

Christmas & New Year hours

Our staff are taking a break over the festive season. The main office will close on **Wednesday 20 December 1:00pm** and re-open at 8:30am on **Monday 8 January**.

Staff will be on call for **urgent** issues on through our after-hour service, phone 209-0330.

Non-urgent issues can be reported using Antenno, which you can easily download from the App Store or Google Play.

Free Christmas parking

To support our local retailers, the Council is providing free parking on days leading up to Christmas.

Free parking is for a maximum of two hours and is only metered spaces only. Please respect mobility parks, loading zones and time zones e.g. P5, P10 as these will still be monitored.

Upcoming dates are:

- **Weekends throughout December**
- **Thursday 7 December** (late night shopping day)
- **Monday 18 December to Saturday 23 December**

Upcoming meeting

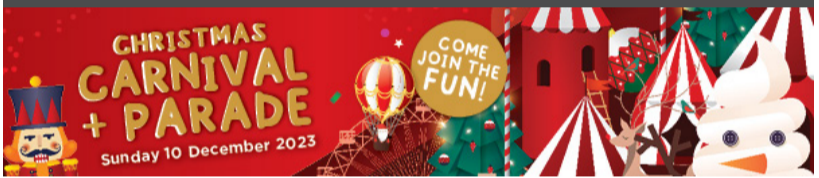
Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, unless otherwise stated. All meetings, except those where the public is excluded, are live-streamed on the Council's YouTube channel www.youtube.com/GoreDC

Tuesday 19 December

The Council will hold its monthly ordinary 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).

Temporary street closure - Santa Parade



Local roads be closed on **Sunday 10 December** for the Santa Parade and Christmas Carnival are:

- Ordsal Street, from Avon to Medway street, from 11:00am and 1:30pm
- Irwell Street, from Fairfield Street to Ardwick Street, from 8:00am to 6:00pm

Best Decorated Business and Residence Competitions

We've had homes and businesses from across the District register to take part in our best decorated competition, with some major prizes up for grabs. The winners are decided by people's choice, so vote for your favourites by scanning the QR code on their posters. You can also drop your vote off at the Mataura Library and main office, in Gore.

At the time of printing, the following residences had registered:

- Gore:**
- Big Red Express: 16 Joseph Street
 - Blitzen Belmont: 8 Belmont Place
 - Disney Joins Xmas: 10 Viking Place
 - Hansel & Gretel: 21 Gilbert Street
 - Hollis Family: 105 Hamilton Street
 - Lights on Edwin: 15 Edwin Street
 - Our House: 1 Robertson Place
 - Santa's Escape: 16 Halton Street
- Shimmering Abode: 66 Hamilton Street
- Still Believing: 11 Hobson Street
- Toshes Xmas House: 7 Canning Street
- Gore District:**
- The Toymakers House: 1752 Waipahi Highway
 - Wandering Lights: 189 Main Street, Mataura

Our business entrants are located on Irk Street, Medway Street and Main Street. For a full up-to-date list and map of all business and resident entrants be sure to visit our website! Voting closes at **12 Noon on Monday 18 December**.

Creative Communities Funding

Applications are now open for the latest round of funding from the Creative Communities Scheme, for projects taking place between **1 February and 31 July 2024**.

The Council works in partnership with Creative New Zealand to promote, support and increase participation in community arts and cultural activities within the Gore District. A group, organisation or individual can apply. Applications close **5:00pm on Wednesday 24 January 2024**. Application forms are available on the Council website.

State Highway closure for Santa Parade

This notice is to advise the following streets will be closed this Sunday 10 December from 11:00am to 1:30pm for the Gore Santa Parade:

- Medway Street (SH1), from River Street to Hokonui Drive
- Main Street (SH1), from the roundabout at Hokonui Drive (SH94) to the roundabout at Hyde St/Crombie St

Detours will be available via the heavy traffic bypasses:

- SH1 / Hyde Street / River Street and Norfolk Street / Richmond Street / Avon Street / SH94

This notice is pursuant with the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.

