantastic mountain bike tracks too.

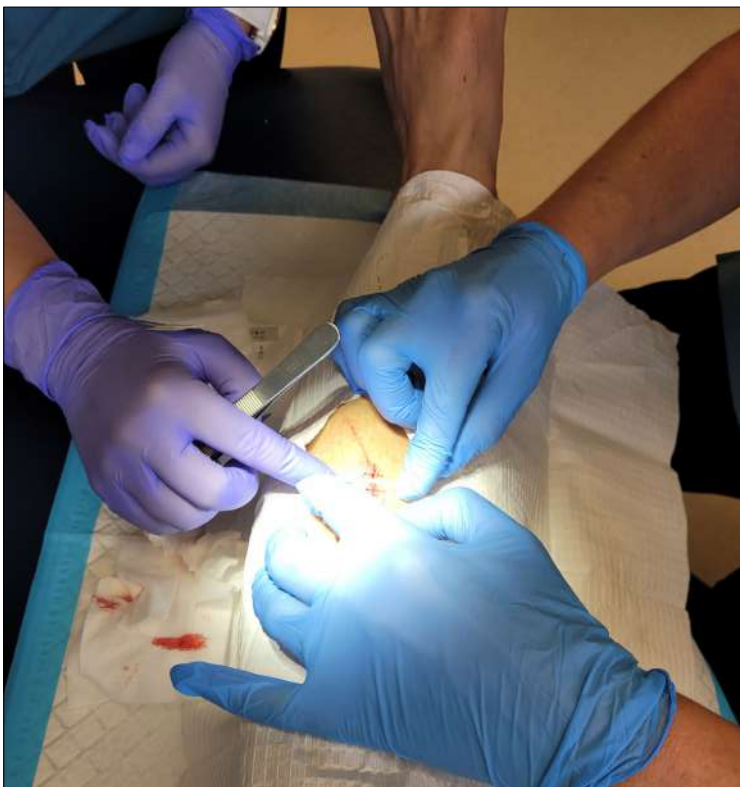
Then we have the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa, and a number of great places for some pampering including *Alpine Massage, Lilian The Brazilian Wellness and Day Spa* and *Vibrant Living Retreat and Day Spa*.

There are also lots of weekly activities in Hanmer Springs; a walking group, a tramping group, pilates classes, aquacize, Probus, Lions, a Bridge club, a singing group, a stitch and knitting group etc. There is also a picturesque golf club and a lawn bowls club. There is even a paragliding club!

One of the other great things about living in Hanmer Springs is the Hanmer Springs Medical Centre. The other week I was busy pretending to be a farmer when I discovered my leg was cut. I have a decent first aid kit and I’m not scared of blood so I gave the wound a good flush with saline solution and decided the injury needed a stitch or three! I drove up to the medical centre and was greeted by someone I knew. I was then seen by two nurses I know (and each nurse lives within 300m of me) and on my follow-up appointment the sutures were removed by another member of staff I also know. We know each other by name here in Hanmer Springs and while I may have a National Health Index (NHI) number it was never mentioned and I was spoken to by name every step of the way. Yes, I love Hanmer and I appreciated the loving care I received at the Hanmer Springs Medical Centre on those two visits. Thank you everyone!

If you’re thinking about moving to Hanmer Springs please check out the “Classes, Fitness, Clubs & Music” page in this issue of *The Pinkie* (next page), and this weekend, wherever you are, you should practise having coffee with your friends, because that’s what we do here in Hanmer Springs!

Keep being awesome out there!
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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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.
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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 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

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meetings, worship, retreats etc
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showers.
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(03 314-8816)

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carpeted room. Bar facilities.
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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

National Airways Corporation and Air Travel in the 1970s and 1980s



Don't we love the Morrie?

I had a flashback to my childhood recently. I recalled the “gifts” we received when family members travelled by air. Back in those days air travel was a “big deal” and to my young self it seemed that only adults travelled by aeroplane.

My maternal grandparents lived in the North Island, just north of Hunterville, in the Rangitikei District. My mother had grown up on a farm. My grandfather was a dairy farmer. He was also an upstanding gentleman in the district, a great storyteller and he had a great sense of humour; as dry as old leather gloves! He was also a kind man, the kind, I imagined, who named each of his cows; about fifty. I'd like to be just like my granddad. I've already made a start! My cattle are named; Clive, Keith, Nancy and Karen!

Back to the flashback ...

