

The Council enters a new era of putting waste in its place

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN HUGE FOR Gore district assets general manager Paul Withers as he co-ordinated the introduction of Gore and Matura's new kerbside recycling and rubbish collection wheelie bin service.

When the collection truck rolls out of the depot next Monday for the first run, there will be more than a modicum of satisfaction that such a significant change in service has been implemented relatively smoothly.

Mr Withers is the first to concede there have been a few speed bumps along the way but by keeping residents regularly informed, the potential for a major curve ball landing in the Council's lap has been minimised. Earlier this month, as residents in the two urban areas were getting ready to stow away their old orange rubbish bags and wheel out their new recycling and rubbish bins, the Hokonui Herald caught up with a reflective general manager.

Firstly, how does it feel to be only a matter of days away from the new wheelie bin service starting?

Great, there has been a huge amount of work carried out behind the scenes with a lot of staff involvement to get to this point and now we get to see the plans go into action.

The service is just for Gore and Matura residential and commercial properties but it is more than just a rubbish collection service, isn't it?

Yes, it most definitely is more than just a rubbish collection service. The new service provides the opportunity to turn waste into a resource. I hope that people will look in their recycle bins before they put them out at the gate and think about how all that material is going to be put back into use somewhere else, rather than just being buried.

Why did the Council decide to introduce the new service and how did it come about settling on two bins?



District assets general manager Paul Withers and utilities asset manager Ross Haslemore go over some final details before the launch of the Council's new kerbside recycling and rubbish wheelie bin service next Monday.

The Council, along with Southland District Council and Invercargill City Council, formed WasteNet for the management of solid waste going to the Kings Bend landfill. With the pending expiry of various contracts, the WasteNet councils wanted to explore the merits of a regional solid waste and recycling proposal. It would have been difficult for each Council to provide its own recycling facility and a regional approach had merit. This proposal was further developed by WasteNet, and after public consultation Invercargill City and Southland District opted for a two bin service. It was at this time that the Gore District Council went to its community about recycling options. I firmly believe this has been the most comprehensive consultation process

conducted by the Council on any issue. Both councillors and staff engaged with people at supermarkets, the Warehouse and at the Matura community market. In order to gauge people's opinion and get a wide cross-section of views, a web-based consultation format was established and there were forms that could be cut from the newspaper. The Council did not make a decision until the four major issues raised during consultation had been suitably resolved.

This isn't the first time the Council has looked at wheelie bins is it?

The debate about wheelie bins has been around the Council table, on and off, since it first surfaced about 15 years ago. At that time the idea failed to gain unanimous support.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

WITH THE LONG TERM PLAN PUT TO BED for 2012 and recycling about to hit the streets, councillors are now turning their focus to the next challenge in front of them, a challenge which has been looming on the horizon for some time. It is a long term strategy to deal with potential for population growth, should the talked about energy projects proceed. I am very aware that both the value and likelihood of these projects are the subject of much debate within both our community and further abroad.

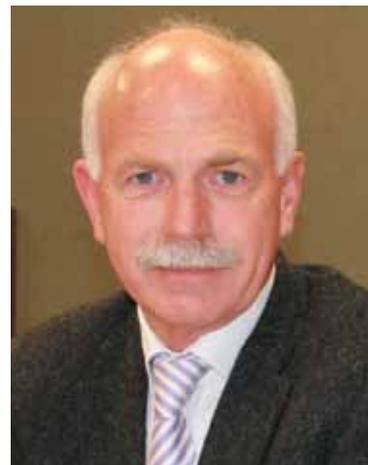
It is my view that for the Council to sit on its hands and do nothing would be irresponsible. Our Long Term Plan was predicated on the basis that about 1000 to 1500 new people are likely to come and live in the Gore district over the next

10 years. While the numbers may seem small to some, it will mean a significant shift for us given we have been dealing with the effects of a declining population for about 20-plus years.

