

Sports and creative funding

Applications are open for the NZ Sports Travel Fund and the Gore Creative Communities Scheme.

NZ Sports Travel Fund

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. The fund is for travel to local sports competition out of school time, and not regional or national events

Gore Creative Communities

We have a partnership with Creative New Zealand to promote, support and increase participation in community arts and cultural activities in the Gore district. For example performances by community choirs, hip-hop groups, or theatre companies; arts projects that bring together groups from a range of different communities; and something that enables young people (under 18 years) to engage with, and participate in the arts.

For more information go to our website, click on the link under Hot Topics.

Rates due today

The third instalment of your rates is due today. Unfortunately, any amount outstanding after today will incur a 10 % penalty. Do you know there's an easy way to avoid paying more than you have to? Direct debit takes the hassle out of paying rates and is our preferred method. Call us on **(03) 2090330** to talk about whether it's the best option for you.

Have you registered?



A reminder to business owners where food is made, prepared, sold or served - you have until **31 March** to register a food control plan or national programme. Please do not to leave it until the last minute.

For more information go to www.goredc.govt.nz/our-services/food-regulations/ or phone our senior regulatory officer Francis Shepherd, phone **(03) 2090330**.

Upcoming meeting

The Council will hold the following meeting in the Council chambers, 29 Bowler Ave, Gore:

Tuesday 13 March

Committee meetings starting at 4.00pm with the

- Community Services Committee, followed by the
- Operations Committee, followed by the
- Regulatory and Planning Committee, followed by the
- Finance and Policy Committee.

The agenda will be available on the Council's website five days beforehand or can be viewed at our main office.

Interest free loans available for home heating



Don't wait until it's winter to replace your old heating systems. If you live in the Gore airshed, are a ratepayer and your home is heated by a system that does not comply with the Southland Regional Air Plan, then you may be eligible for a five-year interest-free loan. You can borrow up to \$5,000 to replace your heating system and upgrade your home's insulation if it's required. Since the Clean Air Loans scheme was launched in Gore, we have helped 11 families make their home warmer and healthier, and we want to help more. To find out more go to www.awaruasynergy.co.nz/home/clean-air-loans-gore or call our customer service team, phone **(03) 2090330**.

Latest exhibition at the Gallery

The Crown Lynn swan vase, once found in almost every New Zealand household, is the focus of the Gallery's latest exhibition, opening tomorrow. Rod Eales: Portrait of an Icon - The Crown Lynn Swan celebrates this iconic feature of our social and cultural heritage, the Crown Lynn swan vase. Crown Lynn was once the largest pottery in the southern hemisphere and the swan vase just one design out of hundreds, but one that has survived to tell us a little more about our cultural identity. The exhibition is on until **29 April**.

