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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
Hanmer Springs
(opening hours only)

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Hanmer Springs Transfer Station

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



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Hanmer Springs Community Library
& Service Centre



Cnr Amuri Avenue
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12pm - 4pm

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P.



Wrotham Park Station, Far North Queensland

We all love Hanmer Springs ...

Come along for a ride!

In 1992, before the internet was a thing, my sister got a job by word-of-mouth, as a governess, on a massive 596,880 hectare cattle station in Far North Queensland, Australia, about 200km west of Cairns. The Hurunui District is 864,640 hectare so the cattle station, *Wrotham Park Station*, was about 70% the size of the Hurunui District.

My sister met her husband on *Wrotham Park Station*; he was the station's helicopter pilot. I visited them in 1997. They left a couple of years later and now live four hours north of Brisbane.

I've just had a couple of weeks in Australia for work. While I was there I drove some 5,170km through the five eastern states, so I've seen some country!

I flew into Alice Springs, Northern Territory, where I met a work colleague who had flown in from Adelaide, South Australia. We picked up two vehicles that had been left there from a previous project and after getting ourselves organised (groceries, charging equipment etc) we departed the following day, driving in convoy for two and a half days to, you guessed it, *Wrotham Park Station*! The drive was 2,057km which is equivalent to driving from Hanmer Springs to Auckland, and return, plus another 40km, and there was a fair amount of gravel too!

What is the chance of returning to a cattle station in Australia, for some work, that I had visited 29 years earlier? In my world it's a "needle in a haystack" story!

We camped for the five days we were at the station and I chose to sleep in a swag on the roof of the Toyota Land Cruiser canopy, under the night sky, while my cobbler slept in a tent. The shower was at the back of the truck. Nothing fancy, just a rubber mat on the ground and a garden hose connected to the onboard water tank, with a pump, and plenty of fresh air! We didn't need to warm the water! A little wet down. A decent lather-up with some body wash, and a good rinse to finish the job.

The weather at *Wrotham Park Station* was a warm 32°C to 36°C during the day, and 28°C to 32°C days down in Nyngan, New South Wales, where we completed our other project. So, all-in-all, I've just had a nice wee winter escape in Australia.

P.

Keep being awesome out there!

Reece



Wrotham Park Station, Far North Queensland

CLASSES, FITNESS, CLUBS & MUSIC

Monday

AQUACIZE

Monday 9am
Thermal Pools rear 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.

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First Tuesday of each month
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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

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It's as easy as that!

Wednesday

MT ISOBEL TRAMPING GROUP

Day tramps in local mountains and surrounding areas. Every Wednesday.
Call Janet (021 103 4303) for information.

LOCAL LADIES CATCH-UP

First Wednesday of each month.
Fire and Ice, from 5:30pm.
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HANMER SPRINGS KNITTING GROUP

Wednesday 10am
Hanmer Springs Library
Call Diane (021 315 779)

HANMER SINGS

Wednesday 5:00-6:15pm (school term only)
Hanmer Springs Primary School
Call Judy (021 0246 5633)
Cost: Donation

Thursday

PILATES CLASS

Thursday 8:45am and 10am
12 Amuri Avenue
Call Corry (021 045 7666)

AQUACIZE

Thursday 10am
Thermal Pools entrance.
You will need an aqua stick.
Call Sue (027 346 3931) for more information.

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 every "odd" month on the second Thursday of the month.
Gateway Tavern 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

HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

Saturday 8am
Brooke Dawson Reserve (off Bath Street)
See parkrun.co.nz for details

Sunday

MORRIS DANCING

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

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

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33 Jollies Pass Road
Tea & coffee after Sunday Service
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HANMER SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

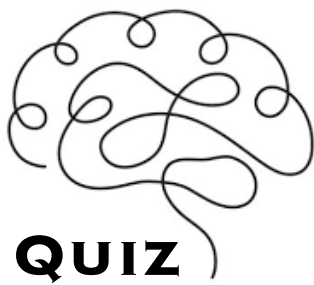
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Tennis

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Call Kate (021 026 67019) for more info

