

On behalf of the councillors and staff, I want to thank the people of Gore and Mataura for their cooperation and patience during the recent flooding.

It was a testing time for many, and will continue to be challenging for those whose homes and farms were inundated by flood waters.

We should all be proud that as a community we showed compassion and resilience.

I want to especially acknowledge the work of our staff, the Gore and Mataura fire brigades, St Johns and council contractors – many of whom went above and beyond the call of duty.



Kia Kaha

Tracy Hicks - Gore District Mayor

Smoke testing for stormwater network

Our 3 Waters team is doing smoke testing of Gore's stormwater mains, starting on Monday (24 Feb), after high levels of E.coli were found in the network.

The tests may cause smoke to vent from pipe outlets into the street and on people's property. Please do not worry if you see this happen, the smoke is harmless.

The testing will be done between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and should be finished by Friday 13 March.

New Dates for Community Info Sessions

The Council's planning team has decided to extend the consultation period for Ready for Tomorrow – A Discussion About Spatial Planning due to recent flooding forcing us to cancel our information sessions.

You now have until Friday 13 March to let us know your thoughts about the future of our District.

The new times for the information sessions are:

Tuesday 3 March

Mataura Community Centre
between 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Wednesday 4 March

James Cumming Wing foyer, Gore,
between 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Upcoming meeting

Tuesday 10 March

The Council's monthly meeting will be held in the James Cumming Wing lecture theatre, starting at 4.00pm.

Monday 16 March

The Mataura Community Board will meet in the Mataura community centre, McQueen Avenue, starting at 5.30pm.

Wednesday 18 March

The Capital Works Committee will meet in the James Cumming Wing Lecture Theatre, starting at 3.30pm.

Please note this meeting will be held in-committee, in accordance with sections 7(2)(f) and 7 (2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank discussion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) of this Act applies, in the course of their duty; and enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). – sections 7(2)(f) and 7 (2)(i)

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.

Rates reminder



We'd like to remind ratepayers they have until next Friday (28 February) to pay the third instalment in this year's rates.

Rates unpaid by the due date incur a 10% penalty. To avoid penalties, we recommend people set up their rates payment by direct debit. Go to our website for more information.

Road closure

Woolwich Street will be closed from Walnut Grove to Boundary Road on Sunday (23 Feb) from 7.30am. The closure is due to the 1/8th mile drag racing.

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Applications are open for the summer 2019 - 2020 second round.

This 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. Application forms are available on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz