

## STAGS ROARING INTO GORE



Young rugby players in the Gore district have the chance to train with the Stags next weekend.

The Council has teamed up with Rugby Southland to host the Stags at the Gore showgrounds on **Saturday 22 July**.

The boys in maroon and gold will train from 11.00am to noon, then there will be a skills and drills

session involving local young players. From 1.00pm the Stags will cook up a storm on the BBQ with a Q&A session wrapping up the visit.

Gore District Mayor Tracy Hicks said it was great to be involved in bringing the Stags to town. "Provincial pride is incredibly strong in Southland and a lot of our younger players look up to the Stags as role models."

This sentiment was shared by Stags head coach Hoani MacDonald.

"Southlanders are proud people, and I want them to be proud of the Stags and get to know the players."

"The Southland Stags is a team made up of players that now call Southland home and we want our community to get to know who we are as a team, and be involved in the lead up to the Mitre 10 Cup season. We want our players to know who we represent and the people that are in behind us."

The trainings were about the Stags getting around Southland and getting amongst the young players who are aspiring to one day be a Stag, MacDonald said.

### Road Closure

River Street, Gore's southern heavy traffic bypass, will be closed to through traffic between the Medway Street/SH 1 roundabout and the Mersey Street intersection from **7.00am tomorrow (Saturday 15 July) until 7.00pm Monday (17 July)**. The closure is to allow repairs to the railway crossing.

A detour will be in place at the Medway Street/SH1 roundabout. Most traffic will be diverted to Main Street although heavy traffic and over dimension vehicles should use the northern heavy traffic bypass on to Hokonui Drive, then south on Waimea and Broughton streets. A detour map is available at [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz), follow the link under Hot Topics.

### Meeting

#### Full Council Meeting

Tuesday 1 August,  
Starting at 7.30pm

Council Chambers,  
Bowler Avenue, Gore

The agenda will be available at [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) the week beforehand, or can be viewed at the Council's main office.

### Rates Notices Due Out

Notices for the first rates instalment for 2017/18 are due out towards the end of this month. Payment is due by Friday 25 August. Anything unpaid after that date will incur a 10% penalty. There are several options for rates payment. Our preferred method is direct debit as this allows ratepayers to set payment frequency and allows the Council to ensure individuals are paying no more or less than required. More information about rates is available on our website.

### School Holiday Fun

The second week of the holidays can be the hardest when it comes to keeping the children entertained. The team at the Gore Multisports Complex have things covered though on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Bounce 'n' Swim combo** – from 10.00am to 12 noon send the little ones (under 5 years) for a swim and go on the bouncy castle. Cost \$4.50.

**Laser Tag** – from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Sessions every 30 min, two missions per session. Cost \$10 per person, limit of eight people per session.

GORE  
**MULTISPORTS COMPLEX**  
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### Playground Closure

The Irk Street playground, adjacent to the former Methodist Church, will permanently close on Sunday (16 July). Play equipment suitable for relocation will be removed next week and management of the area will revert to the land owner, who has earmarked it for redevelopment.

### Pay your dog registration online



For the first time, the Council is offering dog owners the opportunity to pay their dog registrations from the comfort of their home. They can also update their dog's details, such as whether it's been sold or is deceased. It's as easy as going to [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) and following the link under Hot Topics. All owners need is their dog's ID number, which can be found on the left-hand column of the registration notice. Owners can still pay their dog registration at our main office if they want to.