Last year the Council commissioned a number of reports to traverse all the implications that population growth may produce and now it is time to put that information to work by developing a plan for the way forward.

The plan, which at this stage is being called a growth strategy, will be a document we will be very keen to get feedback on. While it will be developed outside any statutory requirement, once finalized it will be important for future annual planning processes. It is likely we will come to you in the latter part of this year seeking your thoughts on the strategy and I will be encouraging everyone to have their say. It is my intention to have a process which is easy to engage in but just what that might look like hasn't yet been finalized. If you have any ideas don't hesitate to let me know.

Gore District Mayor Tracy Hicks



What has been different this time around and were there any initiatives and/or statutory requirements from central government that needed to be met?

This time around the Council realised it had become out of step with other local authorities as most provide a recycling service. External influences were the Waste Minimisation Act, where waste going to landfill would be levied at \$10 a tonne, and the Emissions Trading Scheme, which would next year see local authorities paying for the emission of greenhouse gases from landfills.

The writing was certainly on the wall that we had to start reducing what goes to landfill and that the best method of doing this was to provide and encourage a recycling service.

Some people have used private wheelie bins provided by Paddy's Bins in the past and there was some concern about the impact the Council's new service would have on this local business.

Where does Paddy's Bins fit into the new waste collection picture?

The consultation process brought to

the Council's attention the community's concern for their local service provider Paddy's Bins and that people wanted to see the men continue in business. Armed with this knowledge, Council staff negotiated with Bond Contracting to subcontract Paddy's Bins for the Gore-Mataura collection service. In addition, Paddy's Bins negotiated with the Council to have a discounted rate to dispose of green waste at the Gore transfer station. From this September Paddy's Bins will provide a private green waste collection service for those who wish to subscribe to it.

Is Gore the only place in Southland with a kerbside recycling and rubbish collection wheelie bin service?

Gore is, in fact, the last place in Southland to provide such a service. All of our neighbours and most South Island councils already offer some form of recycling and rubbish collection service.

What have been some of the recurring concerns from residents?

Many of the elderly have concerns about how they might get their bins out and where they have to place them. In order to address this, we have visited

many of the affected people. We have endeavoured to encourage a sense of community where a neighbour may put a person's bin out and they may do a favour in return. As a community we should all look out for each other.

What has been the reaction since residents received their wheelie bins?

For most people the delivery of the bins has been the final confirmation that the new service is happening. Now that people have their bins they can't wait for the service to start.

And lastly, what can people expect from next Monday?

The most noticeable change will be seeing lots of bins with bright lids on the kerbside in various parts of town, waiting to be emptied. If people follow the information provided it should be a seamless start up with minimal issues. When one considers that more than 4500 bins are going to be mechanically emptied over four days, there will be some hiccups. Staff have worked hard to pre-empt any issues but have worked just as hard to be ready for any challenges there may be over the first few weeks. ■

Pakeke Lions - Making a Difference

IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES AROUND the morning tea table at the Pakeke Lions Club's cardboard and newspaper recycling centre to realise the operation is more than an excuse for the men to get out of the house.

The strong camaraderie undoubtedly plays a major part in enticing the 14 or so members to the Hokonui Drive depot every week day. However, just as important is the strong sense of community – whether it was in providing a much needed service or distributing the profits from it.

With the introduction of the Gore District Council's new kerbside recycling and rubbish collection wheelie bin service, the Pakeke Lions are providing even more incentive for locals to drop off their paper and cardboard at the depot ... \$10,000 worth of incentive in fact.

The money would be over and above its usual grants and scholarships, and would go towards a new CCTV camera in the central business district.

The recycling operation has come a long way since the Pakeke Lions took it over in 1997 when, as they put it, the young men in Gore Host Lions "ran out of steam".

In stepped the 55 year-plus crew (the average age of members is 77 years) with time on their hands and a desire to help out. Initially working out of a hay barn and using a wool press to bale the cardboard, club members had to move base a number of times before getting a permanent home.

