

EASTERN SOUTHLAND GALLERY FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Have you ever wanted to own an original piece of art but thought it would be beyond your budget? The Eastern Southland Gallery may have just the answer.

Next month the Gallery is hosting a major fundraising evening that combines the fun of a general knowledge quiz with the excitement of an auction of art, wine and books.

With works by some of the big names in contemporary New Zealand art up for auction – Nigel Brown, Dick Frizzell, Bing Dawe, Rob McLeod, Peter Cleverley, Otis Frizzell, and Philippa Blair – art lovers and collectors have a chance to grab something really special for their wall.

All proceeds from the evening will go towards completing Stage 3 of the East Gore Art Centre project. The quiz will be held on Friday 17 October at the Heartland Croydon Lodge. Tickets are \$20 per person, maximum of 5 to a team. Tickets available from the Gallery, phone 208 9907 or email jgeddes@goredc.govt.nz



Eastern Southland Gallery curator Jim Geddes admires this Nigel Brown piece, titled Virginia Lake, which will be up for auction at next month's fundraising quiz.

RECORD ENTRIES FOR COMMUNITY AWARDS

This year's Gore District Community Awards has attracted a record 62 entries across nine categories, setting the platform for a keenly anticipated awards evening.

In its eighth year, the event has come a long way since the inaugural awards evening in 2007 when there were 24 nominees. This year sees the Gore District's young people step into the spotlight with 11 nominees for the ANZ Eastern Southland Junior Sportsperson Award and 10 nominees for the JD Souness Young Achiever Award.

Awards convenor Susan Jones said the record number of nominations was fantastic and shows how supportive a tight knit rural community is.

"The wider Gore District has always punched above its weight in terms of achievement and this has certainly been borne out by the calibre of this year's nominees."

The awards evening will be held on Friday 31 October and features guest speaker Brendan Telfer, one of New Zealand's leading sports broadcasters. Tickets are \$40, which includes a three course meal. They go on sale at the Gore Visitor Centre on Monday 13 October.

MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

The Gore District Council will hold the following meetings in the Council Chambers, 29 Civic Avenue, Gore **Tuesday 14 October, starting at 4.00pm.**

Committee meetings:

- 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 on the Agenda & Minutes page. A reasonable supply of agendas and the subsequent minutes/reports will also be available at the Council's main office and libraries.

DID YOU KNOW?

Win a grocery voucher

You have one month left to go into the draw to win one of two \$150 grocery vouchers from the Council. All you have to do is sign up to pay your rates by direct debit. If you want to know more, please just ring our customer service team on 03 2090330 or go to our website www.goredc.govt.nz Your Council/Rates

Computer software upgrade

The Council's computer system is getting an upgrade tomorrow. This means from 12.30pm we will not be able to process any transactions at our main office, in Gore, or the Mataura service centre, although we will be open for all other business. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. It will be business as usual when we reopen after the weekend.

Santa Claus is coming to town

With just over 11 weeks until Santa makes his annual pre-Christmas visit to Gore, it is time to get the thinking cap on about a float for the Council's Christmas parade. Registration forms are available on our website www.goredc.govt.nz Your Council/Community or can be picked up from the main office, Gore Library and Mataura Service Centre. Registrations are open until the end of November and the parade is on Sunday 14 December.

SCHOLARSHIP AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Applications have opened for tertiary education scholarships.

The Council is offering two scholarships, valued at \$750 each, as well as the opportunity of up to 10 weeks paid work experience during the summer holidays with the Council. Application forms and the criteria are available from the Council offices or on the Council website www.goredc.govt.nz. Applications close on 29 October.

The Pioneer Women's Memorial Trust is offering two scholarships to students going on to tertiary education or a trade apprenticeship. They are available to present and past pupils of Gore High School, St Peter's College, Blue Mountain College and Menzies College. Applications close on 23 October.

Community project funding

If you are raising funds for a community project the Community Trust of Southland may be able to help. Trust representatives will be visiting Gore, Tapanui and Waikaka on Wednesday 1 October. If you want to make an appointment phone 0800 500 185 or email Dianne@ctos.org.nz.

COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

At the Library

There will be animal antics at the Gore Library during the school holidays. All activities are free and start at 10.30am each Tuesday and Thursday. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 03 2039129.

- Tuesday 30 September: 3D Turtles
- Thursday 2 October: Crazy Penguin Cards
- Tuesday 7 October: Monkey Chain
- Thursday 9 October: Egg Box Bugs

At the Multisports Complex

Our teams at the Gore Aquatic Centre and MLT Event Centre have joined forces to create a varied programme. Minimum numbers are required for activities to go ahead, so please make sure you register by picking up a form at the Aquatic Centre or phone 03 2039128. The programme is:

- Tuesday 30 September: Spooky September 9.00am to 3.00pm, \$25 per child, packed lunch required.
- Thursday 2 October: Crazy Crafts 1.00pm to 3.00pm, \$6 per child.
- Tuesday 7 October: Team Dan vs Team Tyler, 1.00pm to 3.00pm, \$6 per child.
- Thursday 9 October: Kidz Spa, BBQ, hamster ball and much more, 1.00pm to 3.00pm, \$7 per child.

NEW RECYCLING BIN AT GORE TRANSFER STATION

Gore District Mayor Tracy Hicks gives the thumbs up to a new cardboard recycling bin at the Gore transfer station. It is a joint initiative with the Pakeke Lions Club, which will recycle the cardboard and paper at its depot in Hokonui Drive. Mr Hicks reckons it's a win-win situation – "it's easier for people to drop off their cardboard, Pakeke gets more product to recycle and in turn earns more money to give back to the community". So make sure you look out for the recycling bin on your next trip to the station.

