

Celebrate Our Heroes

Nominations are open for the 2019 Gore District Community Awards, an event where we say thank to our heroes and applaud our high achievers. Get your nominations in today – they are open until Friday 20 September. To make an online nomination go to www.goredc.govt.nz

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2019 nominations now open

Upcoming Meetings

Monday 16 September

The Mataura Community Board is scheduled to meet in the Elderly Citizens Centre, McQueen Avenue, starting at 5.30pm.

Thursday 19 September

The Council will hold its full six-weekly meeting in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, starting at 5.30pm – *please note change of day*

The 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.

No Spray Register

The Council will start its spring weed spraying work next month in Gore and Mataura.

If you don't want your property frontage sprayed with herbicide, you can go on our No Spray Register. Just go to www.goredc.govt.nz and click on the link under Hot Topics. You will need to fill in the form and send it to us by Friday 27 September.

Please remember property owners are required to maintain the areas they have asked to go on the register.

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The Council is looking for feedback on three issues. They are:

Earthquake Prone Buildings – identifying essential vehicle and pedestrian thoroughfares

New Zealand is more prone to earthquakes than some other parts of the world. To make our communities safer there is legislation requiring councils to identify what are called Priority Buildings. However, first we must identify priority thoroughfares and strategic routes.

The Council has identified a number of priority thoroughfares and one strategic route in the Gore central business area and Mataura. We want to know if you agree with what we have proposed and there any other priority thoroughfares or strategic routes you think meet the criteria.

Proposed Local Alcohol Policy

The Council last year decided to withdraw from the combined Local Alcohol Policy, which included Invercargill City Council and Southland District Council, and go it alone. We have developed a proposed new policy that only has four minor amendments to the combined LAP.

Gambling Policy and TAB Venue Policy Review

This review is carried out every three years. The Council's 'sinking lid' approach remains and after visiting all premises, staff are not proposing any changes except minor wording adjustments to reflect changes in other legislation.

Submissions on all three consultations close on Monday 23 September at 5.00pm. For more information and submissions forms either go to www.goredc.govt.nz and click on the *Consultations Now Open* link under Hot Topics, or visit our main office, the Gore Library or Mataura Service Centre.

Dust Suppression Season is Near

If you live on a gravel road, now is the time of year to start thinking about whether you want to put a dust suppressant on the road outside your home.

While the Council does not carry out dust suppression, residents can put vegetable oil, HSNO-approved dust suppressant or Gravel Lock on short sections of road where dust is an issue. However, a dust suppression application must be lodged with the Council first.

If used oil is the suppressant of choice, then a resource consent from Environment Southland is required before we will approve an application.

Dust suppression forms are on the Council's website, following the link under Hot Topics.

Rates Rebate

Irrespective of your age, you could be eligible for a rates rebate. You can apply for a rebate, which is credited to your rates, if:

- you are the legal owner of the property,
- have a low income or are on a benefit, and
- have been living at the address since the start of the current rating year (1 July).

Applications can be made with our Customer Service team. Please phone to make an appointment so we can make sure we have everything ready when you visit. This helps speed up the application process and saves you time. Our staff are more than happy to help you with an application and will even come to your home if you are immobile.