

## COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

We all know someone on our community who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, or represented the Gore District with distinction.

Now is the time to publicly applaud their achievements. Nominations are open for the ninth annual Gore District Community Awards, our unique celebration of the young and old in our community who have 'done us proud'.

Once again there are 10 categories. They are:

- Gore District Civic Award
- Sport Southland Coach of the Year
- ANZ Eastern Southland Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Eastern Southland Services to Sport Award
- Contribution to Arts and Culture Award
- Gore Musical Theatre Emerging Performing Artist Award
- JD Souness Young Achiever of the Year
- Soroptimist International of Gore Woman of the Year
- Hovell Environmental Planning Contribution to the Environment Award
- The Ensign-Eastern Southland Chamber of Commerce Customer Service Award

Gore District Council administration manager and awards' convenor Susan Jones said with 10 categories there was something for everyone.

"There are many people in our community who quietly go about making a difference and who possibly would not get the recognition they deserve if it wasn't for the community awards."

Nominees for all categories, apart from the Civic Award, must live in the Gore and Districts Health Inc boundary, which encompasses West Otago, Southern and Northern Southland as well as the Gore District.

**Nominations are open until Friday 11 September.** The awards gala night will be held in late October.

Nominations forms and criteria for each category are available on the Council's website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) just click on the link on the home page, or the Council's main office, in Gore.



### AUGUST MEETINGS

The Gore District Council will hold the following meeting next month:

- Tuesday 11 August, at 7.30pm, in the Council chambers, 29 Civic Avenue**
- Full Council meeting

### CANCELLED

The meeting of the Mataura Community Board, scheduled for 3 August, has been cancelled.

A reasonable supply of agendas will be available beforehand at the Council's offices, libraries and on the website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) Our Council/Agendas & Minutes



**A winning hand:** Council customer service team member Louise Meehan shows off the Council's new rates information brochure, which will be delivered to all ratepayers this year. The brochure explains in plain language how rates are calculated, what they fund and how we calculate the amount each ratepayer contributes to an activity or service. Copies are available at our main office, in Gore, and the Mataura service centre.

### RATES REBATE SYSTEM STREAMLINED

Here at the Gore District Council we are always looking for ways to make it as easy as possible for residents to do business with us.

We know your time is valuable so this year we have set aside specific times each week to talk to residents about their rates rebates. If you have received a rebate in the past, or think you may qualify for one this year, just ring the Council on 2090330 to make an appointment to see one of our customer service team.

**Rates rebate appointments will be held at the following times:**

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10.00am to 12 noon, and 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- Thursdays from 10.00am to 12 noon

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### PAMPER YOUR POOCH

Gore District dog owners appear to be getting behind the Council's latest promotion aimed at encouraging people to register their canine companions.

Everyone who registers their dog before Friday 14 August goes into the draw for a \$100 pooch pamper pack. Since the promotion was launched last month, 788 dogs have been registered for the 2015/16 year. This is 141 more than for the same period last year.

Dog control administrator Rowena Burnby said it was great to see dog owners getting behind the promotion.

"Everyone has been really positive. Some farmers have a bit of a laugh at what their working dogs would think of the pamper pack but it's all in good fun."

As well as being in with a chance of winning a great prize, owners who register their dogs before 14 August also save money by avoiding the 40 percent penalty added to registration fees after this date, she said.

### RECYCLING MESSAGE SLOWLY GETTING THROUGH

WasteNet's three-strikes policy appears to be improving Gore residents' recycling efforts if the latest wheelie bin inspection figures are any indication.

Earlier this month WasteNet staff inspected 113 yellow recycling bins, tagging 28 as having incorrect material inside. This is almost half the number of bins tagged about a month ago.

Of the bins tagged, eight were marked down as a strike.

In Mataura 104 bins were inspected, resulting in 47 being tagged and nine marked down as a strike.

The three strikes policy means if people use their bins incorrectly on three separate occasions within 12 months, then their yellow recycling bin service is stopped for three months.

There are 43 properties in the Gore District on their first strike and one on its second strike.

WasteNet senior waste officer Donna Peterson said in many instances a green tag was issued, which were just a friendly reminder there was something wrong with the bin's contents. It does not result in a strike.

"People don't realise things like cardboard with grass clippings, mud, dirt or soil on it cannot be recycled."

If people are not sure what bin the waste should go in, look under the lid of your recycling bin, contact the Council, or simply place it in the red rubbish bin, she said.

WasteNet has put together a short video to educate people about the three strikes policy and why it's so important to recycling correctly. You can watch the video by following the link on our website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) Hot Topics or scan this QR code.

