

Making SHANNON Shine

Kia whiti mai a Otāuru/ Hanana

ABOUT THIS NEWSPAPER

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This volunteer produced newspaper is for and about Shannon celebrating the wins and the good news in our town. To make this happen we need help! (See the back page for how you can help)

FINAL ELECTION RESULTS

Final Election Results Are In!

All votes have been counted and the results for the 2025 Horowhenua District Council Triennial Elections are confirmed.

Congratulations to Mayor Bernie Wanden, re-elected for a third term with 9,017 votes, and to our 12 elected Councillors – including 5 new faces:

Kere Kere Ward: David Allan, Nola Fox

Miranui Ward: Paul Olsen

Levin Ward: Jo Mason, Clint Grimstone, Alan Young, Mike Barker, Katrina Mitchell-Kouttab

Waiopahu Ward: Sam Jennings, Morgan Gray

Horowhenua Māori Ward: Nina Hori Te Pa, Lani Te Raukura Ketu

A big welcome also to the newly elected Te Awahou Foxton Community Board: Jason Davy, Judy Sanson, Ross Brannigan, David Roache, Irene Wakefield.

12,214 people voted – that's 47% of eligible voters, up 2% from 2022. Thank you to everyone who made their voice heard.

Elected members took office on Friday 17 October, and will be officially sworn in at the Inaugural Council Meeting on Wednesday 29 October

In the Māori Ward referendum, voters chose to remove the Horowhenua Māori Ward. The change will take effect from the 2028 local election.

SHANNON SHINES HAS A PRINT SPONSOR!

Moana Road / Wild Bunch Crafter has very generously offered to cover the cost of printing future copies of SHANNON SHINES for the next 12 months! This wonderful support from a Shannon business ensures we can continue to produce a print copy every month. Thank you!

SHANNON/OTĀURU COMMUNITY PLAN

The Working Groups are continuing to coordinate sub groups to start the actions identified in the plan. If you're interested in any of these specific areas, please reach out to our coordinators or come along to our next meeting on the 30th Oct at the Memorial Hall at 6pm.

Ngāti Whakatere Iwi have two active representatives on the Shannon/Otāuru Community Plan. They are pleased with the momentum of moving forward together with community members who are interested in partnership to participate and lead or coordinate in the four priority areas that were highlighted to them at the last community hui.

Get involved in making SHANNON SHINE!

COMMUNITY ASSETS & SERVICES School Pool access, Health & Wellbeing Centre, Community hub, housing, Library, Grandstand...

Coordinators = Sharon Williams & Iwi Representative

COMMUNITY SPIRIT, CONNECTIONS & LIFESTYLE Travel Solutions, Youth space, Community connections. Coordinator = Cilla Wade

NATURE & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT Partnership with Mana Whenua, Food resilience, Playground upgrades, Bilingual signage. Coordinators = Lani Ketu & Greg Dearsly

TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Tourism Plan, Town beauty, Business Development, Boost economy Coordinators = James Disney, Rose Siva, Cilla Wade

DATE CLAIMERS

SHANNON CHRISTMAS PARADE. 14 December 2025 9am - 2.30pm

Shannon Domain - Float Parade starts at 11:30

Mark your calendars and join the festivities: Bouncy castles, bumper cars, games, face painting, hair braiding - Hanakōkō pressies after the float parade! **ALL FREE** for tamariki!

This event has been organised by Shannon Community members



SHANNON COMMUNITY FAIR

Saturday Nov 8th 10am-2pm

Te Maire Park. Rain off venue 66

Plimmer Tce Fundraiser for the Te Puawaitanga o Hanana Shannon Health & Wellbeing Center

SHANNON MARKET DATES

SAT 25th October

SAT 29th November

STALL HOLDERS WELCOME: Food vendors **MUST** have Food Certificate.

Contact Katrina 0224756935 or

Mereana 0212393541 to secure a spot.

All welcome!

BIRTHDAY EVENTS

A very successful 1st birthday celebration was held at the Te Puawaitanga o Hanana Shannon Health & Wellbeing Center on the 7th October. Over 50 people attended the fancy tea party, many wearing decorated hats. Amazing day with beautiful people! The centre has an ever growing list of activities on their calendar. Pop in and find something that interests you.

Moana Road is celebrating 2yrs in Shannon, and to thank their patrons they are giving away a \$400 prize pack to one lucky customer who spends more than \$50. To be drawn 31st Oct so get in quick!



Hānana Fitness

16 Oct marks one incredible year since the official launch of Hānana Fitness — Here's to another year of moving with purpose, growing stronger together, and continuing to serve this incredible community. Ngā mihi nui - Coach T & the Hānana Fitness whāna

SHANNON VISITORS

Shannon streets purred with additional vehicles last week - the first was a collection of vintage age cars on an excursion up to the dams, followed by the Womens V8 Car Cruise event with a theme of 'Pink Punks' hosted at the Shannon Rugby Club.



Shannon will be welcoming two school groups in late Oct - Samuel Marsden and St Pats College are both using Shannon as a base while they are doing rowing training by the Whirikino bridge. They will be using the Shannon Rugby Clubroom as a base, so be sure to make the tamariki welcome while they are in our town.

NEW OPENING HOURS

The Horseman Cafe will now be open Sunday to Thursday 8am till 4pm and Friday / Saturday 8am till 7.30pm with an evening dinner menu from 5pm. See their fb page or pop in and see their new menu.

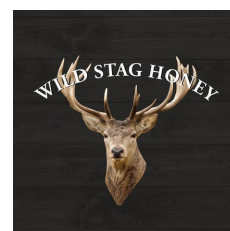
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SHANNON BUSINESS DIRECTORY

This business list is a work in progress. It aims to showcase the services and talents of Shannon residents and promote business development. If your details are missing and you would like them included, please email newspapershannon@gmail.com

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Paul	Pizza Boy	06 280 4255	86 Plimmer Tce, Shannon	
Dave	Wild Stag Honey	212460505	78 Plimmer Tce, Shannon	www.wildstaghoney.com
Alan	Horseman Cafe	021 02920837	80 Plimmer Tce	