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The Peril

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Amuri Community

"Carols on the Lawn"

7:00pm @ St Mary's Church, (41 Wilkin Street, Rotherham) Sunday, December 21st

BYO fold-away chairs / blankets
/ cushions

Christmas Hats Festive singing voices

Non-perishable food gifts for Waikari Foodbank

Light Supper provided



Merry Christmas from The Peril and Amuri Area School.

We sincerely wish you a happy, safe and relaxing Christmas.

The first publication of The Peril for 2026 is the 22nd January.







COMMUNITY NOTICES CONTINUED



SCROOGE IS BACK

Little Unity Theatre presents Dickens <u>"A Christmas</u>

<u>Carol"</u>

At the Waipara Hall on the 18th and 19th December at 7pm, and Saturday the 20th December at 6pm

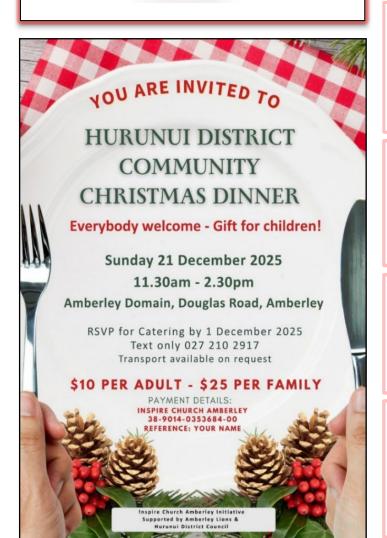
(Running time 70 minutes)

Enjoy this classic story of the unhappy miser Scrooge and his encounters with the three Christmas spirits!

Tickets: Adults \$10, Students \$5 and pre-schoolers free

Tickets from Sally Macs Amberley, the Hawarden Library at Hurunui College or via email to Chris Brown cb@hurunuicollege.school.nz





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Living Waters Food Bank

Kayren Hatherell - Call: 027 656 6351

Open Mondays & Thursdays 10:30am - 2pm

The Living Waters Foodbank in Waikari services the north of Waipara



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Find how to contact clubs, charities and other local community organisations. If you want your organisation added please email us at admin@hurunui-index.nz

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Amuri Community 03 315 6328 **Health Centre**

Patient Survey

Congratulations to James Cleeve, 2025 winner of the Amuri Community Health Centre Patient survey. Winner is randomly drawn from patient entries.

James is happy to have his win announced and is looking forward to booking his

'Wellness Check' appointment, \$181 in value.

James commented on what a great team we have here at Amuri, feedback shared with all. Thank you, James, the team at Amuri health

Clinical Team

Dr Sarah Ballam

Thursday each week

Charlie Ballam(Paramedic Practitioner)

Thursday each week

Sharron Bonnafoux (Nurse Practitioner)

Dec - 9,10,12,16,17,19,23,24,29,30,31

Dr Kevin Gattey (Locum GP)

Dec - 9,15,16,22,23,24

Dr Richard McCubbin (Locum GP)

Dec - 12,19

Closed:

Christmas Day

Thurs 25th December 2025

Boxing Day

Friday 26th December 2025

Practice Nurses

Monday to Friday

District Nurses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Physio – Flora

Clinics are on a **Tuesday** each week Book through reception

Pace Podiatry - Andrew

Hawkey

Clinics on a Friday every 6 weeks **Next Clinic**

TBC

Book through reception

Prescriptions

In the run up to Christmas, check when your medications will be next due and organise your GP appointment / prescription request in plenty of time.

If your medication/s will run out over the holiday period, you may not be able to get the prescriptions sorted for when they are needed.

The pharmacy will have reduced delivery around Christmas and the New Year.

The Health Centre will be closed for the public holiday days.

To avoid disappointment, check when your medication is due.

We may not be able to organise last-minute requests.

AFTER HOURS: Phone the Practice on 03 315 6328

Your call will be transferred to the AFTER-HOURS SERVICE where you will be able to talk to a Registered Nurse who will assess your needs, offer advice, or arrange immediate assistance from the on-call doctor or rural nurse

In an emergency, please phone 111



Location

40 Wilkin Street, Rotherham

24/7 After Hours Information



or dial 111

Supporting your local Amuri Community

Christmas & New Year - Rubbish and Recycling



Rubbish and recycling in Culverden, Rotherham and Waiau over Christmas and New Year will be collected on the following days, **one day earlier** than normal.

Wednesday 24 December and Wednesday 31 December

Please remember

- Only HDC bags will be collected.
- Bags must be securely tied and at the kerbside by 8am.
- Collection times may vary; crews will not return to collect bags put out late
- Bags must not exceed 15kg.
- Split or non-official bags will not be collected.
- Bundles of cardboard and recycling bags containing glass bottles, soft plastics or wrapping paper will not be collected.

The following items are accepted via Council recycling bags if clean, free from food waste and loose. Papers must not be tied.

- Newspapers, magazines and office paper.
- Cardboard, greetings cards, junk mail and egg boxes.
- Food, drink and pet food cans.
- Rigid plastic bottles and small containers -Types 1, 2 and 5. No lids.

Hurunui Transfer Stations

All transfer stations will remain closed on public holidays, with Amberley Transfer Station shutting at **1pm on Wednesday 24 December.** As stations will be extra busy, and to reduce wait times, please sort recycling and remove lids from glass bottles prior to arrival.