TRIVIA



QUIZ

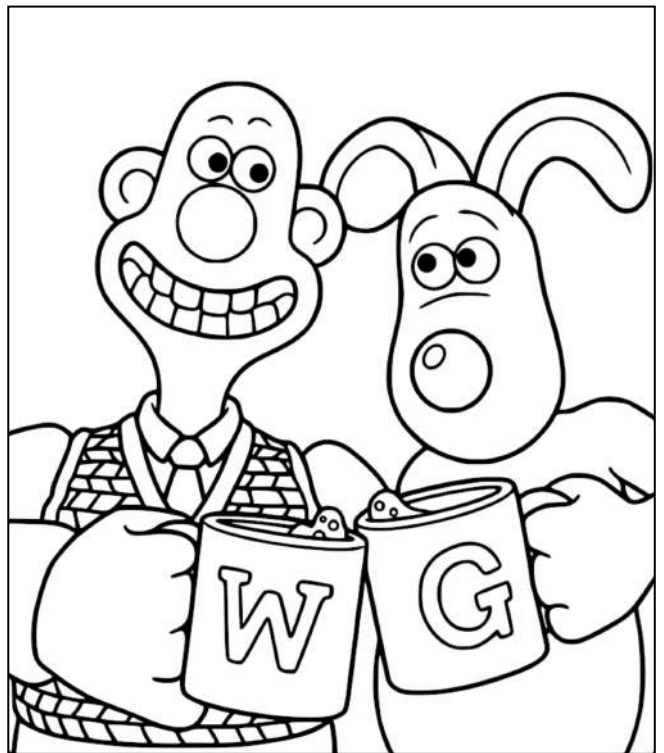
1. The Roman numerals VII represent which number?
2. Who played Galadriel in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy?
3. Which Asian country was formerly known as Kampuchea?
4. Qatar has what official language?
5. Who created the characters of Wallace and Gromit?
6. Which is the longest race in decathlon?
7. Toy Story's cowboy hero has what name?
8. How many degrees are there in half a circle?
9. What is the capital of Canada?
10. On a standard *Monopoly* board, which property is the same colour as Park Lane?
11. Which word is used for fiscal studies on a large scale?
12. What term is given to the hammer used by judges and auctioneers?
13. What is an appaloosa?
14. On what continent is the country of Iraq?
15. What, in cricket, is a run not credited to a batsman?
16. What name is given to a young echidna?
17. The duck-billed platypus is native to which country?

QUIZ FOR THE KIDS

1. What type of food is grown in a paddy field?
2. Which sport takes place in a velodrome?
3. Of all land plants, what is the fastest growing?
4. Who created the character of Mr Bean?
5. What are the sweets "bootlaces" are made from?

18. What type of creature is a platypus?
19. What is a horse's fastest pace?
20. A hairstreak is what time of creature?

Colour this ...



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Read this subliminal message ...

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Trivia Answers

1. Seven
2. Cate Blanchett
3. Cambodia
4. Arabic
5. Nick Park
6. 1500m
7. Woody
8. 180
9. Ottawa
10. Mayfair
11. Macroeconomics
12. Gavel
13. A horse
14. Asia
15. An extra
16. Puggle
17. Australia
18. Monotreme
19. Gallop
20. A butterfly



KIDS ANSWERS

1. Rice
2. Cycling
3. Bamboo
4. Rowan Atkinson
5. Liquorice

"We are all selective sinners. We choose the sins we are comfortable with and judge others for the ones we can't accept."

Shams Tabrizi

"Every breath is a chance to be reborn spiritually. But to be reborn into a new life, you have to die before dying."

Shams Tabrizi

Sudoku for you!

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

"Maybe the reason nature feels so peaceful is because nothing is trying to be anything other than what it is."

The Stoics

"Begin at once to live, and count each separate day as a separate life."

Seneca

Shocktober



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He aha ki ngā Tohu Whakaora e Toru?
What are the 3 Steps for Life?



Calling 111
Step one

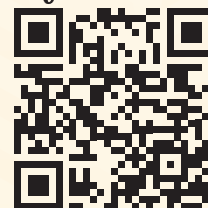


Starting CPR
Step two



Using an AED
Step three

**More
information**



**Hato Hone
St John**



Hanmer Springs School Report.

