



# Gore District Council DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2014/15 SUMMARY

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Thank you for taking the time to read this summary of our Draft Annual Plan for the coming financial year.

This briefly outlines the projects the Council has to undertake, the projects it would like to undertake and those that have had to be postponed. You can find detailed information in the full version of the Draft Annual Plan, which is available at the Civic Centre, Gore Library and Mataura Service Centre. Or you can download a copy at [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz).

It is important for you to have a say on what we propose for the coming year. The Gore District is a vibrant, unique place to live, work and play. We know many of our ratepayers are on fixed incomes and face financial challenges, so we have made a conscious effort to keep expenditure down while retaining the same levels of service.

To read the full Draft Annual Plan please go to the Council's website:

[www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz)



## New projects

This Draft Annual Plan is year 3 of our 10 Year Long Term Plan and is pretty much business as usual.

However, there are a couple of projects we are thinking of undertaking as a result of representations from community groups and/or individuals.



### Establishing a dog park

If you are a dog owner, would you like somewhere set aside to exercise your canine companion? The Council's Dog Control Working Party has recommended establishing a dog park at the eastern end of Hamilton Park. We have put aside \$23,500 for this and will fund it by loan.



### Playground fence

One of Gore's most popular playgrounds, the Eccles Street playground, fronts on to two busy roads. This is a cause of concern for some, particularly with grandparents playing a larger role in caring for children. The Council is proposing to put up a steel post fence that will prevent small children from running on to one of the nearby roads but allow a clear view of the playground. We have set aside \$13,000 for this. It will be funded by rates and adds 0.10 % to rates.

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### Major project for wastewater system

West Gore and South Gore are two areas where we are seeing urban and industrial expansion. Relieving pressure on the wastewater reticulation system that services these areas has been a priority, however, this is going to be a bigger project than first envisaged and will have to be done in stages.

The first stage will start in the coming financial year and the Council intends to raise a \$1.9 million loan to fund it. The full impact of servicing this loan will not be felt until the 2015/16 financial year.



### Proposed change to how businesses fund parks and reserves

In the past, the amount Gore businesses pay to help fund parks and reserves has been decided via a fixed targeted rate within valuation bands. This has caused some anomalies and required regular adjustment to take into account new valuation assessments. The Council wants to put in place a fairer funding formula and is proposing commercial ratepayers pay a parks and reserves rate based on the capital value of their property.

There will be a maximum of \$4,000 (including GST) and a minimum of \$450 (including GST) to ensure the rate is kept to a reasonable level. The proposal is only for commercial ratepayers.

### On hold

There are a couple of major projects flagged in the LTP that we will have to put on hold for the time being. These are:

#### Arts & Heritage precinct redevelopment

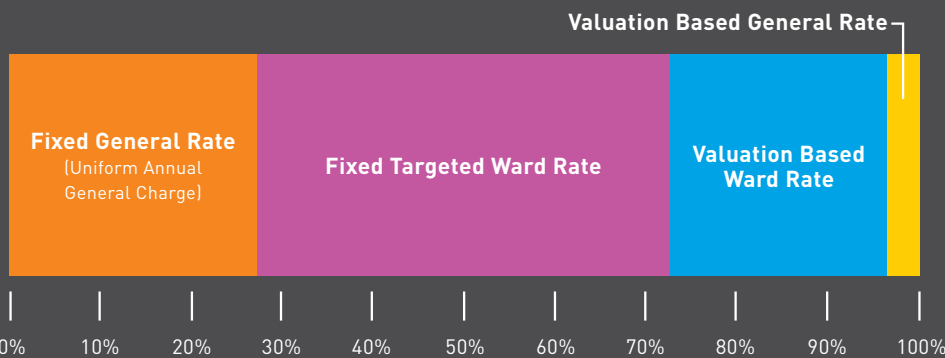
This has been delayed to allow our acclaimed Arts and Heritage team to direct resources to the many other important projects it is involved in at present, such as the East Gore Arts Centre and Mataura's Clematis Cottage.