On occasion my mother would fly north to visit her folks and I recall, on her return, she would gift us the small teal coloured plastic “in-service” tray from the plane, the funny little white stirrer (see photos on right) and an assortment of boiled lollies. Back in those days the airline was called the National Airways Corporation, or NAC for short.

The “Dad joke” of the time:

Q: How many letters in the alphabet? A: Twenty three, because the NAC flew away!

I learnt something new the other day. The teal coloured tray was given to the tea drinkers and the other colour, a funny dirty orange colour, was for the coffee drinkers. The flight attendants (air hostesses), while moving through the cabin, would know who to approach for a top-up if they had the tea or coffee pot, based on the tray colour; smart!

The symbol of the godwit (kūaka) was on the tail of the aircraft and also embossed on the tray and stirrer.

Back in those days, I recall the majority of travellers were adults. It wasn't until the early 1980s when I first remember children from my school class flying to Australia, in our school holidays, to buy electronics! In those days there were hefty duties and tariffs on imported goods and so a fad seemed to develop for school holiday trips to Australia to purchase a new television, stereo or Sony Walkman (a portable cassette player, if you're old enough to know what that is)!

My grandparents also travelled to Norfolk Island on occasion and I remember hearing the reports of their “international” travel, on their return.

As children we were fascinated by the smallest detail of their travel and the trays and stirring devices, and cups too, became part of our plastic toy tea set.

Life was slower and simpler back in those days, and those readers who remember them may well wish life were slower and simpler again, in a nostalgic way. I do.



NAC “teaspoons”



NAC “in-service” tray

Editorial - The Main Thing in an Election Year

These days everyone seems to be under some sort of financial pressure, and as the saying goes, if there are problems at the “bottom”, they have, almost certainly, come from the “top”.

Our very own *Pita Alexander*, well-known accountant and Hanmer Springs resident, has been writing a number of articles that highlight the pressure our government is under to balance “their” books; they’re actually *our* books!

For many years now, our country has been living beyond our means. Put simply, we spend more than we earn. We spend more on welfare, health, education and servicing our debt etc, than our Government earns in tax revenue.

We either need to get serious about spending less (spending less on welfare, health, education etc), or we need to pay more tax; it’s that simple.

As a general election looms I have done a stocktake on how I have voted over the years. Initially I was young and naive. Then I was older and naive! I remember being distracted by the political debates and the “feel-good” matters that, in hindsight, were not the most important thing.

Today I am clearer, and wiser, than ever. The most important thing for any entity, whether it be central government, local government, company or individual, is to spend less than what is earned. For you and me it is not sustainable to spend more than we earn week after week. So, if it’s not sustainable for you and me, why is it acceptable for our local Council and our Government (“our country”) to spend more than we earn; week after week and year after year?

As a country we spend \$24 million each day on servicing our debt! Put another way, we pay \$24 million a day in interest.

For the last couple of elections I have become smarter and wiser, and more strategic, about how I cast my vote, and I no longer waste my vote!

Many of the political parties, and the media, try to distract us with the current trendy or topical matter, but the real question we need to ask ourselves is this ...

Q. What party has a plan for balancing our budget, and will they work tirelessly to ensure we live within our means?

From where I stand there is only one party that is talking about living within our means. The other political parties like to distract us with issues that do not solve our debt crisis.

We either need to get serious about spending less, or we need to pay more tax; it’s that simple.

When I look back over the years I have definitely been distracted by non-essential “feel-good” policies and I have definitely wasted my vote.

So starting today, when you’re deciding who you’ll vote for, you should listen for parties that are either (1) talking about balancing our books by spending less; or (2) talking about raising taxes to balance our books.

