

## Local body elections deadline

Next Friday (16 August) is a fairly important date for those wanting to be involved in this year's local body elections either as a candidate or voter.

Candidate nominations close at 12 noon. There are no exceptions. Nominees must have all their paperwork in order and all documents must be submitted at the same time, i.e. nomination paper, candidate profile statement, evidence of NZ citizenship, photo, and nomination deposit.

A nomination will not be accepted if any components are missing.

Therefore, prospective candidates are urged not to leave it until the last minute as they could miss out.

Next Friday is also the last day to enrol as a voter to ensure voting papers are mailed to you. People can still enrol to vote after this date, but will need to request special voting papers from the Gore District deputy electoral officer. This can be done by contacting the Council, phone **209 0330**.

For more information about the elections go to the Council's website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz)

## Motorists asked to slow down

Motorists using the detour created while Landslip Valley Road is closed are being asked to slow down. The detour route was not designed for a lot of traffic and combined with winter conditions means motorists need to take care. Landslip Valley Road is closed to allow for construction of a new bridge near the intersection with SH1, at Pukerau. The work is expected to be finished next Friday (16 August).



## Rates reminder



The first rates instalment for the new financial year (2019/20) is due on **Friday 30 August**. To avoid missing an instalment and incurring a penalty, we recommend setting up a direct debit. That way payments can be made to suit - weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly (rates instalment) or annually - and it ensures rates accounts are paid on time and for the correct amount.

## Tenders called for pedestrian and cycle bridge

The Council is looking for a suitably qualified supplier to deliver a unique and special design for the Longford Shared Path. This project involves designing a single span bridge and shared path (track) across the Mataura River, and associated landscaping, for use by pedestrians and cyclists.

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the Government Electronic Tenders Service only. The link is on the Council's website home page, under Hot Topics. The tender closes on Thursday 12 September at 4.00pm.

## Upcoming meeting

### Tuesday 13 August

The Council will hold its full six-weekly meeting in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Ave, starting at 5.30pm.

Meeting agendas 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.

## Plan ahead

There are only 137 days until Christmas. If you have already started planning your Christmas function or event, don't forget you may need a special licence to sell alcohol. Applications for a special licence need to be submitted at least 20 working days before the event - so a bit of early plan may save any disappointment.

## Dog Registrations

If you've been as busy as a Jack Russell down a rabbit hole and forgotten to register your dogs, don't panic - yet. You have until **next Friday (16 August)**

This year is the first where you can renew a registration or register a new dog online. So far we've had 2050 dogs registered, which is 60 more than at the same time last year.

Go to [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) and follow the link under Hot Topics.