Kapa Haka.

On Friday 11th September the Kapa Haka group travelled to Ohoka to perform at the North Canterbury Kapa Haka festival. Our group performed with pride and was as outstanding as we expected. They were a real example of "striving for excellence" and "standing tall and proud like our mountains". We have some really talented/gifted singers and performers in our group who lead solos in waiata and haka - Eloise, Ella, & Archie were each outstanding in their leadership roles, and our whole group together was just fantastic.



Primary and Intermediate Schools Ski Race.

On Friday 11th September, Nico and Harry went to Porters Ski Field to compete in the Primary and Intermediate Schools Ski Race run by Cheeseman Ski Field. It was a lovely day, and the boys had a great day skiing. They had two timed runs down the course, which were combined to gain their final time.

Nico came 1st in the Y7/8 boys race, and Harry came 6th in the Y5/6 boys race. Congratulations to both boys on a fantastic result. Unfortunately, as this was the postponement date, it clashed with the Kapa Haka festival, so Elosie, Abby, Zara and Harriet were unable to race as they attended the Kapa Haka.



See the following page for page 2 of the Hanmer Springs School report

TKC Survival Day.

On Friday 18th September, the Year 5-8s participated in their TKC Survival Day. They were put into groups of 7 and given the following scenario: "There has been a terrible plane crash. You are all bruised and scared, but luckily everyone survived. You need to complete a series of challenges to find your way to a safe spot for a rescue crew to get to! Good luck!"

The groups were given different challenges to complete, then given clues. They were given \$20 to cook a meal for their group, they had to perform a rescue operation, build waterproof shelters and even navigate a minefield.



HELP!

The Tui Challenge.

The Y4 students have started their Tui Challenge this term. They have to complete 2 hours of personal hobby, 2 hours of mindfulness, 2 hours of community service, read a novel and complete a book review and complete a school-based outdoor activity. This term their outdoor activity was walking up to the waterfall. The group had a fun walk to the waterfall and those who hadn't been to the waterfall before were amazed at its height and beauty when they walked around the corner.



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Springs Greens and Evening Shadows



Jacks Pass Road, just the other evening.

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I attribute my success to this -
I never gave or took any excuse.

Florence Nightingale

Perseverance is not a long race; it is
many short races one after the other.

Walter Elliot

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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

Thinking About Maths - By Tom

Q. Here is a sequence; 1,2,4,8,11,16. Which number is incorrect, why, and what should it be?

A. The answer is on the bottom of the back/last page.

If you are defeated by your own anger or fragile pride, do not blame the person that provoked you. You were already unstable.

Epictetus

"Mindset is everything"

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JPs in Hanmer Springs

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Alice Stielow	021 317 001
Ann Toomey	021 155 7622
Ken Williams	027 284 7241
Joy Wilson	027 220 2511



Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 26th September

Stableford
1st Don Giles 40 pts
2nd Caleb Minson 36
3rd Nicky West 36
4th Boio Sarahu Hotersall 36
5th Scott Callaway 36
6th Mike Gibbon 35

Twos
Caleb Minson
Owen Evans
Jeff Dalley

Nearest the Pin
Josh Parmenter

Net Eagles
Owen Evans & Gordon Simpson

Jackpot Twos
Not Struck

Saturday 3rd October

Stableford
1st William Taylor 39 pts
2nd Shane Lacey 38
3rd Malcolm Collins 37
4th Scott Saunders 35
5th Dean Pollock 34
6th Tristan Vallance 34
7th Ken Williams 34
8th Carolyn Williams 34
9th Tony Hawker 34

Twos
Craig Broadway
Tristan Vallance
Jason Hill

Nearest the Pin
Sam Gavin

Net Eagles & Jackpot Twos
Not struck

Golf Club News

On Saturday 19 September 2026 the Hanmer Springs Golf Club held their Annual General Meeting in the club house. Life member Bryan Mustchin and Judith donated a trophy to the club. "The Bryan and Judith Mustchin Trophy" will be played for each year on the Saturday of the AGM. The competition will be the Best Net Members competition and will tee off after each AGM.

Results kindly submitted by:
Mike Gainsford.

