

Water Restriction Notice

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WATER RESTRICTIONS INCREASED

The Gore District Council has today ramped up water restrictions for Gore and Mataura to level 3.

This means there is a total ban on unattended hoses, sprinklers and garden irrigation systems. Handheld hoses can be used only between 7.00pm and 9.00pm on alternative days, that is even numbered properties on even days and vice versa.

3 Waters technical officer Tony Mearns said with no real relief to the drought conditions in the long range rainfall forecast, it was decided to move from level 2 to level 3 restrictions.

"February and March are traditionally our driest months so we need to act now to make sure everyone has enough water to get through the summer."

Water usage in Gore and Mataura was still relatively high. The average daily water use this month to date has been 4446 cubic metres. This compares to 4051m³ a day in December, Mr Mearns said.

He urged residents to think about their water usage and conserve water where possible – "even just a small change in water usage habits can make a big difference".

Saving water is as easy as:

- Watering the garden at cooler times of the day to minimise evaporation and water wastage.
- Collecting the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, and then reusing it to water houseplants.
- Washing your car with a bucket of water on the lawn, which means you water your lawn at the same time.
- Reporting broken pipes, open hydrants and errant sprinklers to the property owner or the Council.
- Turning off the tap while you brush your teeth, saving 10L of water a minute.
- Rinse and peel vegetables in a bowl or sink instead of running them under the tap – you could save up to 10L every minute.
- Collect your shower water in a bucket for later use on shrubs, flower gardens etc.

**For more information check out the Council's website
www.goredc.govt.co.nz**

PEST CONTROL NOTICE

A Council contractor will be carrying out pest control, including night shooting, on the following reserves from Friday 30 January to Monday 2 February:

- Dolamore Park
- Hamilton Park
- Henderson Park
- Tulloch Park
- Bannerman Park
- Charlton Cemetery
- Pukerau Cemetery
- Mataura Cemetery
- Gore Cemetery
- Woolwich Street Reserve

Enquiries phone 03 209 0330.

MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

The Gore District Council will hold the following meetings next month in the Council chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore:

LOCAL WOMAN TO TALK ON HER WORK IN MONGOLIA

The Gore Library is hosting a talk on Wednesday 4 February by Margaret Currie about her work in Mongolia. For the last 20 years Mrs Currie has worked with Mongolian prisoners, who are detained in appalling conditions, many inmates dying of starvation or disease. Mrs Currie's talk precedes her next visit to Mongolia to continue in her philanthropic work. The talk begins at 2.00pm, all welcome.

FREE ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION WORKSHOP IN GORE

Hospitality industry workers are being offered free training next month on alcohol harm reduction.

The workshops are for bar and door staff, licensees of on, off and club premises and anyone who holds a manager's certificate. Topics covered include how to deal with difficult patrons, intoxication issues and identifying under-age persons.

The Gore workshop will be held on Tuesday 24 February at the James Cumming Wing, from 9.00am to 12.30pm. There are also workshops at Te Anau and Invercargill.

**Register by 13 February with Lynn Grace, email
lynn.grace@southernhb.govt.nz**

COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT ON RECREATIONAL STRATEGY

Mataura residents are being asked to help shape a strategy to transform Tulloch Park into a recreational hub for the Gore District.

The strategy is one of the key initiatives up for discussion this year as part of the Gore District Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025. The Council is building towards the release of the plan's consultation document towards the end of March. A key part of the process is information sessions on the strategy, to be held in Mataura next week.

The sessions will provide details about options for recreational and play equipment, as well as detailed information about existing facilities. Elected members and staff will be on hand to answer any questions and the public will be able to pick their preferred options from the visual displays.

The Mataura Community Board and Council have been working together on the strategy since last year's public meeting, which explored options for Mataura's future.

Gore District deputy mayor Cr Cliff Bolger said the main question is whether existing amenities, some of which were built over 50 years ago, are meeting people's needs now and will continue to do so into the future.

Mataura Community Board chairman Alan Taylor said investing in something that would bring people to the town could only be good for Mataura's future.

The information sessions will be held from Monday 2 February to Wednesday 4 February from 11.00am to 2.00pm. There will be two evening sessions on the Monday and Wednesday from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Chief executive Stephen Parry said the Long Term Plan (LTP) consultation document is the Council's big picture thinking for the next 10 years. It will be released for public submissions by the end of March/early April.

FUN FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS AT THE LIBRARY

Two popular children's programmes return to the Gore and Mataura libraries next month. Each Wednesday babies up to two years of age take over the libraries for *Wriggle & Rhyme*. This free 30 minute programme is at the Gore library at 10.00am and Mataura library at 11.00am.

Toddler Time is a special time for children aged three and four year, although younger children are welcome. It features stories and craft activities. February's themes are:

Gore	Mataura
3 February - bugs	13 February - dinosaurs
10 February - manners	20 February - bedtime
17 February - mice	27 February - hats
24 February - pigs	



Tuesday 17 February, starting at 4.00pm

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

Meeting agendas will be available beforehand on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz on the Agenda & Minutes page.