



WE'RE HERE TO HELP WITH YOUR RATES

We would like to remind ratepayers that this **Friday (29 May)** is the last day to pay the fourth instalment in this year's rates.

To take the stress out of quarterly rates payments or to avoid missing a payment, we recommend ratepayers set up a direct debit. This allows ratepayers to set the frequency of their payments - weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly (rates instalment) or annually - to suit their finances.

We know it's a difficult time for many and we want people to know we are here to help.

It is important for people to phone our rates team (209-0330) before 5.00pm on Friday to talk about payment options and get a plan in place to avoid a 10% penalty on overdue rates.

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 9 June

The Council's monthly meeting will be held via Zoom, starting at 4.00pm.

Monday 15 June

The Matura Community Board will meet via Zoom, starting at 5.30pm.

Wednesday 17 June

The Capital Works Committee will meet in-committee via Zoom, 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)

Meeting agendas are available on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz the week before, with the exception of meetings held in committee. Video recordings of the meetings held in public will be available on the website.

Queen's Birthday Weekend Hours

Most of our staff will be taking a break over Queen's Birthday Weekend. If you need us for anything urgent, then please call our after-hours team 209-003. If it's non-urgent, then you can send us a report via our app Antenna.

Main office, Gore Visitor Centre, Matura Library/Service Centre
CLOSED Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Gore Library

OPEN Sunday 1.00pm - 4.00pm
CLOSED Saturday and Monday

Gore Aquatic Centre

OPEN Sunday 1.00pm - 4.00pm
and Monday 1.00pm - 5.00pm
CLOSED Saturday

Rates Deferral Scheme

Anyone struggling financially may want to look at deferring their fourth rates instalment and/or the first rates instalment for 2020/21. Go to the Council's website for more information about the scheme, which was set up in response to the impact the COVID-19 lockdown has had on people.

It would also be worthwhile to look into the rates rebate scheme for those whose household income has reduced in recent weeks.

Rating Information Database

The Gore rating information database is available for inspection by members of the public at the civic administration building, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, the Gore public library (located at the James Cumming Wing hall) and the Matura Service Centre during normal business hours.

This notice is in accordance with section 28(4) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Become a Tussock Country Trustee

If it wasn't for COVID-19, the Gore District would be celebrating its first ever Tussock Country. New Zealand's premier country music festival, it features all the familiar events such as the MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards, as well as some new ones.

Unfortunately, Tussock Country must now wait until 2021 to burst on to the scene.

If you want to be involved in driving the New Zealand Country Music Festival Trust's vision of a high-quality festival that is internationally recognised and provides an economic and social return, then now is your chance.

Applications are open until Wednesday 10 June for anyone interested in becoming a trustee.

Applicants from out of the District are welcome. For more information go to www.tussockcountry.nz