

## National Commemorative Service in Gore Cancelled

Regretfully, the event the Gore District Council was coordinating at the St James Theatre to watch the National Remembrance Service at Hagley Park tomorrow has been cancelled. Gore District Mayor Tracy Hicks said the event has been called off on the advice of Police.

*"We have been working with Police on this event. However, today we have been advised that nationally rural areas are being asked to consider cancelling any public events relating to the National Remembrance Service."*

The reason for the request was that Police resources throughout the country have been and continue to be stretched, Mr Hicks said.

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## Upcoming meetings

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

### Tuesday 16 April

Starting at 4.00pm

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

## Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking entries now open

You'll literally freeze your bits off, but the prize money is well worth it. There's a total prize pool of more than \$3000 and two prizes of \$1000 each!

The competition is all part of Gore's Queen's Birthday country music festival.

That doesn't mean you have to yodel or play Wagon Wheel (it doesn't mean you can't either). Just remember it's a huge genre.

Enter as an individual or a group. Categories for under 14s and there's a non-music one too, to really test the creativity.

Visit [gorenz.com/events](http://gorenz.com/events) for more information and to enter online.

**FREEZE YABITS OFF  
BUSKING**  
+ win \$1000

## Gore Creative Communities Scheme Grants

Just over \$4000 in grants has been approved in the latest Creative New Zealand funding round. They are:

- Waimumu Arts - \$2,140 for hall hire and power
- Music Society Eastern Southland - \$1560 for artist's fees
- Gore Chamber Ensemble - \$315 for venue hire

With \$3,107 still in hand, the committee decided to hold an additional funding round before the end of this financial year. Applications will open soon.

## SportNZ travel fund recipients

The five applications received for the winter sports round of the Sports NZ Rural Travel Fund were all successful. They were:

- Gore Town & Country Junior Squash Club \$782
- St Peter's College Rugby \$1,932
- St Peter's College Netball \$675
- Gore High School Rugby \$2,392
- Gore High School Netball \$1,117

## Nominations open for Gore Youth Awards



The Gore Youth Awards are on again this year with a new date and exciting guest speaker.

Organised by the Gore District Youth Council, the Awards celebrate the talents of young people in the community, aged between 12 years and 24 years, who aren't typically recognised by mainstream award ceremonies.

This year's event will be held on Saturday 25 May, at the SBS St James Theatre. The change of date from December was to bring the event into line with national Youth Week and take pressure away from the busy pre-Christmas period.

Guest speaker this year is double gold medal Paralympian blade-runner Liam Malone.

Nominations are open until Friday 3 May. For more information please go to [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz)