

## DON'T BE LEFT IN THE COLD WHEN INSTALLING A NEW HEATING SYSTEM

Not surprisingly, this time of the year sees the Council's building control team dealing with a lot of building consent applications for solid fuel heaters and liquid or solid fuel boiler systems.

Building control manager Russell Paterson said it is a relatively straight forward process as long as the right information is provided at the time the application is lodged.

However, things can be held up if the right paper work isn't provided, as has been the case on a number of occasions recently.

Mr Paterson also stressed the importance of getting a building consent approved before starting work.

"Several times recently we have found installation work partially completed before the application has even been lodged."

For those installing solid fuel heaters, and liquid or solid fuel burners, you will need two copies of the following:

- A current floor plan of the building showing where the appliance is proposed to be fitted. Indicate the location of exterior doors so we can check escape path lengths and that access throughout the building will not be compromised.

- If the application is for a residential building, show the position of smoke alarms on the floor plan, either existing or proposed.
- Supply the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- Supply a flue design specific to the installation, including all penetration details and flashing systems to be used.
- If a wetback is to be installed supply details of proposed plumbing work, including whether a temperature limiting valve is present or to be fitted, and any additional valves or venting etc.
- Supply a schematic drawing for all boiler installations to show the placement of all valves, vents, circulating pumps, water storage cylinders, water supply source etc. This includes the method of backflow protection for the water supply source.
- Supply details of any liquid fuel tank to be installed, including type, capacity, installation location, means of restraint, fuel filters, cut off valves etc.
- A scope of work is often helpful to describe the work you intend to do, this way it is clear to the building team, and anyone involved with the property now or into the future.

If you have any questions, just call our building control team phone 209 0330.

## NEW STREET NAME FOR OUR PLACE

In case you haven't heard, the Council has a new address. In honour of one of Gore's forgotten war time heroes, Edmund Bowler, Civic Avenue has been renamed Bowler Avenue.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bowler was the first New Zealander to set foot on Gallipoli. He fell out of favour with his superiors when he started questioning

the campaign and appealing to the British high command to pull out of what he called "one long drawn-out tragedy". His efforts at Gallipoli were largely ignored and his story untold for 90 years.

Please note, that while the Council's physical address has changed, the postal address remains P O Box 8, Gore.



## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND WHEELIE BIN COLLECTION

There will be no Council wheelie bin collection on Monday 6 June. All collections will be one day later for the week. The Gore Transfer Station will be closed for the day.

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND HOURS

The Council's main office, in Bowler Avenue, will be closed on Monday 6 June. For emergencies, please phone our after hours service on 209 0330.

**The Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre, at Mandeville, is open:**

- Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 11.00am to 3.00pm.

**The Gore Visitor Centre is open:**

- Saturday, 9.30am - 4.00pm
- Sunday, 1.00pm - 4.00pm
- Monday, 10.00am - 2.00pm

## TAKING THE FEAR OUT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY

A free workshop in Gore next week is aimed at helping volunteers and community groups get to grips with changes to the Health and Safety at Work law.

Presented by Southland Community Law Centre Manager Denise Lormans, the workshop uses plain English to enlighten Not-for-Profit organisations and their volunteers, trustees and committees on the new legislation.

It looks at practical solutions to gain compliance, takes people through hazard risk management and provides some ideas on how to write up a safety plan. It also covers director / governance duties along with due diligence implications.

The workshop is on Thursday 2 June, 6.00pm to 9.00pm, at the James Cumming Wing.

Don't miss out, email Suzanne Mckenzie at [suzanne@venturesouthland.co.nz](mailto:suzanne@venturesouthland.co.nz) or Nicola Wills at [nicola@venturesouthland.co.nz](mailto:nicola@venturesouthland.co.nz) to register.

## MEETING CALENDAR

The Council has the following meetings coming up, in the Council chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue:

**Tuesday 7 June, 4.00pm**

- Community Services Committee
- Operations Committee
- Regulatory and Planning Committee
- Finance and Policy Committee

**Tuesday 28 June, 7.30pm**

Full council meeting

**Mataura Community Board**

The Board will meet on Monday 20 June, at 5.30pm, at the Elderly Citizens Centre in McQueen Avenue.

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

## RATES DUE TODAY

The fourth instalment of this year's rates is due today (27 May). Any outstanding balances will incur a 10 percent penalty. To make sure you don't miss a payment and pay any more than necessary, the Council encourages people to set up a direct debit. To find out more about this or getting your rates notice by email, please call our customer service team 209 0330 or visit our website.



## PLAN AHEAD TO STAY SAFE WHEN DROVING STOCK

Gypsy Day, the annual movement of stock and people between dairy farms, is almost upon us.

It is important for farmers to ensure their safety, that of their stock and of course the safety of other road users. The Council's Roading Bylaw contains a traffic management plan to help with that. You will find the bylaw on our website [www.goredc.govt.nz/our-services/roading](http://www.goredc.govt.nz/our-services/roading)

A few points to remember are:

- All droves over 10km or through urban areas require a permit,
- No droving during the hours of darkness,
- Drivers and assistants must wear a high visibility vest or jacket,
- Ensure stock warning signs are clearly visible for a minimum of 100m, and
- Road surfaces should be kept free of debris and effluent.

Planning ahead, keeping stock moving and under control at all times, and making sure you are visible will help remove some of the stress from this Gypsy Day. Feel free to contact our roading team, phone 209 0330, if you have any questions.

