

## Creative funding applications open

The Council has partnered with Creative New Zealand to promote, support and increase participation in community arts and cultural activities. We have funding available for events or projects that meet the following criteria:

- Broad community involvement - the project will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.
- Diversity - the project will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities.
- Young people - the project will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

Applications for the current funding round are open until **Thursday 28 February**. Go to our website and follow the link under Hot Topics.

## Sports travel fund available

Sometimes getting to sports events can be costly. To help with this Sport New Zealand has its rural travel fund. The fund is designed to subsidise travel for junior teams taking part in local sport competitions.

It is open to rural sports clubs and school teams in the Gore District. Those taking part in the sports must be aged between five years and 19 years. The fund is for travel to local sports competition out of school time, and not regional or national events.

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## Be in to win with paperless rates invoices

Sign up in February to get your rates invoice emailed to you and be in to win a \$100 Prezzy card. The Council already has over 470 ratepayers receiving their rates invoices directly to their inbox. Rating officer Carol Sheldon said those on email have found it convenient and easy - "it saves time for our customers and money for the Council, so it's a win-win situation".

To go into the draw just go to [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) and fill in the online form.

## Upcoming meetings

The following meetings will be held in the Council chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue:

### Tuesday 5 March

Starting at 4.00pm

- Community Services Committee, followed by the
- Operations Committee, followed by the
- Regulatory and Planning Committee, followed by the
- Finance and Policy Committee.

The agendas for meetings are available on the Council's website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) the week before, with the exception of meetings held in committee.

## Rates reminder



Avoid a 10 % penalty - Friday 22 February is the final day for payment of the third instalment of this year's rates. Never forget a rates payment again by joining the hundreds of ratepayers on direct debit. Go to our website [www.goredc.govt.nz/your-council/rates/payment-options/](http://www.goredc.govt.nz/your-council/rates/payment-options/)

## Pickleball is here



Pickleball is fast becoming the latest craze at the MLT Event Centre. A cross between tennis, badminton and table tennis (or ping pong), Pickleball is played on a badminton doubles-sized court using paddles and a hollow, plastic ball with holes in it.

The rules, equipment and court size are specifically designed to create a fast, fun and more rallying game. Pickleball is ideally suited to those who may be finding the tennis court a bit too big or the badminton shuttle a little too high. It's great for people recovering from injuries, and as a family game where different ages, heights and abilities can all play happily together.

Easy to learn, but difficult to master, and very addictive. Drop in sessions Monday night from 6pm - 8pm. \$4 per person. Casual bookings can be made as well depending on court availability.

**Saturday 23 February**

3.00pm - 6.00pm | River Terrace, Gore | FREE

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