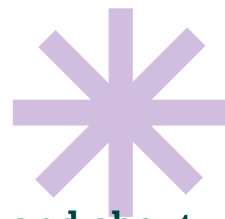


Making SHANNON Shine

ABOUT THIS NEWSPAPER

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This volunteer produced newspaper is produced by SPA for and about Shannon, to celebrate the wins and the good news in our town.

SHANNON SHINES is now available online

Go to www.shannoninfo.org/monthly-newsletter for your personal copy. Please feel free to SHARE with others.



GIMBLETT'S PHARMACY COLLECTION POINT.

Te Puàwaitanga o Hanana Health & Wellbeing Centre Inc. has taken on the role of Pharmacy Depot from Shannon 4 Square. Prescriptions can be collected during the following hours:

Monday - Friday 9am-5.30pm - Saturday until 12pm

Address: 66 Plimmer Terrace, Shannon (Old Post Office Building)

Please pay cash only.



HEALTH MEETING

A public meeting at Te Puàwaitanga o Hanana Health & Wellbeing Centre supported a committee that will be focussed on attracting a Practice Nurse to Shannon. Approachs will be made to our local MP and the Health Board asking for support.

DOG PARK / RAILWAY ACCESS

A Community Support document is being circulated to get support for a proposal to establish a dog park and safe rail crossing to an area adjacent to Nathan Terrace. More information below, and forms are available at the Shannon Health Centre.

Project Overview: Shannon Dog Park & Railway Bridge Crossing

Our community is working together on an exciting vision to revitalise unused railway land in Nathan Terrace, by first cleaning up the area, to create a safe accessible Dog Park. The next stage of the project is a fully enclosed pedestrian bridge located at the end of the Shannon Railway Station platform to improve safety for everyone. This bridge will provide a secure crossing point over the tracks and support better connectivity for walkers, families, and dog owners. To help bring this project to life, we are inviting residents to add their names to our community support document, currently available at Te Puawaitanga o Hananā Shannon Health and Wellbeing Centre, 66 Plimmer Terrace. Your support can strengthen our case and ensure these developments reflect the hopes of the Shannon community.

For more information, contact maria@viseur.org.nz.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS COMMUNITY INITIATIVE



SHANNON VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Shannon Volunteer Fire Brigade are in the process of selling fire wood which will be good for next year. Proceeds will be going towards the Brigade Centenary. Please contact Wayne 027 258 8843 or Jo 027 408 6792.



An exciting event is the Auckland Sky Tower Firefighter Challenge 23rd May 2026. Klye Kelly, a Shannon Fire Brigade firefighter is selected to compete in the challenge running up 1103 Steps, 51 Floors, carrying 25kg of kit.

Proceeds going towards “Kiwis living with Blood Cancer” Any/all donations are gratefully received.

Shannon Fire Brigade is on the lookout for anyone who wants to give back to their community by becoming a Fire fighter. Anyone that wants have a chat and see what we do come to the station Monday nights at 7pm or phone Wayne or Jo.

THE SHANNON/OTĀURU COMMUNITY PLAN

The Working Group continues to make progress in bringing the plan to life, turning ideas into meaningful action for our community. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 26, where they will continue building momentum and shaping the next steps. In the coming newsletters, they're excited to share updates and highlights from across the four priority areas—showcasing the great work already underway and the positive impact beginning to take shape.

Working Group members:

Cr Paul Olsen, Cr Lani Ketu, James Disney, Cilla Wade, Robert Ketu, John Viseur, Sharon Williams, Robyn Mouzouri, Mereana Hemopo, and Council staff: Blair Spencer and Anne Saolele-Lealiifano.

EXCITING CHANGES AT SHANNANIGANS

Change has begun! On March 4th Shannanigans opened a new retail area of 12 spaces designated 'The MarketSpace'. - spaces developed as bright inviting, purpose-prepared areas. This is the beginning of exciting changes to transform the building which for the last 15years trading as Shannanigans moves into a new phase as CREATIVE RETAIL. New signage and paint are planned, and a keen team of retailers are ready to be part of the vision to turn Shannon into a destination for city dwellers who are tired of the same big shops in the same big shopping malls. Visitors who are ready and looking for a retail outing that small town Shannon can provide. CREATIVE RETAIL will be part of that experience.

Business owner Rochelle Cheesman has been involved in Shannon for over 22 yrs, originally as 'Kidding Around' started by Rochelle and her mum Jan, selling preloved babies and children's clothes & equipment. Rochelle purchased bigger premises on Plimmer Tce and Kidding Around morphed into Shannanigans demonstrataing a new and innovative way of trading in small town NZ. Rochelle and her team are looking forward to this opportunity to rejuvenate to

'Make Shannon a destination again'

SHANNON VISITORS

The Shannon Railway Station/Info Centre welcomed 163 visitors in February, 48 of whom identified as visiting New Zealand from overseas countries. This correlates with visitors to www.shannoninfo.org, with a number of our visitors googling 'shannon' to find info. This suggests travellers on the road are looking for info and a reason to stop in Shannon. If you have a listing on www.shannoninfo.org please check to make sure your info is correct. Please send any updates/amendments to newspapershannon@gmail.com

EVENTS

EPILEPSY AWARENESS

THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2026 10am
Come and support awareness of
Epilepsy in our community

DR- NURSE PRACTICIONER?

Community Hui
Can we get access to Doctor or Nurse
Practitioner in Shannon?
Come and discuss and explore options.
You voice counts!
Friday 27 March 2026 6pm-8pm
Shannon Memorial Hall
Supper Provided

XABILITIES - AUTISM WANANGA

Come & Meet Tamara!
She has Autism and has worked for
disability for many years.

**UNDERSTANDING AUTISM FROM A
LIVED AUTISTIC EXPERIENCE**

Tuesday 31 March 2026 at 2pm
Te Puawaitanga o Hanana Health &
Wellbeing Centre
Everyone welcome

CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN Every sunday 9.30am @
Vene Bede
PRESBYTERIAN Every sunday 9.30am
@ St David's.
PRESBYTERIAN Every 3rd sunday
11.30am at Turongo Poutu followed by
shared lunch..
ALTERNATIVE CHURCHES Every 4th
Sunday

SHANNON MARKET DAY

Saturday 28/3/26 8am-1pm
Te Puawaitanga o Hanana Health &
Wellbeing Centre
Stallholders WELCOME
Food vendors must have Food cert.

HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING

Saturday 28 March from 9am
Practical FIRST AID
& SAFETY INFO
Do you know how to use a fire
extinguisher?
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Te Puawaitanga o Hanana Health &
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