Hanmer Forest parkrun

On Saturday 3 October 2026 77 people participated in the 100th Hanmer Forest parkrun, and of those folk just on half (39) were first timers.

The first Hanmer Forest parkrun was held on 7 September 2024 and on that day 211 people participated. In total the event has attracted 3,274 unique participants and there have been 6,637 finishes (an average of 66 people at each Hanmer Forest parkrun).

The Hanmer Forest parkrun is a significant event for our village and our local businesses, and this should be acknowledged. Parkrun tourism is a real "thing".

Thanks to the volunteers that ensure the event runs each weekend.



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Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 10/09/2026

North/South – W Stewart & J Pillidge

East / West – C Scrivener & T Davies

Results 17/ 09/2026

North/South – G Baldwin & J Pillidge

East / West – D East & J Wilson

Results 24/09/2026

1st – G Baldwin & J Pillidge

Results 01/10/2026

North/South – R Ensor & J Wilson

East / West – D East & G Bateman

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

Margaret Helen Thompson



Our beautiful Margaret Thompson passed peacefully on 1 August 2026 at Waikari Hospital, in her 90th year.

With your help I would love to honour Margaret's life in the next issue of *The Pinkie*.

Please send any stories and any photos you may have to:

thepinkie@readme.co.nz

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Thank you in anticipation.

The photo above is a photo of Margaret and Carl on their wedding day. How fast the days fly by.



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Hanmer Springs School Report.

End of term inquiry showcase.

On Thursday afternoon, we shared a showcase of our inquiry learning, which in Term 3 was focused on dance, music and gymnastics. Karearea students had some music, voice and picture videos and creations which they shared on their computers beforehand. The gymnastics clubs started with a display of the skills they had been learning. There were some great front flips, beam work and floor skills. Following this, each class performed an item. Piwakawaka Class performed a song combining sticks, ribbons, and sign language. Korimako Class performed a Kaboom song using cups as percussion instruments. Tui Class performed some songs they had been learning on the keyboards and glockenspiels, and a group of Tui children performed an Indian dance they have learnt. Kereru students performed some dance and gymnastics routines.

Tui Class persuasive writing.

The Y3/4 children in Tui Class have been learning about persuasive writing. They have learnt about the format for the genre and have been thinking about writing in paragraphs and writing to persuade someone else.

Is it better to travel back to the time of the dinosaurs or forward to the future?

In my opinion, I think travelling back to the time of the dinosaurs is the best choice. Pterodactyls are like old-fashioned aeroplane rides. I also want to bring back a T-Rex to show the scientists. Imagine being face to face with a real-life T-Rex!



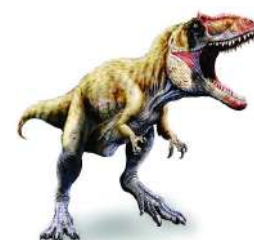
Firstly, pterodactyls are amazing. You can just hop on a pterodactyl and go for a ride, like an old-fashioned aeroplane.

Secondly, I want to bring back a T-Rex, but first I will train it. I want to bring back a T-Rex because I want to study it in real life. I also want to see what it is like to look after a T-Rex.

Furthermore, I want to explore ancient reptiles because I want to know how dinosaurs started. I also want to discover more reptiles. I want to bring those back as well.

In conclusion, it is better to go back in time because you can see how life started.

By Grace.



Is it better to travel back to the time of the dinosaurs or forward to the future?

In my opinion, travelling back to the dinosaurs is a billion times better than going forward into the future. If you go back in time, scientists can have a close look at dinosaurs.

Firstly, it would be really exciting to see a real-life dinosaur. It would be good for people and scientists to see what colour dinosaurs actually were.

Secondly, it would be great to see what the Earth looked like before humans. You would be able to see the Earth before there was any pollution. There would be green grass and trees, and the planet would look a whole lot better.



Thirdly, you can see past events. You would be able to see eruptions and volcanoes, and see the giant meteorite that made the dinosaurs extinct.

In conclusion, it would be great to go to the past and see the dinosaurs, but I would be sad because there would be no planes.

By Stirling.

Is it better to travel back to the time of the dinosaurs or forward to the future?

In my opinion, the future is better than travelling back in time because you don't know what is there.