Tired of going from pillar to post, three members Vic Taylor, Neil McPhail and Don McKay dug into their own pockets to buy the old ice skating rink in Hokonui Drive. This selfless act was to provide the impetus for the operation to grow and expand.

From processing under 100 tonne of cardboard a year, the club now collects, bales and ships out just under 870 tonnes a year. It has replaced the wool press with a purpose built press, bought with the generous support of Environment Southland, the Council and the Maitaia Licensing Trust.

A compactor truck has enhanced the operation and last year the club was able to buy the depot and vest ownership of it into a trust.

The building has become Pakeke's clubrooms. As one member put it "it's become the heart and soul of Gore Pakeke Lions".

The club's efforts have not gone unnoticed on an international scale. Last



Men at Work – Pakeke Lions Club stalwarts (from left) Don McKay, Neil McPhail, Dave Connor, president Donald Carter with the citation from Lions International, and John Falconer.

year it received the Lions International President's certificate of appreciation for fulfilling, with distinction, the mission of Lions Club International.

Now the club is calling on the support of locals to help them support the community. The more paper and cardboard channelled towards the depot means more money in the pot for a new CCTV camera.

While the club appreciates there are some people unable to get their paper and cardboard to the depot, it can only provide a collection service for the business sector. It suggests that residents band together and pool their transportation resources, not to mention



their paper and cardboard. So, as a new regime of recycling and rubbish collection is about to be introduced in Gore and Maitaia, residents are urged to put the Pakeke supporters sticker somewhere in plain sight as a reminder to keep it local. ■

New Library Manager Starts

Waitaki's loss has been Gore's gain with experienced librarian Lorraine Weston-Webb (pictured) joining senior management at the Council this month. The 56-year-old, who has been appointed library manager, has extensive experience working in libraries throughout the South Island, latterly as the Waitaki District Council's Branch Libraries Co-ordinator. Ms Weston-Webb's vision of libraries was as an accessible and pivotal community place, with a good selection of books and digital access to information for residents and visitors. She replaces Jane Robinson, who has taken up a position with the Marlborough District Council.



Anticipation starting to build for community awards

THE GORE DISTRICT COMMUNITY Awards maybe three months away but public interest was already gathering momentum with the announcement that All Blacks World Cup winning coach Sir Graham Henry will be the guest speaker.

In its sixth year, the awards have become a flagship event for the Council. A platform to acknowledge achievement and service by the young and not-so-young, the awards have fulfilled the original vision of bringing together sectors of the community in a night of celebration.

With a range of categories touching such areas as sports, the environment and the arts, there were plenty of opportunities for those who have stood out to receive the recognition they deserve.

Administration manager Susan Jones said the format this year will be similar to previous years and feature the Council's Civic Award and Eastern Southland Junior Sportsman of the Year.

However, there was likely to be a new award, initiated by the Gore Operatic Society, to acknowledge young people involved in the performing arts.

With a guest speaker the calibre of Sir Graham, demand for tickets was expected to be strong, Mrs Jones said. The awards gala evening has been moved to a Friday night to accommodate Sir Graham's schedule and to enable him to be involved in some form of a community-based event the next day.

The awards will be held on 26 October in the Gore Town and Country Club stadium. Nominations open in early July and tickets are expected to go on sale at the Destination Gore Visitor Centre towards the end of September.



FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DESK



ABOUT A MONTH AGO I WAS TRAWLING THROUGH emails when the phone rang. I hardly looked at the phone as I picked it up, still ensconced in reading the email on my computer screen. The caller insouciantly announced, "Hi, its Graham Henry here, returning your call". I quickly jettisoned the issue I was working on from my mind to compose myself and focus on securing Sir Graham's services as guest speaker for our Community Awards Gala Dinner on 26 October. I was seriously impressed that he rang me back within 15 minutes of leaving a message on his voice mail.

Securing speakers for our annual community awards function and reaching agreement with key sponsors is a challenge that I enjoy. It provides a welcome interlude from some of the other aspects of my role which, while important, can be very intense. The preparation of a Long Term Plan falls comfortably into this category. Successive governments have placed a growing number of obligations for Councils in their long term plans in the putative interest of accountability and transparency. The result of this noble intention is a herculean effort to produce a document which, due to its size and need to meet exacting legislative and audit strictures, is not an alluring read for many. I write this on the eve of the Council's final meeting to make decisions on submissions received to the draft Long Term Plan. It will bring to a close a process that senior staff embarked on in April last year. Our workload in the past nine months in particular has been dominated by "the LTP". It will be satisfying to see the plan finished and move on to other projects, such as a District Growth Strategy and changes to our District Plan. Then again, I may need to turn my mind to next year because a Rugby World Cup winning coach is a tough act to emulate.

CEO Stephen Parry



Destination Gore Visitor Centre manager Sue Soper checks out one of the 13 new Gore district signs

Sign of the times

WELCOMING MOTORISTS TO THE GORE district has taken on a new look in recent weeks.

Parks and reserves staff have been putting up 13 new signs at strategic locations around the Gore district. They replace the old, rather dowdy looking signs that were put up when the district was formed in 1989.

Parks and recreation manager Ian Soper said apart from the obvious visual difference, the signs were poles apart in terms of durability.

"The old signs were constructed from wood with routing that was painted.

The new signs are made of a panel which has aluminium outer layers fixed to a steel frame.

Durability was an important factor in determining the new design, with this material being stable in all weather conditions, Mr Soper said.

"We now have crisp, fresh signage that is consistent across the district."

The signs cost \$1274 each and were manufactured in Gore by local businesses.

Relationship solid as a rock even after 20 years

TWO DECADES IS A LONG TIME FOR ANY RELATIONSHIP but for the Council's sister city relationship with Australian town Tamworth the years have just flown by.

It's hard to believe it has been almost 20 years since then Gore District Mayor Ian Tulloch and Alderman David John, the Mayor of Tamworth, sat down on 13 July to sign the deed of friendship mainly because one woman refused to take No for an answer.

The tenacity of Jessie McChlery-Tytler, Gore born and bred but a resident of Tamworth for a number of years, in getting both of the local authorities to agree to the relationship is legendary.

Even 20 years on and any official sister city function doesn't go by without mention of Jessie. This was the case recently when Gore District Mayor Tracy Hicks hosted Tamworth Country Music Queen Dimity Chaseling and Princess Shae McIntosh.

In unveiling a granite rock from the Hokonui Hills, Mr Hicks paid tribute to Jessie and her passion for the sister city relationship.

The relationship with Tamworth had been easy because of people like her and the fact it was based on country music, he said.

The commemorative rock and milestone birthday was the launching point for another 20 years, Mr Hicks said.



Gore District Mayor Tracy Hicks and Tamworth Country Music Queen Dimity Chaseling at the unveiling of a plaque to celebrate a 20-year sister city relationship between the two towns.

Putting the 'it' into IT

AT THE COUNCIL LOOKING AFTER THE computer systems and hardware, as well as the GIS mapping, is a fulltime job for the IT team of three. However, as the newest recruit has found out there is much more to working for a small local authority.

IT officer Joshua Geerlofs joined the Council early last year. Since then the 26-year-old has discovered that as well as looking after everything with a plug – he is quick to point out he draws the line at heaters – Joshua's job description has extended to delivering circulars, setting up smartphones and gently guiding those not so techno-savvy.

Joshua is philosophical about the many tasks that come with the role and sees the merits in being involved in different aspects of the Council, as opposed to being limited to specific jobs.

Joshua came to the Council from the private sector, after graduating from Otago Polytechnic in 2009 with a Bachelor of Information Technology. He is no stranger to Eastern Southland though, moving here from Dunedin with his family when he was seven-years-old. Joshua attended Menzies College, where his father taught for 12 years, before going



to Dunedin University and polytechnic. Joshua says he has always been into computers but shies away from being labelled a computer geek – “I don't like labels”.

It was an exciting field as technological advances happen quicker and quicker, making it harder to keep up, he says. In today's world people have a greater expectation of being able to access information or carry out their business online. It was no different for local authorities.

“I think social media is becoming more

relevant although Gore is a bit behind some of the other regions.”

Joshua is enjoying being back in Gore with its quiet lifestyle and everything nearby. He's pretty laid back about most things – “except bad spelling” – and looks forward to being part of the 'it' team as the Council enhances its online presence and in-house corporate suite over the next year. ■



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DID YOU know?

This month marks 150 years since 12 half-acre sections were surveyed off near the Long Ford and named Gore, after Governor Gore-Browne. Fires and floods have been a regular occurrence throughout the town's colourful history and well documented.

But did you know ...

- In 1887 dignitaries of Gore gathered to mark Queen Victoria's birthday, with the Riversdale Rifles in attendance to fire a feu de joie (gun salute). However, a rifleman in the back row, reportedly overcome with excitement, fired at point blank range into the front row and blew off a major part of a colleague's ear.



- The history of Gore's Triangle reserve goes back to when the town was known as Long Ford. Originally surveyed in 1862, the Triangle was initially home to a police camp. It has also housed sleeping barracks for the men who built the railway bridge in 1873 to 1875, a private school, a chaff house and the town's first jail.
- On 1 July 1903, the eve of prohibition, it was reported that Eastern Southlanders drank the pubs dry ... "all

that was left by 11 that night would not have afforded swimming space for a brace of self-respecting ducks".

- On 8 December 1905, Show Day, the first fatal motor vehicle accident in Southland happened in Gore's Main Street when Margaret Winsloe was fatally injured. She had been sitting in the back seat of a car when she was struck by the shaft of a cart. The car had been travelling at six or seven miles an hour. A jury found that the

Rare printing press for new arts centre

EASTERN SOUTHLAND GALLERY curator Jim Geddes' knack for securing some unique gems for his many projects has again borne fruit with the arrival late last month of a 135-year-old Voirin French press. One of only three presses of its type still in use worldwide, the Voirin has been generously gifted to Gore by internationally renown Auckland-based Muka Studio.

Reputedly used by such greats as Pablo Picasso and Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, the press is the jewel in the crown of Gore's latest arts development, the East Gore Art Centre.

It has been 10 years since Mr Geddes astutely purchased the defunct East Gore Presbyterian Church building, with a vision to create a venue that would bring artists to Gore, provide them with somewhere to live and the equipment to produce work inspired by their southern surrounds.

Mr Geddes admits it was a bold vision but he never thought it would include the famed Muka Studio. When Muka owners Frans Baetens and Magda Van Gils offered to gift their equipment, on their retirement, to Gore it generated the

momentum for the project.

"It's given us a clear mission, raised the bar a bit."

The arrival of the Voirin marks stage three and halfway for the project. Weighing in at 7.5tonne, the press required a re-enforced concrete pad before it could be relocated to its new home. Weight aside, Mr Geddes said there is a certain delicacy with the press and its cast iron components.

"If we took everyone on, there would be a two year waiting list."

Master mover in charge

The press was freighted south under the watchful eye of Cyril Wright, an expert in the transport of significant and valuable works. He was the man who masterfully co-ordinated the shipment of John Money's collection from Baltimore to Gore and took the Te Maori exhibition to the United States.

Getting the press into place in its new home was something of a mission. "It took six hours, two pulled muscles and a lot of swearing," Mr Geddes quips.

Now the press is in place, work has begun on building the lithography studio around it. This features a large glass viewing area which will allow people to watch the Voirin in action.

Once the studio is completed, work would begin on the main print studio, to be housed in the church's hall area. Again, the project has been the benefactor of artists' generosity, receiving three etching presses to compliment the Voirin and two smaller hand presses from Muka.

"Between these and other material from the print studio we have covered all the bases for visiting artists."

Part of the studio has been set aside to train printmakers and has already gained support from southern printmaker Marilyn Webb. Add to this master printer Chris de Jong, of Bannockburn, who will operate the Voirin press, and two or three ex-art school trained printmakers who live locally and "it will be a really talented group".

Royal interest

The project has already generated considerable interest and inquiries from the arts fraternity such as Ralph Hotere and Grahame Sydney.

cart driver John L Whittingham “did not exercise sufficient care in the management of his horse”.

- Census figures in 1906 put Gore’s population at 3033.
- In 1928 the rector of Gore High School lamented the lack of pupils studying agriculture. The school had a role of 252 although the rector was concerned that too many pupils were leaving after only a year.
- Youth vandalism is nothing new. In 1943 there were fears teenage boys were running out of control with so many fathers and other male role models away at war. Out of control boys in Gore had become such a worry that Mayor W D Skelton called a public meeting.
- On 10 January 1959 the Gore borough council chambers and 60-year-old town hall were destroyed by fire. It was reported that the council lost a lot of paper work but all valuable papers were stored in a safe. The council conducted business from the Centennial Rest Rooms until the chambers, estimated to cost £30,000, could be rebuilt.



- Double parking in Gore’s Main St made it on to the council’s agenda for February 1962. Transport Department traffic officer J Marshall told councillors he was a tolerant man, but intended “to do all in my power to reduce this menace to an absolute minimum”.
- In 1989 the Gore District came into being, the first election handing the mayoral chains to Mataura’s Ian Tulloch over Gore local body politician Gabriel Farry.

Source: Southland Times special Millennium publication A Century of Change

» WORKS GIFTED TO GALLERY

The Eastern Southland Gallery has received two significant gifts recently. *Old Bridge, Alexandra*, a work by major New Zealand photographer Laurence Aberhart was given by Patricia Browne, formerly of Bosshard Galleries, Dunedin, and a Rita Angus portrait titled *Harvey Gresham*, presented by Paddy Gresham, of Wellington. Gallery curator Jim Geddes said the Gresham portrait brings with it some significant connections with Gore. The gallery was privileged to be the new owner of this important work, he said.

» FLY TIPPING WORKING PARTY

The Council plans to set up a working party to tackle the recurring issue of fly tipping. Gore District Mayor Tracy Hicks said it may be time for the Council to think outside the square as what it had done in the past was not working.

» MAIN ST REPAIRS

The New Zealand Transport Agency will not be carrying out repairs to Gore’s Main Street until the spring after contractors were held up with work in Winton.

Among international artists interested in continuing their association with Muka in Gore is an official artist for the royal court of Denmark, Mr Geddes said.

“If we took everyone on, there would be a two year waiting list.”

It was important to be careful in the short term and build momentum slowly, he said. Frans Baetens and Magda Van Gils did not accompany their beloved press south but were booked to be here for the first print run. Fittingly, they would be the first guests in the adjacent artists’ flat, which is also the benefactor of one of Mr Geddes’ finds – the bedroom suite commissioned for the Queen when she visited Southland in 1954.

He has given assurances to Frans and Magda that their holistic approach to printmaking would not be compromised, that artists would work and stay on site, becoming involved in the studio and local community. It was hoped to have the first print run around Christmas time but before that there was about \$150,000 worth of work to do on the lithography studio, foyer exhibition space and a new roof.

Mr Geddes said continued support from the Mataura Licensing Trust and Community Trust of Southland, as well as three big fundraising events, has left only



Cyril Wright, the man who masterminded shipment of the John Money collection from Baltimore to Gore, gently eases into place another gem for the Eastern Southland arts fraternity – Muka Studio’s 135-year-old press.

about \$20,000 to be raised. Once stage three was completed, attention would turn to the church itself and development of a multi-purpose studio space. So was there light at the end of the tunnel?

Mr Geddes doesn’t hesitate: “No, I can’t see the end in sight”. Having already invested 10 years into this project, it’s little wonder he does not intend to compromise quality for the sake of getting the art centre finished. ■

What's on

29 June

THE INTRICATE ART OF ACTUALLY CARING at the Little Theatre at 8pm

27-28 July

HOKONUI FASHION DESIGN AWARDS at the Gore Town and Country Club stadium

14 October

SOUTHLAND RHODODENDRON GROUP'S ANNUAL RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL in the Gore Gardens

26 October

GORE DISTRICT COMMUNITY AWARDS at the Gore Town and Country Club stadium. Guest speaker: Sir Graham Henry

Coming Up At

>> GORE AQUATIC CENTRE MATAURA POOL

Tuesday 3 & 10 July and Thursday 5 & 12 July

Tuesday 2 & 9 October and Thursday 4 & 11 October

School holiday programme offering a variety of games for children aged 4 years and up, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

2 July to 13 July

SCHOOL HOLIDAY INFLATABLE & SPA (SPA GORE ONLY)

Monday to Friday 1pm to 5pm and 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Hamster ball available \$1 per ride

Weekend Inflatable

Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 5pm

31 August

GORE AQUATIC CENTRE 10 YEAR CELEBRATION

29 September

MATAURA SWIMMING POOL OPENS

Holiday hours: Tuesday and Thursday 11am to 5pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 5pm

Holiday inflatable 1.30pm to 4.30pm

AQUAROBICS

GORE AQUATIC CENTRE

Shallow water: Monday & Friday 9am to 10am; Wednesday 11am to noon.

Deep water: Monday 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 6pm to 7pm

Bonus aquarobics Tuesday and Thursday 11am to noon

Mataura pool

Tuesday and Thursday 11am to noon Monday 7pm to 8pm and Wednesday 6pm to 7pm (term time only)

LEAPING FROGS SWIM SCHOOL

Aquatic Centre

July school holidays block course Half hour lessons from 2 July to 6 July and 9 July to 13 July

October school holiday block course Half hour lessons from 1 October to 5 October and 8 October to 12 October Term 3 - lessons from 16 July to 29 September

Term 4 - lessons from 15 October to 22 December

Mataura pool

Leaping Frogs swim school Wednesday and Friday.

Ring the pool for times and enrolments

>> MLT EVENT CENTRE

26 July and 16 August

SOUTHLAND-WIDE NETBALL LEAGUE game 1 at 6.30pm and game 2 at 8pm

16 September to 23 September

LION FOUNDATION NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP times to be confirmed

27 September

ULTIMATE CHALLENGE STARTS.

Contact Sport Southland 2083846 for details

MINI MOVERS (SPORT SOUTHLAND)

Thursday during term time only 10.30am to 11.30am

INDOOR WALKING - TERM TIME ONLY

Monday to Friday 7am to 3pm; Saturday and Sunday (during summer months) 10am to 6pm

10am to 6pm

CLOSED during winter for netball

22 October Labour Day

Gore Aquatic Centre and MLT Event Centre open 1pm to 5pm

Mataura pool closed

>> DISTRICT LIBRARIES

To 27 July

Winter Warmers Reading Programme, at Gore and Mataura libraries. Finale party on 31 July

Mataura

TODDLER TIME every Friday at 10.30am

WRIGGLE & RHYME every Wednesday at 11am.

Both held only during term time.

Gore

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

suitable for age 5 years plus

July

Tuesday 3 and 10 July at 10.30am

Thursday 5 and 11 July at 10.30am

October

Tuesday 2 and 9 October at 10.30am

Thursday 4 and 11 October at 10.30am

TODDLER TIME

Every Tuesday at 10.30am during term time. Suitable for 3-4 year olds but younger children are welcome.

WRIGGLE & RHYME

Every Wednesday at 10am during term time. For up to 2-year-olds.

The Summer Reading Programme will start in mid-December. Remember to check your school newsletters as information, including enrolment opening dates, will be sent out in November.

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