For further details on waste and recycling, please visit: www.hurunui.govt.nz/property-rates/rubbish-recycling

Christmas Greetings, from Mayor Marie Black

Wishing you a Christmas season filled with peace and harmony. May good health, happiness and treasured moments with family and friends, fill your days. This year has challenged us all in unique ways. I hope this festive time sparkles with laughter, love and togetherness, and may every joy of the holidays stay with you and carry forward into 2026.

Happy Christmas from Mayor Marie and Dave Black





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Amuri Community Trust News

Congratulations to the four Clare Chaffey Scholarship recipients for 2025:-

Kyla Domingo and **Bianca Policarpio Dela Vega** both will be studying for a Bachelor of Nursing (3 Years) at ARA, Christchurch.

Anna Neppelenbroek has completed her first year studying Health Science at Otago University and will study for a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (5 Years) in 2026.

Madison Wayne will be studying for a Bachelor of Arts and Science Majoring in Anthropology and Forensic Science at Otago University (5 Years).

All recipients presented exceptional applications and it has been a privilege for the ACT to be able to assist them all with their study costs for 2026. They have all demonstrated leadership, motivation and dedication to study for their chosen career along with a genuine desire to assist their rural community once qualified.

The ACT acts as an umbrella group holding funds for other organisations when required. We are a registered charitable trust with donations being tax deductible. All ACT money is used exclusively to help individuals or groups in the Amuri District (Mount Lyford, Waiau, Rotherham and Culverden). In June 2025 the ACT sold the Waiau Plunket Rooms; the sale proceeds have been invested and will give the ACT ability to further assist our community. The funds have also allowed the ACT to do much needed repairs and maintenance work on the Culverden Plunket Rooms. The ACT has recently made a \$5,000 contribution to the Amuri Community Vehicle Trust for upgrading one of their vehicles.

The ACT appoint the directors to the Amuri Health Care Board on behalf of ratepayers. Our thanks to the AHC Board; Chair Meg Macfarlane, Alistair Kenyon, Rose Robinson, Annabel Harris and retiring director in 2025 James McCone; for the many hours of voluntary work they do running our Medical Centre. The ACT has assisted the AHC with \$1,000 for patient travel to specialist appointments in 2025.

The ACT trustees; Chair Tom McIntosh, Don McLean, Grant Hay, Judy Meikle, Anne Gardiner and Jane Northcote; wish you a safe and happy festive season and look forward to assisting our community again in 2026.



CHURCH NOTICES



AMURI CO-OPERATING PARISH

Services and events in December

14th **Third Sunday in Advent:** Missionary to Romania, Anna Tovey and Azaria Brooker, Diocesan Children's Ministry Developer, both visiting us to celebrate Children's Sunday.

21st Blue Moon: 10am-a guiet time to remember loved ones. Community Christmas Carols 7pm on the lawn at Rotherham.

24th Christmas Eve: 7pm Carols and Communion

25th Christmas Day: 9am Christmas Cake and Cherries

28th No service at Rotherham.

Midday Picnic Lunch at Lake Rebekah, Woodchester Station. BYO everything including togs, sunhat etc

Enquiries, contact Revd Dawn Baldwin 027 356 7471



Hurunui Grace Fellowship welcomes everyone to join us in a worship service followed by morning tea

Every Sunday morning, 10am at the Culverden Fire Station

For more information, please contact either

Tiaart Grove - 021 102 2896 or Chris Scarlet - 027 215 5577



CATHOLIC PARISH of the GOOD SHEPHERD

7pm Mass at Culverden every Saturday. 5pm Mass on Saturdays at Hanmer. **10.30am Mass** at Hawarden on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

From the 14th-22nd of December-**Christmas Novena Mass** at 7pm in Culverden each night.

24th December-Christmas Vigil Mass

5pm-Hanmer 7pm-Culverden 9pm-Amberley

25th December-Christmas Day Mass

8.30am-Amberley 11.00am-Cheviot

31st December-New Years Eve Mass

Parish Phone: 03 319 8730

ALL WELCOME

7pm-Culverden **Father Rex Ramos**

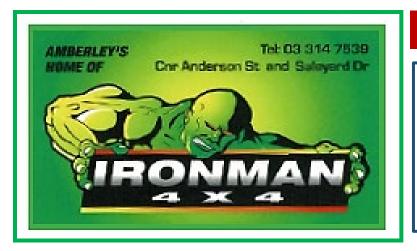


- What do gingerbread men . What do you call use to make their beds? Cookie sheets.
- Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor? Because he was feeling a little crumby!
- How do gingerbread men close their coats? With ginger snaps.
- What did the gingerbread man say at his job interview? I feel like I'm cut out for this position.
- What do gingerbread men use when they break their

- someone who steals gingerbread men? A crookie.
- · Why shouldn't you ever have parties at gingerbread houses? Because the guests might eat the walls!
- What did the baker say when his gingerbread house burned down? That cost me a lot of dough.
- What do you call a gingerbread man who goes to school? A smart cookie!







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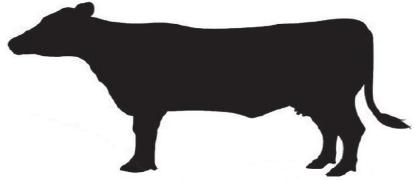
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