Firstly, you could find aliens and robot dinosaurs. You could see flying cars and planes flying with no pilots.

Secondly, you can also go to space easily. You can stay in space for a long time. You will be able to live a good life in space with technology.

Thirdly, you are not going to get eaten by a dinosaur. Robots can deliver food to you, so you do not need to cook.

In conclusion, the future is the best because you do not die by being eaten by a dinosaur.

By Oscar.

Is it better to travel back to the time of the dinosaurs or forward to the future?

In my opinion, travelling back in time to the dinosaurs is better than travelling to the future because robots are just chunks of metal. T-Rexes are cooler than A.I. robots, and diplodocuses are cooler than robot dogs.

Firstly, dinosaurs are more interesting than robots. Dinosaurs are better than robots because dinosaurs are real. Dinosaurs are cooler because the future can glitch, and there are cyber threats.

Secondly, you can answer mysteries by going to the past. You can know the true colour of dinosaurs, like a velociraptor's true colour could be blue. You can also figure out the temperature of the Ice Age or the temperature of the desert. You can also know how the trees grow.

Thirdly, there is no pollution in the time of the dinosaurs. You can see the wilderness with no roads and cities. Also, there is no rubbish in the plains and forests.

In conclusion back in time is better than going forward to the future. The future has threats.

By Niko.

Is it better to travel back to the time of the dinosaurs or forward to the future?

In my opinion, going into the future is much better than going back to the time of the dinosaurs. Do you want to go back in time because it is much more scary.

Firstly, if you go back in time, you might get killed! When you see a T-Rex, you will die. You might die from starvation.

Secondly, you will have no home or shelter. You will have to sleep in an old dead dinosaur! Ew! There is also no shampoo or conditioner, also there is no shower, oh no...

Thirdly, going forward would be very nice. Robots will be able to do jobs around the house for you. The robots can make food for you.



In conclusion, travelling to the future will be much better than going back to the dinosaurs, as that will be very scary. So that is why I think the future is much better.

By Ruby.



The robot sees some rubbish in the forest. He picks up the rubbish.

The robot makes the classroom neat. The robot breaks down.

The robot was on the moon. He lost his parts on the moon. He lost his hand.

By Mason.

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School Bulletin

Friday 18th September 2026



Kate (13AR)

Hanmer Springs resident Barbara Groves writes, "my granddaughter Kate Hamnett painted this scene from a photo taken in the summer of 2025-2026. It was printed in her Sixth Form School Bulletin at Hayesfield Girls' School, Bath, United Kingdom." Thanks for sharing this Barbara. From one bath town to another. Well done Kate.

P.

Hanmer Waiata Group



WAIATA-ITI

HE RŌPŪ WAIATA O MĀNIA-RAUHEA

A casual group in Hanmer Springs to help you learn waiata in community and uplift te reo Māori in our village. Koha towards hall hire, tea and coffee, and biscuits is welcome.

Every Tuesday at 7 – 8:30pm
Church of the Epiphany Hall
33 Jollies Pass Rd, Hanmer Springs

An Epiphany

A Column by Rev Hilary Willett

Chasing Silence

With respect to Simon and Garfunkel, if silence has a sound, I think it's probably the sound of snowfall. The soft pat of puffy ice landing is the universal signal to hush. Whether at work or play, scrolling or chatting, now is the time for everyone to turn outward and watch nature at work.

I've missed snow. I've lived in Auckland for sixteen years, studying, working, cultivating friendships. It's been fun there, but it's so very... humid. Rain, sun, repeat. Some people love it. But I longed for cold. Legend has it that Auckland had a snowfall in 2011, but anyone from the South would have been unconvinced. It didn't float. It plonked onto the pavement like tiny balls of slushie. As Aucklanders gambolled about in this marvel of nature, I felt decidedly smug. These northerners didn't know real snow.

Over the last five years or so, I've developed this itch for silence. It started small, a slight irritation at the constant traffic. Then it grew. It was always so busy in Auckland. Keeping up with friends was so hard. You didn't just drop in; you booked a time to ensure the drive was worth it. The smell, the wandering dogs, the noise. It was constant. I began to crave quietness. Finally, midway through last year, Kit and I spotted a chance to live a different life. We took it. We drove our Auckland-born cats down south, in pursuit of silence.