#### Upgrading the Council's main administration building

Detailed planning for this was due to start this coming financial year. However, uncertainties associated with the earthquake prone buildings debate and review of the building code have prompted the Council to delay this work.

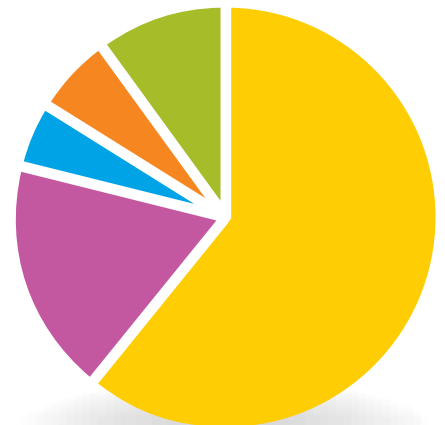
## Money matters

The Council's main source of revenue is rates. How much each ratepayer contributes is determined by the value of their property and its rating ward.



### How we pay for everything

- Rates 61%
- Fees, Charges & Reserves 18%
- Subsidies - Operating 5%
- Subsidies - Capital 6%
- Loans 10%



## Our proposed rates increase

Despite considerable pressure on the Council’s financial planning, we are proposing a district-wide rate increase of 3.76%. The impact this has on your rates will vary, depending on the rating area you live in – urban or rural – and the capital value of your property.

On average the many Council services paid for by rates, will cost:

- Urban ratepayers \$41.84 per week,
- Lifestyle block ratepayers \$37.67 per week, and
- Large scale farm owners \$97.94 per week.

The rate increase is on a par with the figure forecast in the LTP. It has been held at this level through diligent team work by senior staff and elected members.

It will see the Council collect \$15,740,517 (GST inclusive) in total from rates. This is \$570,633 more than the figure forecast for the current financial year.

We have had to increase depreciation for stormwater and wastewater pipelines after these assets were revalued. The additional \$155,000 we need to collect represents 1.18 % of the total rate take.

## How your rates are spent

- Community Services & Facilities 26%
- Parks & Reserves 14%
- Regulatory & Planning 4%
- Roads & Footpaths 16%
- Other 9%
- Solid Waste Removal & Recycling 9%
- Wastewater Treatment & Disposal 8%
- Wastewater Treatment & Supply 10%
- Stormwater 4%



## How does this affect the average ratepayer?

This Annual Plan is the first since the Gore District revaluation. With a portion of the Council’s rating formula based on capital value, it is important to keep this in mind. In the table below, we have five sample properties showing property values before the revaluation (2013/14), which was used to calculate present rates, and after the revaluation (2014/15), which will be used to calculate the new rates.

### Rating examples for Annual Plan Summary

#### Gore Residential

|                     | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Property Valuation  | 152,000        | 150,000        | 254,000        | 250,000        | 376,000        | 370,000        | 508,000        | 500,000        | 660,000        | 650,000        |
| <b>Total Rates</b>  | <b>\$2,080</b> | <b>\$2,027</b> | <b>\$2,261</b> | <b>\$2,193</b> | <b>\$2,477</b> | <b>\$2,392</b> | <b>\$2,711</b> | <b>\$2,608</b> | <b>\$2,980</b> | <b>\$2,857</b> |
| Increase per week   | \$1.03         |                | \$1.31         |                | \$1.64         |                | \$1.98         |                | \$2.37         |                |
| Percentage increase | 2.64%          |                | 3.11%          |                | 3.56%          |                | 3.95%          |                | 4.32%          |                |

#### Mataura Residential

|                     | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Property Valuation  | 45,000         | 50,000         | 72,000         | 80,000         | 135,000        | 150,000        | 226,000        | 250,000        | 339,000        | 375,000        |
| <b>Total Rates</b>  | <b>\$1,795</b> | <b>\$1,751</b> | <b>\$1,821</b> | <b>\$1,773</b> | <b>\$1,883</b> | <b>\$1,826</b> | <b>\$1,972</b> | <b>\$1,901</b> | <b>\$2,082</b> | <b>\$1,995</b> |
| Increase per week   | \$0.85         |                | \$0.93         |                | \$1.10         |                | \$1.36         |                | \$1.68         |                |
| Percentage increase | 2.53%          |                | 2.72%          |                | 3.13%          |                | 3.72%          |                | 4.37%          |                |

