

TIME TO START BEING WATER WISE

Water restrictions during summer are a reality but there are some simple steps you can take now to make sure there's still plenty to go around when it counts.

3 Waters manager Sarah Crooks said even though the weather has been quite changeable, ground water levels are on a par with last year when level 3 restrictions were put in place in late January.

Gore residents are presently using about 4000 cubic metres a day from wells at Cooper's Wells and Jacobstown. Peak usage during summer pushes daily consumption up to 5200 cubic metres day. That's a 25% increase.

There are a few small things people can do now to start getting in the habit of saving water, Mrs Crooks said.

One of the big issues in Gore and Mataura was water leaks.

"Leaks around the home can waste up to 32,000 litres of water a month."

Mrs Crooks encouraged people to become leak detectives in the home and around the town.

"If you see a leak please ring us immediately so we can start the process to get it fixed."

It was important to be specific about where the leak was, how much water there was and whether it's a toby tap or water main. Depending on whether it's an emergency or not, it may take a few days to get the necessary permission to dig up a street or road safely, she said.

For more information of being water wise go to the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz

LEAPING FROG SWIM SCHOOL and the SHARK SQUAD present the

Chocolate FISH Christmas Carnival

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER
From 6.00pm Entry \$5^{PP}

Come along and join the fun. Lots of races for the whole family!
Every swimmer gets a chocolate fish for being part of the fun.
Entry Forms available from the Gore Multisports Complex entrance counter.
Simply complete the entry form and return with entry fee to the Gore Multisports Complex customer service team.
Entries must be in by Friday 4 DECEMBER 2015

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SANTA PARADE SET TO ENTHRAL

The Council's annual Santa Parade has once again had great buy-in from the community, with about 40 floats set to take to the streets of Gore. There are a number of new organisations taking part in this year's parade, which will be held on Sunday 13 December. It is hoped to have Gore's own centenarian Sergeant Dan lead the parade, as well as some feature floats from the Southland Santa Parade.

The parade starts at 12 noon and will wind its way from the Main St-Eccles St intersection around the central business area. While the official float registration period has closed, the Council will accept late registrations. Forms are available at www.goredc.govt.nz or can be collected from the Civic Centre.

DECEMBER MEETING

The Gore District Council will hold the following meeting in the Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue:

Tuesday 15 December, starting at 3.00pm
• Full Council meeting

Agendas will be available before the meeting on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz, or the Civic Centre and district libraries.

INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN FOCUS AT THE GALLERY THIS SUMMER

The Eastern Southland Gallery has brought together work by some of 20th century's most influential international photographers for this summer's must-see exhibition.

AVAILABLE LIGHT is a one-off exhibition of 60 images by 32 photographers from Africa, Australia, Europe and the USA, as well as New Zealand. Included are originals by such greats as Henri Cartier Bresson, Diane Arbus, Brassai, Jacques Henri Lartigue and Marc Riboud.

The works have been sourced from a small number of private collections and augmented with a limited number of key images from the Eastern Southland Gallery's own permanent collection.

The photographs in this exhibition vary widely in terms of approach and geography, but they share two common themes. All the images are black and white, and all the photographic prints (unlike today's digital images) have been produced from a film negative and processed in a darkroom.



Gallery programmes officer Marcella Geddes describes AVAILABLE LIGHT as an outstanding exhibition, showcasing some of the great names in New Zealand and international photography.

"It is a privilege and honour to be able to show them here at the Eastern Southland Gallery."

The exhibition is on until 14 February, admission is free.

TIME TO CHECK FOR OVERGROWN VEGETATION

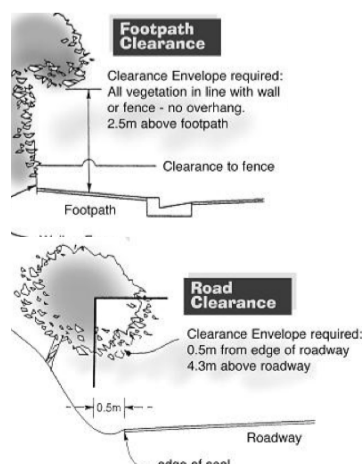
Has your garden got away on you over the spring? It's that time of year when it is a good idea to have a quick walk around the garden to make sure your vegetation hasn't become a nuisance to others.

Long grass is not only unsightly, it can be a hazard. It is an ideal place for rats and mice to live, and is also a potential fire risk during dry weather. If you have a hedge, trees or shrubs that grow next to a footpath it is your responsibility to make sure they don't grow out too far. The footpath has to be easily passable for all users, including those with

mobility scooters, wheelchairs and prams, as well as pedestrians.

Make sure you look up as overhanging tree branches are also a problem. If you have a tree growing near the footpath, you need to make sure it is trimmed back to your boundary.

We are carrying out annual inspections around town at present. Remember, it is your responsibility to keep vegetation in check. If not, the Council can get the work done and recover the cost from the landowner. For more information please call us on 2090330.



WAIKAKA WAY WALKWAY TEMPORARY CLOSURE

A 700m section of the Waikaka Walkway, between the Gore Transfer Station entrance in Toronto Street and the southern boundary of Hamilton Park, will be closed from 8.00am Monday 30 November to 5.00pm Saturday 5 December. The closure is to allow for the removal of trees on a 2.3ha section of rehabilitated land adjacent to the walkway.

Hamilton Park and the section of the walkway next to the park are not affected. However, people are reminded to stay well clear of the tree felling operation.