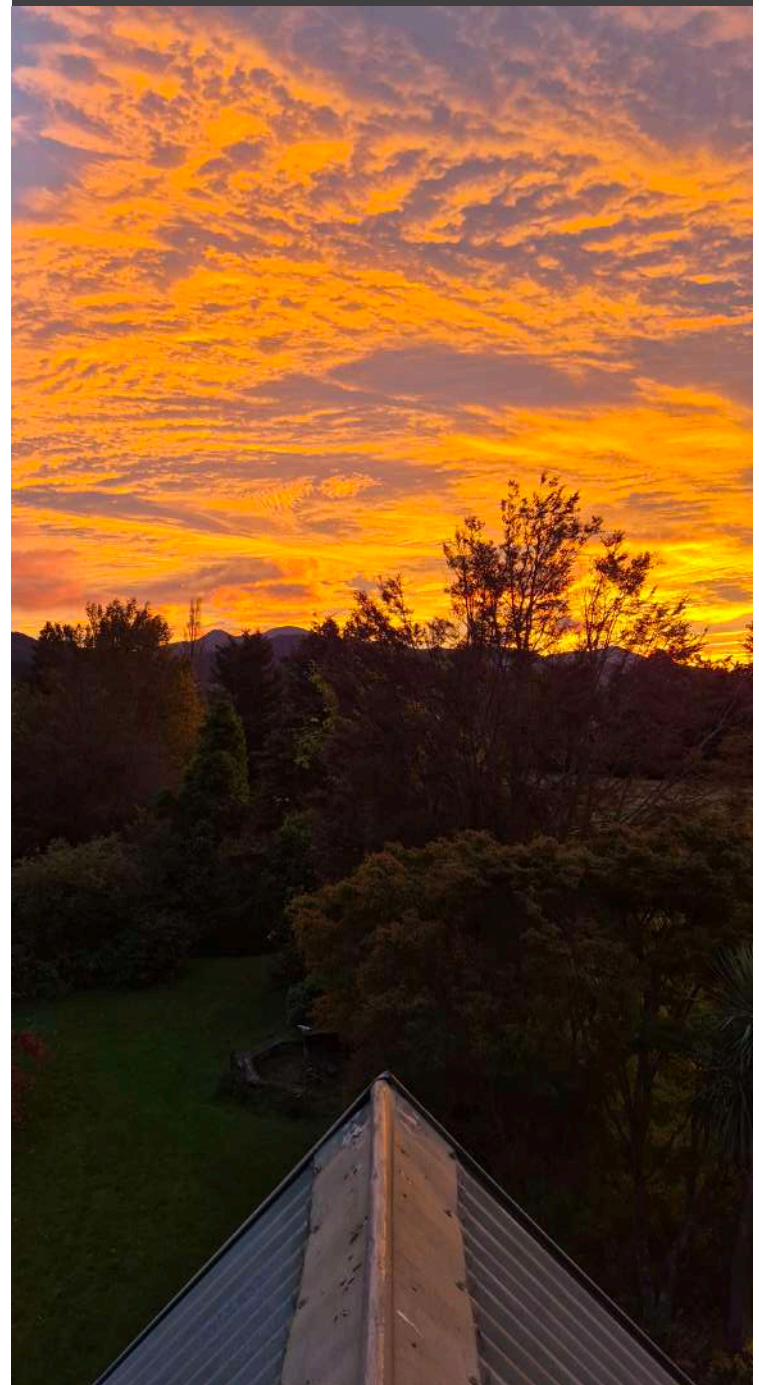
Going forward, we only seem to have two options. If we each were to take accountability for our currently financial situation, as a country, rather than pointing the finger at the current or past governments, we would either be offering to (i) pay an extra \$10 each day in taxes, or (ii) work an extra 45-60 minutes each day! Working more results in more tax being paid.

No one appears to want to live with less, so cutting spending doesn’t seem to be an option.

Make your vote count on Saturday 7 November 2026.



Red sky in the morning, what a delight!



When the morning sky is so spectacular the only thing to do is scale the roof and sit on the ridge, with one leg either side, and get out the camera!

Hanmer Springs Netball Club Report



The netball teams travelled to Hawarden to play their first games of the season. The FF6 team had a bye, so they will play their first game this coming weekend.

The *Gavin's Logging Senior* team kicked off their season with a fresh new lineup, taking the court with energy and enthusiasm. There were some strong passages of play across the court, with players stepping into new positions and beginning to build new combinations as a team. It was a tough match against the Hawarden Senior A team, final score 33-10 to Hawarden. A great first outing for the team, with plenty of positives to build on over the coming season. Player of the Day went to Cassidy. We would like to thank *Monteith's* for sponsoring the Player of the Day vouchers again this season.

Our Under 14 squad kicked off the season this weekend with a challenging game against one of the strongest teams in the division. While the final score did not fully reflect the immense effort the girls put into the match, it was encouraging to see a significantly stronger performance in the second half. The team demonstrated great resilience, maintaining a positive attitude and offering consistent support for one another throughout the game.

As we move forward, we have identified key areas for development, particularly regarding on-court communication and tactical positioning. Congratulations to Aaliya, who earned Player of the Day for her exceptional ability to read the game and her timely intercepts. We also extend a sincere thank you to *Fire and Ice* for generously providing the Player of the Day vouchers.