#### Gore Commercial

|                     | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15         | 2013/14        |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Property Valuation  | 154,000        | 150,000        | 256,000        | 250,000        | 410,000        | 400,000        | 717,000        | 700,000        | 1,399,000       | 1,365,000      |
| <b>Total Rates</b>  | <b>\$2,878</b> | <b>\$2,883</b> | <b>\$3,764</b> | <b>\$3,856</b> | <b>\$5,101</b> | <b>\$4,428</b> | <b>\$7,766</b> | <b>\$6,586</b> | <b>\$11,165</b> | <b>\$9,745</b> |
| Increase per week   | -\$0.08        |                | -\$1.76        |                | \$12.95        |                | \$22.70        |                | \$27.31         |                |
| Percentage increase | -0.15%         |                | -2.37%         |                | 15.21%         |                | 17.92%         |                | 14.57%          |                |

#### Mataura Commercial

|                     | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Property Valuation  | 48,000         | 45,000         | 94,000         | 87,000         | 161,000        | 150,000        | 382,000        | 355,000        | 603,000        | 560,000        |
| <b>Total Rates</b>  | <b>\$2,190</b> | <b>\$2,110</b> | <b>\$2,380</b> | <b>\$2,262</b> | <b>\$2,957</b> | <b>\$2,855</b> | <b>\$4,900</b> | <b>\$4,190</b> | <b>\$6,843</b> | <b>\$5,947</b> |
| Increase per week   | \$1.53         |                | \$2.25         |                | \$1.97         |                | \$13.66        |                | \$17.22        |                |
| Percentage increase | 3.77%          |                | 5.18%          |                | 3.58%          |                | 16.95%         |                | 15.05%         |                |

#### Rural

|                     | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        | 2014/15        | 2013/14        |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Property Valuation  | 404,000        | 375,000        | 819,000        | 760,000        | 1,657,000      | 1,400,000      | 2,485,000      | 2,100,000      | 3,580,000      | 3,025,000      |
| <b>Total Rates</b>  | <b>\$1,482</b> | <b>\$1,473</b> | <b>\$1,959</b> | <b>\$1,943</b> | <b>\$2,920</b> | <b>\$2,725</b> | <b>\$3,871</b> | <b>\$3,581</b> | <b>\$5,127</b> | <b>\$4,711</b> |
| Increase per week   | \$0.19         |                | \$0.30         |                | \$3.75         |                | \$5.57         |                | \$8.00         |                |
| Percentage increase | 0.66%          |                | 0.80%          |                | 7.16%          |                | 8.10%          |                | 8.83%          |                |

Make sure you  
have your say.



# We want to hear from you

It is important to have your say on the Council's Draft Annual Plan by making a formal submission. Irrespective of whether you want to speak in support of your submission or not, what you have to say will be taken into consideration by the Council.

You can download a submission form from our website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) or pick one up from the Civic Centre, Gore Library or Mataura Service Centre. Alternatively, email [info@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:info@goredc.govt.nz) and we will send a form to you.

There are a number of ways you can lodge your submission.

## Key dates



**Saturday 26 April**

Public consultation on the Draft Annual Plan opens.



**Tuesday 27 May**

Submissions to the Plan close.



**Monday 9 June**

A hearing will be held for submitters wishing to speak.



**Tuesday 17 June**

The Council will consider all submissions to the Plan.



**Tuesday 24 June**

The Council will formally adopt the Plan.



### Email

Send it to [info@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:info@goredc.govt.nz). Please put **Annual Plan Submission** in the subject line.



### Post

Send it to Annual Plan Submission

**Gore District Council**  
PO Box 8  
Gore 9740



### Fax

Our fax number is **03 209 0357**.



### Hand deliver

You can drop off your submissions at the **Civic Centre, 29 Civic Ave** in Gore, or the **Mataura Service Centre, McQueen Ave** in Mataura.