

Rates Rebate available

Let's face it, everyone would like to pay less rates. The good news is you may be eligible for a rebate. The Gore District Council processes about 530 applications each year under the Rates Rebate Scheme, which it administers on behalf of the Department of Internal Affairs.

You can apply for a rebate, which is credited to your rates, if you meet the following criteria:

- You are the legal owner of the property
- You have a low income or receive a benefit
- You have been living at the address since 1 July this year

Applications for a rates rebate can be made anytime up to the end of June 2019.

If you want to know more please contact the Council's customer service team, phone **2090330**.

Upcoming meetings

There will be a full meeting of the Council on Tuesday 7 August, starting at 6.30pm, in the Council chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore.

Agendas for meetings are available on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz the week before, with the exception of meetings held in committee.

Road closure

Key Road, between Styles Road and Otama Valley Road, will be closed tomorrow (28 July) to allow for a stand of trees to be felled. The road will be open on Sunday but there may be disruptions to traffic flow.

Online Dog Registration

All dog owners should have received their registration notices by now. Dogs must be registered by Friday 17 August to avoid a 40 percent penalty. Remember, a dog wearing its registration tag is easier to identify and return to its owner if it gets lost. You can register online, just go to the Council's website and follow the link under Hot Topics.



Creative Communities grants last chance to apply

The latest round of funding from the Creative Communities Scheme closes today. If you have an event that promotes, supports and increases participation in community arts and cultural activities in the Gore District then we would like to help you out. Grants usually range between \$200 - \$2,000. Any group, organisation or individual meeting the grant criteria can apply.

The current funding round is for projects taking place between 1 September 2018 and 19 March 2019. For more information go to the Council's website.

Rural halls and domains funding applications open

For many rural communities their hall and domain are a focal point, a venue for events that bind and strengthen the community. The Council has funding available via its Rural Halls and Domains Grant Scheme to help with any capital projects and significant work associated with ensuring the long-term future of these important facilities. Every day running costs are not eligible for the scheme. Applications open on Monday 6 August for this year's funding round. They close on Friday 31 August. More information is available on the website.

Mataura Water Treatment Plant work

Motorists using Doctors Road, in Mataura, are being asked to take care while the Council undertakes work at the town's water treatment plant.

The speed limit on the gravel section of the road has been reduced to 30kph from 100kph while the work is being carried out. The Council is installing five backwash tanks to remove sediment from the water before it is discharged into the wastewater network.

Each tank holds 30,000 litres. The project is expected to take four weeks to complete.

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