The Future Ferns 5 netball team kicked off their 2026 season with an outstanding performance, proving that their pre-season focus on teamwork is already paying off. The girls took to the court with positive energy and a well-rehearsed team cheer, ready to enjoy every moment of the game. The team's communication was a highlight of the match, with players calling for the ball and supporting one another to move play smoothly through the court. In defence, Ruby and Harriet were relentless, working hard to create crucial turnovers. In the goal circle, Iris was in fine form, showing great composure and a sharp eye for goal. A special

mention goes to the team's newest players - Josie, Nabi, and Harper. The trio worked hard to master the rules and court positioning, showing development as the game progressed.

Congratulations to Ruby, who was named Player of the Day. Ruby read the game exceptionally well, securing several brilliant intercepts and always making herself available to transition the ball down-court. The team would like to extend a huge thank you to our local sponsors, *Fudgelato* and the *Hanmer Springs Toy Shop*, for their support of our Player of the Day awards. This group of girls shows immense potential, and we cannot wait to see how they grow together throughout the rest of the season!



Saturday 16 May - Save the date!

The Hanmer Springs Club day is on Saturday 16th May, so come on down to the netball courts to support our teams!

Sing around the World

Sat 9 May
2pm

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*Haven Choir from Nelson
joins our own Hanmer Sings*



Haven Choir - Nelson

**Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall
9 May 2026 @ 2pm**

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40 Years Below

Roger Lusby



**One Year On Ice
Scott Base Antarctica 1969/70**

Tuesday 7 July 2026

**The Sports Pavilion
65 Jacks Pass Road. 7pm – 9pm**

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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!

A cool morning for a parkrun



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A fund of \$5,000 is available in the Hurunui Heritage Fund for projects preserving the district's heritage. There is also \$10,000 available in the MainPower Hurunui Environment Fund, to restore, reinstate or otherwise benefit the natural environment in the Hurunui District.

For more details and to apply, please visit www.hurunui.govt.nz. Application forms are also available at all Council Service Centers and Libraries. Applications for both funds must be with the Administrator by 5pm Monday 11 May 2026.

For further enquiries contact maree.hare@hurunui.govt.nz



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Hanmer Springs Service Center & Library
Monday 11 May
3pm or 6:30pm



Thanks Tony! You're awesome!

I reckon Tony Lu needs another special mention. We all know Tony's silver Toyota Hiace van. Every day Tony serves our community with a smile on his face. Tony is always friendly and helpful and he goes out of his way to ensure our parcels are delivered right to the door. Thanks Tony! You're awesome and we appreciate all you do for us.



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Give up your need to have more.
Let go of identifying yourself on the basis of your achievements.



AGM Notices

Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club Inc.



Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club
AGM

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



Some of the women entrants in the 2026 Hanmer Springs MTB Backyard Ultra

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Hanmer Springs School Report.

Conservation Week by Tui I.

As part of Conservation Week on Thursday 23rd April the Y4-8 students walked down to the Woodland Ponds to meet Chris Hughey, who talked about the restoration project. We learnt about all the native birds, like the fantails and ducks. We learnt that the pond was made in 1983! And did you know the lake used to be a horse paddock? Did you know the lake was built so that if a helicopter needs water, they can dip their bucket in the water? We saw some ducks and a lot of fantails by the lake too! Thank you to Chris Hughey for sharing lots of information too.



Sculptures by Jonty.

In May 2024, the Douglas Fir trees outside the school got cut down, and they were transported to the Manion farm, where they lay for the past year. Last week, a sculptor called Jakob came and cut and chiselled one into a beautiful chair. Originally, there was going to be another sculpture that was going to be the Gruffalo, but it could not be carved because of copyright issues, so instead, we will have a grand reveal of what the second one will be soon. We are all excited to find out.



See the next page for page 2 of the Hanmer Springs School

Anzac Day writing.

The Y3/4 students in Tui Class have written information reports about Anzac Day.

Anzac Day by Coby.

Anzac Day is a time to remember the Anzac soldiers who went to fight the other soldiers.

Anzac Day is on the 25th of April. It remembers the fight in Gallipoli in World War 1 where lots of soldiers died. 8500 people went to Gallipoli, over 2500 people died.

