



REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 2007, AT 4:02 pm.

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Cr Davis (Chairperson) Crs Bolger, Dore, Harvey, McFadzien, McIntyre, McLennan, Ogg, Sutherland and Turnbull.

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Neil Jorgensen), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roothing Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore), Management Accountant (Mr Luke Blackbeard), Acting Corporate Services Manager (Sue Davidson), Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Gore Gold Guitar Young Ambassador Judges (Mr Nick Jeffrey, Miss Tiffany Hiri, Ms Kate Leebody, Ms Shona Hewlett), Gore Gold Guitar Young Ambassador nominees (Miss Jennifer O'Connell, Miss Kimberly Skilton, Miss Melanie Sloan, Miss Trudie South), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Jo Waddell) and one member of the public in the Gallery.

APOLOGY Cr Hellier apologised for absence.

1. GORE GOLD GUITAR YOUNG AMBASSADOR COMPETITION
(18.52)

As part of the Gore Gold Guitar Young Ambassador Competition the four nominees - Miss Jennifer O'Connell, Miss Kimberly Skilton, Miss Melanie Sloan and Miss Trudie South were invited to make a presentation to the Council.

His Worship welcomed the nominees and the judges to the meeting.

The Judges and nominees departed the meeting at 4:22 pm.

The meeting adjourned for 108 minutes to allow the completion of an extraordinary Council meeting.

2. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Committee perused the operations bulletin containing reports from the Gore i-SITE Visitor Centre, District Arts and Heritage Curator, Parks and Recreation Manager, Aquatic Services Manager, Roading Manager, the Deputy Librarian and the Animal Control Contractor.

Report of the District Arts and Heritage Curator (23.5)

The Arts and Heritage Curator said the Lonely Planet had been the driving force behind the increase in numbers visiting the Centre. In response to Cr Davis, he said it had been a secretive visit.

Cr Harvey asked the Curator to make a presentation on the Southern Odyssey Trail at a future meeting.

In response to Cr Turnbull, the Curator advised the Matura Historical Society currently had two funding applications being considered.

Report of the Parks and Recreation Manager (18.1.2)

In response to Cr Harvey, the Parks and Recreation Manager advised the cost of the clean up of the cenotaph at the War Memorial had been met from the miscellaneous budget.

Cr Sutherland asked if the RSA had been approached to assist with funding the clean up.

The Manager advised he would make enquiries with the RSA.

In response to Cr Turnbull, the Manager advised he would check the overgrown section in Nuffield Street and report back to her.

Report of the Aquatic Services Manager (24.11)

In response to Cr Turnbull, the Asset Manager, Utilities would check up about the broken disabled chair.

Cr Davis said the decrease in numbers at the Matura Pool was possibly due to the impact of cutting back the opening hours.

Cr Turnbull asked if a survey could be done in Mataura about the opening hours.

Cr Davis suggested the Mataura Community Board could do a survey.

The General Manager, District Assets advised the new hours had been modelled on the times the users were at the pool and it would be monitored carefully and increased if required.

Cr Davis thought a suggestion box at the pool could be an option.

Cr Bolger said from personal experience it was not very clear when the pool was open and it was sad to see the pool being utilised less.

Report of the Roding Manager (2.1.6)

Cr Harvey thanked the Roding Manager for the work in Wallis Lane.

Cr Dore said the TAB car parks had been completed and the people concerned thanked the Roding Manager.

In response to Cr McIntyre, the Manager advised that the Key Hill Road should be pretty close to being graded, however, he would check and report back to her.

Report of the Animal Control Contractor (34.2)

Cr Davis said the dog fight had been very traumatic and frightening for those concerned and there had been consequences.

Report of the Deputy Librarian (25.1)

In response to Cr Harvey, the Chief Executive advised interviews would be held the following week for the Library Manager position.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr McLennan, seconded by Cr Sutherland, THAT the Operations Bulletin be received.

The meeting concluded at 6:25 pm