

Gore District Council Scholarships

The Council is offering two scholarships valued at \$1,000 each for young people from the Gore District area who will be studying at a tertiary level in 2021. A scholarship recipient may be offered up to 10 weeks paid work experience at the Council during future summer holidays.

Download the criteria and an application form from www.goredc.govt.nz or collect from our temporary main office in the James Cumming Wing, Ardwick Street, Gore.

Applications close at 5.00pm on Monday 16 November 2020.

Wastewater discharge consent renewals pop-up session

Gore and Mataura residents will have received our booklet outlining the Council's long term strategy for how we treat wastewater. This is part of our preparations to lodge applications with Environment Southland to renew our resource consents for the wastewater treatment plants in the two towns.

We are the first council in the south to go through this process under new national and provincial requirements, and we are keen to talk with residents about the long term future of wastewater management.

Our project team will have Agnes the Chatterbox parked at the corner of Grasslands Road and Salford Street between 4.00pm and 6.00pm today if you would like to come have a chat about the strategy and consent renewals.

Upcoming meetings

All meetings will be held in the temporary Council chambers, 10C Ardwick Street, Gore unless stated otherwise.

Monday 23 November

The Mataura Community Board meeting will be held, starting at 5.30pm, in the Mataura Elderly Citizens Rooms, McQueen Avenue, Mataura.

Wednesday 25 November

The Audit and Risk Committee meeting will be held, in committee, starting at 3.30pm.

The public is excluded in accordance with sections 7 (2)(i) and 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 - enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations; and protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Meeting agendas will be available on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz the week

Road closure

The Motoring Mad street cruise is on this Friday evening. The following streets will be closed between 7.30pm and 10.00pm:

- Main Street (SH1) between Bowler Avenue, and Brennan Lane and Ordsal Street.
- Hokonui Drive (SH94) between Main Street (SH1) and Lyne Street
- Traford Street, between Hokonui Drive and Ordsal Street
- Ordsal Street, between Medway Street and Traford Street

There will be detours via the heavy traffic bypass:

- Southbound - Hyde Street and River Street
- Northbound - Norfolk Street, Richmond Street, Avon Street

Rates reminder

We'd like to remind ratepayers that the second instalment of this year's rates is due on Friday 27 November. Any amount outstanding after this date will incur a 10% penalty. For those wanting to take the hassle out of meeting instalment deadlines, try paying by direct debit. Payments can be tailored to suit i.e. weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc. Go to www.goredc.govt.nz/your-council for more details.

Special Licence application deadlines

There's still time to get your special licence application in if you are hosting an event or function in January and February and want to sell alcohol. Applications must be lodged no later than 20 days before the event, so to ensure processing before our Christmas/New Year closure the deadlines are:

For events in:	Application deadline date
January 2021	Friday 20 November
February 2021	Friday 4 December

Get your consent applications in early

People needing a building or resource consent before the Christmas / New Year break need to lodge their application with the Council by Friday 20 November.

Our staff process applications as quickly as possible. However, there's always an influx in the lead up to Christmas.

And don't forget, it's important to make sure applications have all the necessary information. If not, the application may not be accepted or processing may be suspended until the information is provided.