People use symbols to remember the people who went to war. Red poppies grew in the battlefields, and we wear them for a symbol to remember the soldiers. Purple poppies are there to remember the animals who died. Rosemary grew wild in Gallipoli. Anzac biscuits were sent to the soldiers. They did not have eggs, so they were good after the journey.

We celebrate Anzac Day with respect. People go to the Dawn Parade. A person plays the Last Post on a bugle. Soldiers march while wearing their medals.

Anzac Day is an important day to remember the soldiers who died. We are grateful we have peace in NZ.

Anzac Day by Grace.

Anzac Day is a day when you remember the soldiers who died. 2500 soldiers died in the Battle of Gallipoli. Anzac Day is on the 25th of April.

Anzac Day is important. It is on the 25th of April, which is when the Battle of Gallipoli started.

Poppies are a symbol to remember the soldiers who died in the war. Poppies grew in the battlefield. Rosemary grew wild in Gallipoli and is a symbol of remembering. Anzac biscuits were sent over to soldiers in the war. The biscuits had no eggs in them, so they can survive the big journey from NZ.

People celebrate Anzac Day by showing respect. A person plays the Last Post on the bugle. People go to the Dawn Service. Soldiers march at the Dawn Service.

Anzac Day is a day you remember the soldiers that died in the war.



When you live in Hanmer Springs you quickly get to know one another. Having children at school helps, but so too do all the other opportunities to meet each other. Go ahead, look at page 4 and the next couple of pages of this wee newspaper; you'll see all the weekly activities, and the groups that meet.

Aquacize, Line Dancing, Pilates, Hanmer Springs Big Band, Tuesday Walkers, Hanmer Sings, Mount Isobel Tramping Group, Bridge, E-Bike Touring Group, Lions, Morris Dancing, Tennis, Golf, Lawn Bowls, Community Gym, Menz Shed, Swim Club, Netball, Ukulele and the recently formed Mount Isobel Paragliding Group. There are also church groups that meet on Saturdays, Sundays and other nights of the week. There is St John, the Volunteer Fire Brigade and the local LandSAR group; I'm sure I have missed some! Oh, Probus!

Hanmer Springs has a population of about 1,200! Can you believe it? All these active community groups!

If you're new to Hanmer Springs, and don't have children, I suggest you get involved with the local amateur (actually very professional) drama group; Amuri Players. You can help on-stage, back-stage, with make-up, costumes, sound, lighting or in the production team. You'll quickly get to know a wide range of the community, and often people from the wider Hurunui participate too.

So it's not long before you start to recognise the make, model and colour of each others cars; and some of us even remember each other's licence plate too. So when we're driving around we're operating in a "low-level decipher mode", or LLDM for short! We're all in *The Matrix* looking for each other; so we can wave!

The wave! Well that's another field of scientific study right there! There's the subtle full-hand wave, the happy full-handed wave, the index finger wave, the index and middle finger wave, the all-finger wave, the full forearm wave, and the hand wave, the hand that stays on the steering wheel wave, the hand that happily jumps off the steering wheel wave ... the list goes on! I can see you practising each of these different waves as you're reading this! Then there is the slow motion version of each wave too. I try to mix them up so no-one pegs me with one wave or another. Not so with Geoff Hill. Geoff always uses the slow motion version of the full forearm and hand wave, which is very pronounced when driving his big Mack. It's more like a slow motion salute; not so much a wave. I love it, and I wouldn't dare copy it because my truck is tiny compared to Geoff's big Mack.

On weekends, public holidays and school holidays our senses are heightened. We're having to concentrate on the traffic jam ahead, and we're looking for that elusive park, so we're less likely to wave. There are far more cars and it's often just too exhausting trying to filter the "foreign cars", and decipher the local ones; so many of us give up the sport of waving in the weekends and during the holidays.

Besides cars, many of us know exactly where each other lives. When you move to Hanmer Springs you should really leave your city ideas behind. This is a community. A village, a place

where we know our neighbours, and just not the ones across the immediate fence. We're all neighbours. We all live within a couple of minutes of each other.

I'd happily shoot up to the top of Chalet Crescent, and beyond, to get some star anise from my friend Gavin. Or I'd give Vivienne a call to ask her if I can use her slow cooker (after breaking my one)!

We tolerate the noise of a chainsaw and a log splitter, because most of us need firewood for a cosy home in winter; and I want John, Tom and Gordon to be cosy too.

The place is too small to "slash" relationships and burn bridges. You'll bump into those people everywhere you turn.

