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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN UNTIL WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023

If you're standing for the Gore District Council's Gore Ward, you need to have your nomination submitted to the electoral officer by **12 noon next Wednesday (17 May)**.

For nomination FAQ's, electoral roll information, Gore Ward zoning criteria and an up-to-date list of nominated candidates, visit the Council's website at www.goredc.govt.nz/elections.

The Council will have an election for the Gore Ward seat. The current candidates are:

- Alan Byrne – nominated by Karl Metzler & Kevin Hammond
- Steven Hamlin – nominated by Marilyn Mould & Kevin Ryan

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 16 May

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

Tuesday 30 May

The Council will hold an extraordinary meeting to consider its draft Annual Plan and fees and charges, 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).

Business Support Sessions

Closing the Gap's Employability Coordinator Sharlene Taylor-Giles will be hosting regular drop-in sessions at the Gore Library every second Monday, between 11:00am and 1:00pm.

The next session is Monday 22 May. Come along and brainstorm any regional business support, mentoring, training or workshops ideas. Through Closing the Gaps, Sharlene can also help business owners find the right staff by showcasing your business to job seekers and more.

Come along during the drop-in sessions or get in touch with Sharlene at 021-372-519 to arrange an alternative time.

Gore District Rating Database

The Gore District Council reminds people its rating database is available for inspection at its main office, 29 Bowler Avenue (hours). It is also on its website, www.goredc.govt.nz. Click on 'Properties' on the home page.

Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking Returns

Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking returns King's Birthday weekend, Friday 2 – Sunday 4 June in Gore's CBD.

Head to Irk and Main streets between 11:00am – 1:00pm each day to feel the electric atmosphere, as our hopeful buskers compete to get into the grand finale.

At 4:30pm that Sunday, everything comes to a head at the cosy St James Theatre. Come along to attend the FREE concert of this year's best talent and cheer for your favourite buskers.

Funding Opportunities For Creativity And Sports

Calling all creative arts groups, organizations, individuals, rural sports clubs, and school teams!

Apply now for two exciting funding opportunities:

- **Creative Communities Scheme:** Get funding for creative projects happening between 1 May and 31 July. Apply by 5:00pm Wednesday 31 May.
- **Rural Sport Travel Fund:** Subsidise travel for junior sports teams in local sport competitions, open to those aged five to 19. Apply by 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.

Wastewater Pipeline Project Update

The Gore District Council is about to move into the second stage of a project to replace one of Gore's largest and most critical wastewater pipelines.

Contractors expect to start work in about a fortnight to lay the new 900mm pipeline from the current work site in Hyde Street to connect with an existing pipeline at the Eccles/Ardwick street intersection.

This work is expected to take about six weeks. During that time, there will be disruptions for pedestrians and motorists. These include:

- Main Street – between the Crombie/Hyde Street roundabout and Fairfield Street – the traffic lane will be moved left

and the width reduced

- Footpaths will be closed at various times
- A section of the Eccles Street playground will be closed
- Eccles Street will be closed to traffic from Main Street to Ardwick Street
- The southern end of Ardwick Street will be open only to residents' vehicles.

All heavy traffic must use the Hyde Street heavy traffic bypass during this stage.

The Council will provide more information about the various stages of work as they happen.