And now, as the cats and I watch Kit stand on the lawn, feeling true snow settle on him, I realise that this is what I was chasing. Connection. To nature. To each other. To wonder.

P.



Hanmer Springs Netball End of Season Report



The Netball Club held a great prizegiving to conclude a fantastic season of netball, which has seen the club grow with new members in all teams. This year we had a Future Fern 5 team, a Future Fern 6 team, an U14 team and a Senior team that played in the Hurunui competition and lots of five and six-year-olds completing the Fun Fern midweek training session. Thank you to our coaches - Melissa, Mikayla, Madi, and Mel. Thank you to our team managers too; Maggie, Sasha, Kirsty and Emily.

Congratulations to our Senior team who won the Hurunui Senior B competition and won the shield. They went on to play the winning team from Kaikoura and won that game too, so won a second trophy as well. What a fantastic way to end the 2026 season.

Congratulations also to our umpires who worked hard throughout the season and were assessed for different grades. Melissa received her senior grade umpire certificate, Maggie received her junior grade umpire certificate and Ella received her FF6 umpire certificate. We also introduced new club umpire certificates for dedication and improvement in umpiring. The senior umpire award went Charlotte and the junior award went to Ella.

We would like to thank our club sponsors: Hanmer Springs Four Square; Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa; Monteiths; Fire and Ice; The Toy Shop; The Lolly Pot; Fudgelato; Gavin's Logging and Gateway. We would also like to thank Sport NZ who helped to fund our travel each week.

Congratulations to everyone who received a trophy and well done to all players and families for another successful netball season.



Hanmer Springs Netball - End of 2026 Season Awards

Future Fern 5 team trophies:

Most improved player - Harper Watene-Wilson
Most outstanding player - Iris Roborgh

Future Ferns 6 trophies:

Player of the year - Melia Watene-Wilson
Role model of the year - Isla Curtis

U14 team trophies:

Player of the year - Elosie Davies
Most improved - Abigail McCort
Role model - Bella Bradley

Senior team trophies:

Most outstanding player - Savvy Taitoko
Most improved - Bonnie Collins
Player's player of the year - Maggie Grant

Club trophies:

Most dedicated person - Melanie Roborgh
Most supportive person - Kirsty Gavin
Best overall sportsperson - Melissa Büschl Smith

Change Your Mindset This Election

The 2026 New Zealand general election will be held on Saturday 7 November and this year, more than ever before, we have to change our voting mindset.

Don't be swayed by the polls, emotive election debates, the media or the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions! No! This year put on a new voting mindset. This year be the "shareholder" who is voting for a "board of directors" that **will** "balance our books". Vote for a board of directors that won't spend more than we earn. We need politicians that drive our country, like we do our homes, and our businesses. We don't spend more than we earn day after day, so why do we allow our government to spend more than it earns year after year? We cannot continue to spend more than we earn; it's that simple.

Our country's income comes from a number of sources but by far the two largest are:

- (1) the tax paid by individuals and companies; and
- (2) the tax paid on the sale of goods and services (GST).

For the year ending June 2026 the income from these two taxes were \$125.1 billion (tax) and \$25.2 billion (GST), so these two taxes contribute \$150.3 billion of income for our government.

In the year ending June 2026 we spent \$58.2 billion on welfare so we spent more than 46% of our government's income (the tax paid by individuals and companies, not including GST) on welfare.

After welfare our next two "big ticket items" are health (\$31.8 billion) and education (\$22.9 billion).

When we spend more on welfare than any other item, by definition, we have become a welfare state!

For the year ending June 2026 we had a budget shortfall of \$10.4 billion (we spent more than we earned).

If I asked you to help balance our country's budget I think we'd all agree that health and education are important. If we have a shortfall of \$10 billion we can only do one of two things. We can either: (1) prune \$10 billion off our welfare payments, or (2) prune a portion of our welfare payments and increase personal taxes or GST. Personally I think it is time to increase GST from 15% to 20%. This would increase our GST tax income by \$8.4 billion which would leave a shortfall of \$2 billion, that could be pruned off welfare.