Remember too, we don't gossip in Hanmer Springs. The place is simply too small; and the person you think you might just have a little gossip about has friends everywhere, including the person you're about to talk to!

Everyone here is connected, in some way, so we don't gossip. We talk respectfully to one another, and we only talk about each other if we have something good to say; or that's how I'd like it to be.

In Hanmer Springs there's no such thing as a quick trip to the shop for milk. It will take half an hour; possibly more! So whatever you do, don't go to the supermarket to get that paprika while the start of dinner is roasting in the oven!

I have lived in this community while a family member was unwell. One of our dear friends (LQF737) interfaced with the community and we had many, many, beautiful fresh home cooked meals delivered to our door. They were numerous, too many to count, and they often arrived on the evening when we'd had a day trip to the city for tests and appointments.

Hanmer Springs is a village where we look out for one another, and care for one another; through thick and thin! Yes, there is an occasional misunderstanding or upset, but we get over these quickly!

I also know one thing! I haven't always been fantastic, but I've learnt that an apology goes a long way.

Perhaps all this "waving" and "deciphering" exists in a dream called, "*The Hanmer Springs I want to live in*"; but I love the dream and I'm pretty sure many of you love it, and play a role in it too!



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, 1pm - 3:30pm
(Winter hours)

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

Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 23/04/2026

North/South - R Hothersall & J Wilson

East / West = P Bennett & T Davies

= C Scrivener & A van de Wiel

Results 30/04/2026

North/South - P Zino & E Appleby (visitors)

East / West - C & Scrivener

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

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 25th April

Irish Stableford

1st Les Mitchell 83 pts

2nd Neil Duncan 82

3rd Murray Pool 80

4th Greg Samson 78

5th Brett Chambers 78

6th Colin Hight 77

7th Matthew Morgan 77

8th Jason Hill 75

9th Paul Jones 75

Twos

Paul Jones

Nearest the Pin

Bary Toomey

Net Eagles

Neil Duncan

Jackpot Twos

Not Struck

It was great to see twelve ladies come along and play a 9 hole Ambrose followed by a shared afternoon tea and chinwag in the clubhouse last Friday afternoon.

Ladies 9 Hole Stableford Tournament

Thursday 14 May

9:30am Registration and morning tea

Tee off at 10:00am

Lunch in the clubhouse

Entry fee \$20

(includes 2s and closest to the Pin)

If you have a friend who is a 9 hole golfer invite them long as well.

Entries to Sandra

021 487 467

sandradaveb@gmail.com

Results kindly submitted by Mike Gainsford.

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"Mindset is everything"



Event Calendar



MAY 2026

- 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

!! 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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Amuri Area School,
Culverden
7pm, Wednesday
13 May 2026

RSVP: natalie.paterson@hurunui.govt.nz

Childcare services can be
arranged upon request.



"No rain, no flowers"

"Realise deeply that the present moment is all you
have. Make the NOW the primary focus of your life."

Eckhart Tolle

Autumn on Cheltenham



For Those That Love Drama!

CHICAGO AUDITION

Sunday 17th May 2026 - 1:00pm
Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall

September 2026 performances - Hanmer Springs

Register online via the link on the
Amuri Players Productions Facebook page

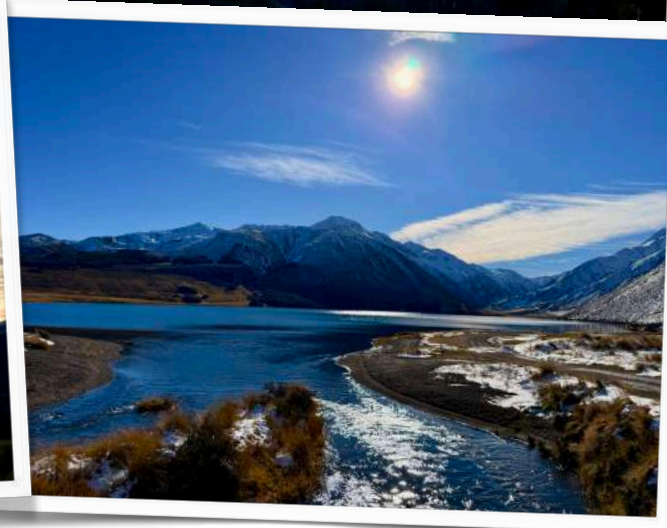
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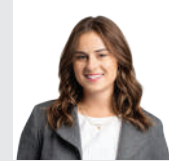
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