



NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2026

This is the first newsletter from our new Committee. HSHR had it's AGM on the 18th of July with another great turnout followed by a scrumptious potluck dinner and catch up.

Was great to meet new members and 3 new Committee members have come on board. We would like to thank our outgoing committee member Julie Wardle for all her hard work.

The 2026/27 HSHR Committee is:

Chair:	Mary Holloway
Deputy Chair:	John Burrill
Secretary:	Lee Thornton
Treasurer:	Lee Thornton

Committee members:

Fi Alloway
Jhonathon Appleby
Jenna Marfell
Jemima Jelinek
Pete Hurst
Donna Cronin

Lots of projects have been completed. Thanks to everybody for their ongoing support, in particular the people who have become members, made donations and given their time.

For those who have already paid their 26/27 membership you should have received your carabiners in the mail by now. If not please contact us.

If you would like to become a member it is \$50 for an individual and \$80 for a family membership. There is a membership form included in this newsletter. For existing members wanting to rejoin you don't need to fill out a form unless contact/address details have changed.



Huge thank you to Donna and Lloyd who spent a lot of time in the last week of July repairing and restoring the horse paddocks at the St James Homestead after the bad winter weather. Awesome effort and very much appreciated.

The biggest project for the last season was getting the corduroy built and installed at Stanleyvale to get across the boggy stream.

Greg and Allan from Repost Fence Posts not only donated and delivered all the materials, they led the build at our working bee at Stanleyvale.

We had fun playing the mud digging the trench.



2025/26 Accomplishments

- Planting 250 trees at the St James Homestead (completed)
- Road safety signs (1 completed – second one to be put up)
- Signage at Homestead paddocks (completed)
- Signs in forest (completed)
- Tidy up of fence in Homestead Paddocks across creek (completed)
- Trek Training (10 & 11 October 2025) (completed)

- Widen Saddle Spur track where pig damage has occurred (completed by St James Cycle Trails Trust)
- Pole horse route down Stanley river from Stanleyvale to avoid walking track subsidence (completed)
- Mark shortcut track Lake Guyon – Waiau downstream also mark turn off to go up Lake hill (completed)
- Dunblane track (nearly finished).
- Digger to clear Jacks Pass pack track slips will be done before Christmas and then it will be sprayed (completed)
- Heli Spraying: Glen Rae flat, Steyning Stream track, Jervois Bulldozer track (completed).
- Rogerson-Tabletop track (funding application started) – approximately 2km already completed – ongoing project
- Corduroy across SV bog (completed)
- Third wire on some paddocks in Stanleyvale (completed)
- Water Troughs at Homestead paddocks (until the windmill is sorted out we can't proceed with this task) – to be advised.
- Our Community Partnership with DOC has been renewed.
- Progress on Magdalen Valley public access (click on link) [**A long road to Steyning Spring | Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission**](#)

SOME UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Trek training (10 and 11 October 2026) – particulars attached.
- Mark horse route around Ada Homestead to Christopher & Anne Huts
- Progressing with Magdalen Valley public access
- Dunblane track – finish track in September
- Mark Lake Tennyson track
- Scotties Hut Horse Paddocks – tidy up paddock, wires, gates etc – Jhonathon Appleby will be leading this working bee. He is looking for a couple of helpers on Labour Weekend. They will drive in Friday 23 October and camp until it is finished. We will provide more details nearer the time.
- Rogerson track – ongoing project
- HSHR rides – a list of dates for HSHR rides will be sent out once confirmed.



Membership Form

Membership year runs from 1 August 2026 – 30 July 2027

On completion, please return to: **hanmerhorse@gmail.com**

First Name:				
Last Name:				
Membership type:	Individual \$50 per year		Family \$80 per year	
Additional family members:				
Relationship to you:				
Street Address:				
City/Town:		Postcode:		
Email:				
Phone Number:				
Date:				

An individual membership is \$50 per year and a family membership is \$80.

Please pay to: Hanmer Springs Horse Riders Incorporated 03-1582-0092527-000

Under particulars, please put Membership; under reference your family name.

By completing this form, you consent to becoming a member of HSHR Incorporated. Thank you for joining us.

Your membership supports the creation of new tracks, maintenance of existing tracks, signage on tracks and trails, maintenance of Stanleyvale Hut in St James Conservation Area, fence repair at various paddocks, and much more.

Membership gives you the access code to any HSHR lockup and a current year HSHR carabiner. Please have your HSHR carabiner with you when using HSHR facilities.

You are also entitled to vote at our AGM.