The other day I was subjected to a New Zealand Council of Trade Unions (NZCTU) advertisement, on YouTube, that was wanting to convince the viewer that the National Party, and Chris Luxon in particular, has done nothing about our "cost of living crisis". Advertisements like the one I saw are made for members of the public that don't think for themselves and listen to their trade union for voting advice!

The NZCTU would have voters believe that New Zealand is the only country in the world with a cost of living crisis. There is a cost of living crisis in almost every country on the face of the planet. Don't be swayed by emotion this election. Vote with your shareholders mindset!



A Pre-Season St James Ride



When I spot a cyclist about to embark on an hour long grind up Clarence Valley Road I'm keen to know their story.

Emma Gardiner (not related, different spelling) grew up in Blenheim but now lives in Christchurch where she has lived for the best part of eight years.

Emma, a geotechnical engineer, was riding the St James Cycle Trail, the other weekend, with two work colleagues. Charlotte, an environmental scientist, and Anika, an engineering intern, set off a couple of hours earlier, and Emma, who seems to love a challenge, had her work cut out to catch them.

Having done my own research, it turns out that Emma recently completed a PhD (doctorate) thesis; "Influence of Pumice on the Response of Liquefiable Deposits." Emma's research investigated how pumice-rich soils behave during earthquakes and her findings will help improve the assessment of liquefaction risk and support more resilient infrastructure design in pumice-rich areas of New Zealand.

Go Emma!



The less talent they have, the more pride,
vanity and arrogance they have.
All these fools, however, find other
fools who applaud them.

Erasmus

Event Calendar



OCTOBER 2026

- 12 School Term 4 starts
- 26 Labour Day
- 29 Hurunui Garden Festival (29 Oct to 1 Nov)
- 31 Hanmer Springs Fete (9:30am to 4pm)

NOVEMBER 2026

- 13 Canterbury Anniversary Day
- 14 Anglican Church Fete (15th if wet)

DECEMBER 2026

- 16 School Term 4 ends
- 25 Christmas Day

A Poem

Heaven or Not

Poem by Matthew McConaughey

Tomorrow is not today's measurement,
when the misery is bad enough.

To the suffering, consideration is a privilege,
And that's part of what faith and religion are for,
to help those in misery hang on to a hope that will most
likely not be served them in this life.

To sell them, belief and faith, that they will be
served in the next

And what if there is nothing there man,
What if there's nothing to hope for, no next.

Either way
In misery here, or without a heaven there
Not having any hope or faith in anything,
is a certain way to remain where you are, forever.
But if you can find something, that can keep you going
Something, no matter how small, to look forward to and
continually have faith in and chase
Well, then your life here will be better now.
Heaven or Not.

The Soldiers Block



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

!! 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".

Quotes

Life and Death are in the power of the tongue,
and those that love it will eat its fruit.

Old Proverb

If someone tried to take control of your body
and make you a slave, you would fight for
freedom. Yet how easily you hand over your
mind to anyone who insults you. When you
dwell on their words and let them dominate
your thoughts, you make them your master.

