

WORKPLACE WITH A VIEW - PYRAMID RESERVOIR UPGRADE

Tanks and pipe replacement work for the Otama rural water scheme gave Council staff and contractors a stunning view of the Mataura valley recently.

The project, which was undertaken in conjunction with the scheme committee, saw nine 33,000 litre water tanks installed on the top of the Pyramid Hill. They replaced 12 tanks that had been in use since the scheme was commissioned in the 1970s.

3 Waters technical officer Tony Mearns said the work went pretty much as planned with only minimal disruption to the water supply for scheme users.

Excellent weather conditions on a number of days delivered spectacular views, he said.

3 Waters Asset Manager Sarah Crooks said the old tanks had been in poor condition and were seeping water into the ground.

"The tank farm at Pyramid is critical to the water scheme. The tanks store water from the source bore beside the Mataura River before it is fed out to the 264 connections."

Mr Mearns said help from Otama scheme committee members was invaluable. They carted sand and gravel to the top of the hill using large



tractors and trailers, and helped spread and level the sand to receive the tanks.

The work was funded by scheme users, who pay annual rates, and water use rates that are used for capital improvements.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Gore District Council will hold the following meetings in May at the Council chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore

TUESDAY 13 MAY

Ordinary meeting of the Council, starting at 7.30pm.

Mataura Community Board

MONDAY 26 MAY

The Mataura Community Board will meet at the Mataura Community Centre, in McQueen Avenue, starting at 5.30pm.

Agendas for these meetings will be available on the Council Business page, at www.goredc.govt.nz Your Council, or the Council's offices and libraries.

Stephen Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

GET CRAFTY AT THE LIBRARY



The Gore and Mataura libraries are holding fun FREE holiday programmes for children aged 5 years and over.

Bookings are essential. You can do this by phoning 203 9129 for Gore or 203 8115 for Mataura. If you are already booked in but can't make it, please notify the library as there is usually a waiting list for these programmes. Don't forget to wear old clothes so it doesn't matter if they get marked.

Programme details are (sessions start at 10.30am)

Gore

Theme - Under the Sea

- Thursday 24 April: Octopus mobile
- Tuesday 29 April: Newspaper fish collage
- Thursday 1 May: Paper bowl jellyfish

Mataura

Theme - Animal Jam

- Wednesday 23 April: Japanese fish kite
- Wednesday 30 April: Snappy crocodile
- Friday 2 May: Dancing Dragon

MATAURA POOL SET TO BECOME AQUATIC HUB



Make the most of the Gore Aquatic Centre these holidays because it will close on 2 May for maintenance and a makeover.

Work is progressing on shutting down the Gore Aquatic Centre in a couple of weeks for major maintenance and refurbishment.

The Gore pool will be out of action for about five weeks but that does not mean swimmers will miss out, with the Mataura swimming pool staying open.

Aquatic services manager Kim Peterson said staff were really excited about temporarily moving to the Mataura pool and being able to offer all the same classes and services.

"The Mataura pool has been freshly painted in the last couple of years and has a new family accessible changing room. Water quality and temperature is excellent and it's also cheaper to swim at the pool."

It was important for children involved in the Leaping Frogs Swim School to get enrolled for Term 2, which will start at Mataura then transferred back to Gore. This is so they can building on the skills they learnt in the first term, she said.

If they are not booking into Term 2 lessons, Kim said it would still be great to see the children and their families at the pool to continue becoming familiar with the water.

"It would be a pity to waste all the hard work put in to date."

The same applied to those who use swimming or aquarobics to keep fit, she said.

Kim encouraged the Mataura community to also make the most of this great opportunity with the extended hours.

Mataura pool hours will be:
Monday to Friday 6am - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 10am - 6pm

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT THE GORE DISTRICT?



Entries have opened for the Gore Gold Guitar Young Ambassador Award and the chance to win a prize package valued at over \$4000.

Established in 2006, the young ambassador award identifies and supports young leaders in the Gore District. It replaced the Gold Guitars Queen event that had been successfully held each year as part of the New Zealand Gold Guitars Country Music Festival.

The young ambassador is open to women and men who live in and are passionate about the Gore District.

They must

- Be aged 18-35 years, as at 31 December,
- Reside in the catchment of Gore and Districts Health Inc,
- Have the ability to be an ambassador for the Gore District, and
- Be committed to raising the profile of and promoting the Gore District, including events associated with the NZ Gold Guitar Awards.

The prize package includes a trip to the Tamworth Country Music Festival. If that doesn't sound exciting, just talk with the reigning young ambassador Adele Gardyne about the fantastic time she had in Tamworth earlier this year.

Entries close on Thursday 8 May.

CHECK YOUR COLLECTION DAY THIS PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Over the Easter and ANZAC public holidays Recycling and Rubbish collections will be as follows:

Invercargill and Southland District: No collections on Good Friday (18 April) and ANZAC Day (25 April). Friday collections will take place one day later (on Saturday 19 April and 26 April).

Gore and Mataura: No collections on Easter Monday (21 April) and ANZAC Day (25 April). Collections will take place one day later eg Monday collections will take place on Tuesday, Tuesday collections on Wednesday, Wednesday collections on Thursday and Thursday collections will take place on Saturday.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Good Friday (18 April): All Transfer Stations will be closed.

Easter Sunday (20 April): All Southland District and Gore Transfer Stations will be closed.

Easter Monday (21 April): Bluff and Gore Transfer Stations will be closed.

ANZAC Day (25 April): All Transfer Stations will be closed until 1pm then open normal hours, apart from Bluff Transfer Station which will be closed all day.

If you are unsure about your collection day or opening hours for your local Transfer Station visit www.wastenet.org.nz or contact your local Council.



www.wastenet.org.nz

EASTER AND ANZAC DAY HOURS

Please note that many of the Council's facilities will be closed on Tuesday 22 April for Southland Anniversary Day. For emergencies contact the Council's after hours service, phone 2090330.

Civic Centre

Easter - closed from 5pm Thursday 17 April until 8.30am Wednesday 23 April

Anzac Day - closed

Mataura Service Centre

Easter - closed from 5pm Thursday 17 April until 8.30am Wednesday 23 April

Anzac Day - closed

Eastern Southland Gallery

Good Friday - closed

Saturday 19 April to Easter Monday - open 1pm to 4pm.

Anzac Day - open 1pm to 4pm

Gore Library

Good Friday to Tuesday 22 April - closed

Anzac Day - closed

Gore Visitor Information Centre

Good Friday - closed

Saturday 19 April - open 9.30am to 4pm

Sunday 20 April to Tuesday 22 April - open 1pm to 4pm

Anzac Day - closed

Gore Aquatic Centre and MLT Event Centre

Good Friday - closed

Saturday 19 April/Sunday 20 April - open 10am to 6pm

Easter Monday/Tuesday 22 April - open 1pm to 5pm

Anzac Day - open 1pm to 5pm

Mataura Centennial Pool

Good Friday - closed

Saturday 19 April / Sunday 20 April - open 1pm to 5pm

Easter Monday / Tuesday 22 April - closed

Anzac Day - closed



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