

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

www.shannoninfo.org/monthly-newsletter

SHANNON WELCOMES NEW POLICE IN TOWN

Shannon Police Station is once again a visible and active presence in the community, with the station now staffed after four years without a permanent officer. Constable Stefan Dodunski has been appointed to the role and is currently manning the station during weekdays, providing a renewed level of accessibility and reassurance for local residents. The return of a dedicated officer marks an important step in strengthening community policing, enhancing public safety, and rebuilding close connections between Police and the Shannon community. Residents can now engage directly with Constable Dodunski for support, advice, and assistance, reinforcing a proactive and community-focused policing approach.

Stefan Dodunski Constable ML69 | PST | Shannon Police

E stefan.dodunski@police.govt.nz. New Zealand Police

SHANNON BUSINESS'S GATHER FOR A BBQ MEET AND TALK

Shannon Progressive Association(SPA) hosted a gathering of local business owner/operators on the platform of the Shannon Railway station on the 4th May. Local business owners were able to chat and enjoy the delicious BBQ meal provided by Saville's Butchery, Shannon 4 Square, and SPA members. This networking event was well attended and many of the business operators met each other for the first time.

Shannon Visitors Centre Numbers for APRIL 2026

Shannon Residents 50 / NZ Visitors 145 / International visitors 23

Local residents visitor numbers reflect the very popular Easter Egg hunt event.

www.shannoninfo.org Visitor numbers for APRIL 2026

Newsletter online - 48 / 74 NZ (other than Shannon) / International 18

Most visitors (other than newsletter on line) are searching 'Shannon' for info.

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Please feel free to SHARE with others.

PRESCRIPTION REMINDER

Pharmacy depot is now at Shannon Health & Wellbeing Centre (Old Post Office Building). Open Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat 9am-noon

MAURI WAI, MAURI WHENUA, MAURI TANGATA, MAURI ORA!

Restoring the health of our local waterways remains a core focus of our mahi. Each year, we undertake hands-on environmental work through collective planting projects at Te Maire Lagoon, Graham Street, and Velvaleen Farm. These initiatives strengthen riparian margins and support the long-term health of our waterways and surrounding habitats.

Traditional practices were also shared through hinaki making and eel trapping during our April holiday programme. Rangatahi were reconnected with mātauranga Māori and principles of sustainable freshwater management. Through our water testing, we are beginning to see encouraging signs that life is slowly returning to our streams, with the discovery of freshwater shrimps, caddisfly, banded kokopu, kahakore bully. These findings reinforce the importance of continued care and monitoring of our waterways.

On Friday 8 May, our kaupapa centred on eel recovery work at a local farm in Makerua. Tamariki from Shannon Kura enthusiastically participated in this activity, which Horizons Regional Council initiated and facilitated. Tuna were carefully removed from a farm drain and safely returned to their kāinga once the work was completed, recognising these taonga species and ensuring their protection.

The week also included a Shannon wastewater meeting on 6 May, creating space for discussion, shared understanding, and collaboration around local wastewater issues and their impacts on wai and community wellbeing.

Together, these activities reinforce environmental stewardship and our shared responsibility to protect and uphold mauri ora.

Nāku na

Teri Whiti

Office of Te Roopu Taiao o Ngāti Whakare Trust

<https://whakateretaiao.wixsite.com/website>

SHANNON GARDENING GROUP

Shannon had their first Gardening group meeting on Sat 18th April at Te Puawaitanga o Hanana Shannon Health & Wellbeing Center. We had 10 enthusiastic gardeners freely share their wealth of local knowledge. With topics ranging from ant issues, use boiled bale leaves, straw & pea bale growing to grafting trees & freezing produce. A library & crop swap were also discussed. A cuppa & plenty of chat was enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be at 11am on Saturday June 6th 66 Plimmer Tce

COMMITMENT TO THE TRADITION OF ANZAC

Taken from the Shannon ANZAC Service - repeated here for those who may have missed it...

'We declare our intention to accept a personal responsibility to lead our community in a spirit of self sacrifice worthy of the ANZAC tradition. We will accept the challenge of defending the standards that made our nation strong and devote ourselves to winning the peace for the sake of all'



EVENTS

JOB AND TRAINING EXPO MAY 28

Thursday, May 28, 2026 | 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM

This is a great opportunity to connect with local employers, training providers, recruitment advisors, and work-ready programmes. You can also get support with writing or updating your CV.

Whether you're looking for work, exploring training options, or just wanting to see what's out there – come along and take the next step.

Join us for this collaborative initiative between Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, Ministry of Social Development, Horowhenua District Council, and local Shannon Community partners.

OPEKE ART AND DESIGN

GRAND OPENING!
Saturday 30 May
10am-5pm
ALL WELCOME!



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

SHANNON MARKET

SAT 30th MAY

8am - 1pm

Come and grab a bargain at the regular
SHANNON Monthly market!

Food, craft, Bic-a-brac, treasures!



STALL HOLDERS WELCOME: Food vendors MUST have Food Certificate.

Contact Katrina 0224756935 or
Mereana 0212393541 to secure a spot.

All 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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH 1st and 3rd
sunday of the month 9.00am

ALTERNATIVE CHURCHES

Every 4th Sunday

SHANNON JUNIOR RUGBY

Shannon rugby league

PRIZE GIVING

JUNE 5th 2026

Shannon School Hall

6pm



CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLER

Come for a cuppa and a chat about local topics that matter to you. We'll be boiling the kettle for anyone who wants to come along and discuss Council-related topics that are important you.

Shannon Library from 1pm to 2.30pm
Thursday 11 June

SHANNON BUSINESS DIRECTORY

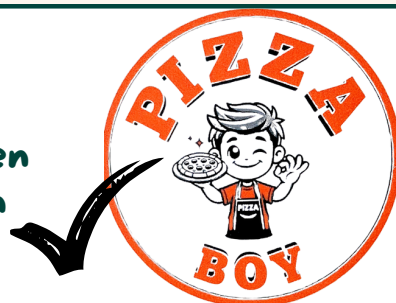
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