

## GO DISTRICT COUNCIL RE COMMUNITY AWARDS

### Nominations now open

Go to [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) Nominations close 5.00pm Friday 15 September

#### Road closure

River Street, in Gore, between Bury Street and Blue Sky Meats' plant, will be closed from Friday 1 September until December to allow work to be carried out for Mataura Valley Milk's utilities infrastructure.

#### Job opportunity

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team at the James Cumming Wing. It's a part-time position, 20 hours a week from Saturday to Wednesday. For more information go to our website and click on the Job Vacancies link on the home page.

#### Upcoming meeting

##### Tuesday 12 September

A full meeting of the Council will be held in the Council chambers, 29 Bowler Ave, starting at 7.30pm.

Agendas for all Council meetings are available on our website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) or can be viewed at our main office and district libraries.

#### Low impact, high fitness



Looking for a low impact exercise regime that delivers on fitness? Our Aquafit instructors have a programme and time to suit everyone's lifestyle.

To find out more just call into the Gore Aquatic Centre or go to our website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz)

#### Sign up today

Looking for something to do now winter sports are finished? Why not get a team together and join the social dodgeball competition at the Gore Multisports Complex. Keep in shape by dodging, ducking, diving, and dipping. Registrations are open until **Tuesday 29 August**, cost is only \$150 per team. For more info email [dwinkel@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dwinkel@goredc.govt.nz)



#### Check your rates payment

Today is the last day to pay the first instalment of this year's rates, and while some people think they have it covered with their automatic payments that's not necessarily the case.

The Council has a large number of people who pay their rates by automatic payment, which is where they have set the amount and payment schedule, and can alter these things. This is where automatic payments differ to direct debits, which are managed by the Council.

Chief financial officer Luke Blackbeard said many of the automatic payments were set up a long time ago and the instalment amounts have changed. This means some people are not paying enough to cover their quarterly instalments while others are paying too much.

"We are encouraging ratepayers to check their automatic payments to make sure they are paying the correct amount.

"Otherwise people may find they have been under-paying, which means they will incur a 10% penalty on the outstanding amount."

Mr Blackbeard said direct debit was the Council's preferred payment option, as it took the hassle out of paying rates.

Anyone wanting more information can call the Council's rates team, phone (03) 209 0330, or go to [www.goredc.govt.nz/your-council/rates/](http://www.goredc.govt.nz/your-council/rates/)

#### Rates Rebate applications open

Do you know you could be eligible for a rebate on your rates of up to \$620. To chat with one our rating team and/or make an application please call us on (03) 209 0330 to book an appointment.

That way we can make sure there's someone available and we have all the information we need on hand. You will find more information about the rebate scheme at [www.goredc.govt.nz/your-council/rates/](http://www.goredc.govt.nz/your-council/rates/)