

Gore Ward By-Election



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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN
UNTIL WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023

Following a recent resignation, we have a vacancy for a councillor in our Gore Ward. Nominations for this by-election are now open until 12 noon Wednesday 17 May.

For more information or to get started with your nomination, visit the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz/council/elections/gore-ward-by-election

Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking returns



Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking returns this King's Birthday weekend.

From Friday 2 – Sunday 4 June, Main and Irk streets will come alive with the sound of music. Buskers from across the nation are set to showcase their talent and compete for major cash prizes.

This year we're introducing a high school category to our schools' section, with any school from Southland or beyond welcome to participate. Email events@goredc.govt.nz to register your interest or find out more at www.gorenz.com/events/.

Support your favourite acts at the grand finale on Sunday afternoon, from 4:30pm – 6:30pm at the cosy and warm St James Theatre.

Entry is FREE and all are welcome.

Hyde Street traffic restrictions update

It was estimated we could resume southbound traffic through the Hyde Street heavy traffic bypass at the start of May.

However, after discovering a high-voltage cable clashing with our new pipe alignment, the Council needs to delay this by two weeks until PowerNet can raise the cable.

We now expect southbound traffic to return to the heavy traffic bypass approximately Saturday 20 May.

Northbound traffic can use the heavy traffic bypass.

Further information regarding impacts on traffic for SH1 and Eccles and Ardwick streets will be provided as the work progresses.

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, unless otherwise stated. All meetings, except those in-committee, are live-streamed on the Council's YouTube channel www.youtube.com/GoreDC

Tuesday 2 May

The Audit and Risk committee meets, starting at 4:00pm.

Monday 8 May

The Mataura Community Board meets at 5:30pm, at the Elderly Citizens Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura.

Tuesday 16 May

The Council will hold its monthly meeting, starting at 4:00pm.

Agendas for all meetings, except those in-committee, are available on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz (link on homepage).

Funding opportunities

Creative Communities Scheme

Do you know of a creative arts group, organisation or individual that would benefit from funding? In partnership with Creative New Zealand, the latest round of community funding is available for projects taking place between 1 May and 31 July this year.

Applications close at 5:00pm Wednesday 31 May.

Rural Sport Travel Fund

This fund is designed to subsidise travel for junior teams taking part in local sport competitions. It is open to rural sports clubs and school teams in the Gore District.

Those taking part in the sports must be aged between five years and 19 years. The fund is for travel to local sports competition out of school time, and not regional or national events.

Applications close at 5:00pm Wednesday 24 May.

Applications for both funds can be made on the Council's website, at www.goredc.govt.nz/council/grants-funding.

Mataura water restrictions lifted

All water restrictions have been lifted for Mataura.

Recent cooler weather, a decrease in water demand and leak detection and repair work carried out by our 3 Waters team meant the Council was able to lift restrictions on Wednesday 19 April.

Mataura's continued help and understanding with restrictions over the last few months has been greatly appreciated.