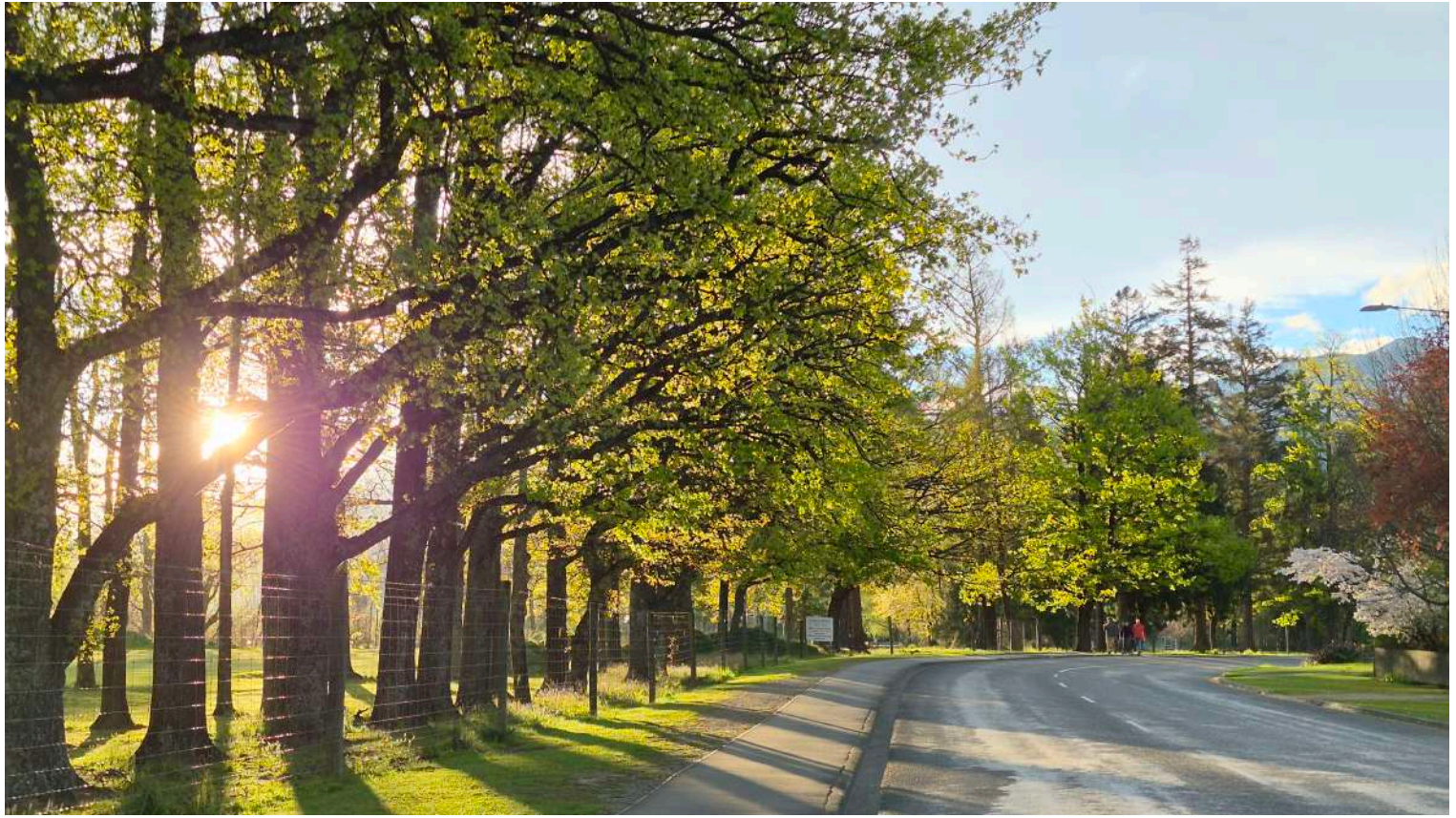
Epictetus

Small-minded people blame others.
Average people blame themselves.
The wise see all blame as foolishness.

Epictetus

We are not disturbed by what happens to us,
but by our thoughts about what happens to us.

Epictetus



Readers are invited to submit Hurunui images for this space. Email: thepinkie@readme.co.nz

Leslie Hills Amuri Garden Club

Leslie Hills Amuri Garden Club will be held on
Monday 19 October at the home of B & G McRae
at 1.30 pm.

The speaker is Helen from Beyond the Bloom.

Visitors and new members welcome.

Enquiries to Yvonne Cheney 027 229 3824.

Hanmer Springs Lions Club



The Hanmer Springs Lions Club has dinner meetings on
the second Thursday of every other month.

The next dinner meeting is on 12 November 2026.

Nga mihi nui,

Boio Sarahu-Hothersall

Secretary

Hanmer Springs Lions Club

Council Notice



LABOUR DAY RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

Rubbish and recycling collections
in Hanmer Springs will be one
day later on Tuesday 27 October.

For further information on rubbish and
recycling, please visit www.hurunui.govt.nz



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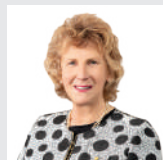
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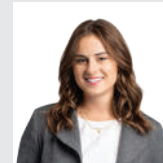
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