

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2010, FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Stephen Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

3 February 2010

A G E N D A

1. New Zealand Police Presentation
(Pages 1-5)
2. Report of Aquatic Centre Manager
(Pages 6-9)
3. Report of the Gore i-Site Visitor Information Centre Manager
(Pages 10-12)
4. Report from the District Arts and Heritage Curator
(Pages 13-14)
5. Report of the Library Manager
(Pages 15-16)
6. Report of the Parks and Recreation Manager
(Pages 17-20)
7. Report of the Community Development Officer
(Page 21)
8. Recognition of Contribution of the late Jessie McChlery-Tytler
(Page 22)

9. Gore Sister City Committee – Rejuvenation and Review
of Constitution

(Pages 23-30)

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

FEBRUARY 2010

1. NEW ZEALAND POLICE PRESENTATION

(Memo from Chief Executive – 02.02.10)

Senior Sergeant Steve Gregory of the Gore Police will be in attendance to address the Committee on local policing matters, in particular a report recently released about disorderly activity around Mobil Gore. A copy of the report is attached.

CRIME PROFILE
SSA/CP/091211

Mobil Gore

Released 11th December 2009



Executive Summary

- It is **almost certain** that disorder related incidents occurring at Mobil Gore or in the immediate vicinity will continue to increase unless the current situation is suitably addressed.
- A strong emphasis should be placed on education and enforcement of liquor licensing, and the liquor ban area.
 - It is **almost certain** that proactive action in relation to these areas will result in a significant decrease in total reported offending.
- A high profile combined and concerted proactive effort is recommended to reduce the offending, which should also involve;
 - police staff from the wider Gore area
 - police staff from other various work groups (AHRO, STU, Highway Patrol, TAG)
 - a coordinated media campaign
 - Gore District Council
- The hot times for offending are Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, between 10pm – 4am.
- The target group should be male, Europeans aged in the 18 - 20 year age bracket.
- Close consultation should be conducted with the proprietor of Mobil Gore, Richard CHRISTIE, with a view to assisting him in the implementation of some proactive measures.
- The Gore CBD CCTV surveillance cameras are ineffective in their current positions and methods of use; the cameras;
 - locations / use should be modified, and the software updated
 - should be actively monitored and utilised by police staff or Community Patrol staff during the peak times of offending.

1. Conclusions and Recommendations

CONCLUSIONS:

- There is sufficient evidence to suggest that there is a causative link between alcohol and offending in the Gore Liquor Ban area, and more specifically at Mobil Gore and the immediate vicinity.
- The majority of disorder offending occurs overnight Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, more specifically between the extended time periods of 10pm – 4am.
- The vast majority of the people charged with disorder, reside in the Gore District, and are termed as locals. 76% of them were male, Europeans, and offenders aged in the 18 – 20 years age bracket were responsible for 55% of the reported / detected offences
- It is almost certain that people are continuing to consume alcohol whilst travelling through the liquor ban area (either on foot and / or in vehicles).
- Confrontations are taking place, or incidents are occurring at or in the immediate vicinity of Mobil Gore.
- Previous deterrence measures such as proactive policing have not had any significant effect on subsequent similar offending.
- Gore Mobil appears to have become a natural place to congregate, and with McDonalds Gore having recently opened on the adjacent property, it is anticipated that the nature and frequency of disorder will continue to escalate.
- It is almost certain that an extended proactive operation specifically targeting alcohol related offences within the Gore Liquor Ban area would have an effect on other crime types in the Gore area.
 - There would be noticeable increases in detected offending in the short term, which would result in significant decreases in the long term
- When any such operation has been commenced, and a reduction in offending detected, there should be emphasis placed on maintaining proactive policing within the target area.
- The Gore Police should remain the lead agency in addressing this issue, however close liaison and consultation should be maintained with the GDC, MLT and Mobil Gore.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- High visibility patrolling method to be adopted
- Utilisation of outstation staff for planned operations, which should be conducted over an extended period
- Invercargill based AHRO staff to be consulted and utilised regarding consistent liquor licensing enforcement;
 - Appropriate liquor ban and liquor licensing training to be delivered, in order to maintain a consistent police approach when dealing with incidents
 - Zero tolerance to be adopted regarding any alcohol related offences committed within the Gore Liquor Ban area
 - Issuing of LION's to be promoted

- As per the recent introduction in Invercargill, any offenders apprehended for relevant offences within the Gore CBD and / or liquor ban area should be placed on a curfew during the appropriate night time hours whilst on bail.
- All (3H) Hotel Visits to be logged via Comms, with quality notings to be submitted, which should include:
 - the duty managers details
 - details of any offences detected
- Zero tolerance also to be adopted regarding any disorder related offences committed within a [to be determined] set radius of Mobil Gore
- Close liaison to occur with Richard CHRISTIE regarding suitable preventative options at Mobil Gore which could be adopted, including discussion and encouragement of;
 - a security guard at Mobil Gore during the peak time periods
 - calling police every time more than 1 vehicle or group congregate in the area
 - any suspect / target vehicles which stop on the Mobil Gore forecourt, to be moved on ASAP
- Consultation regarding Sergeants, Highway Patrol and Strategic Traffic Unit rosters, in order to compliment the GDB roster
- Media strategy to be developed and delivered
- Proactive and high profile enforcement of the new legislation in regard to graduated licence breaches, especially on Friday and Saturday nights between 11pm – 1am
- Liaison with the GDC in relation to;
 - the proposed 'working party'
 - locations of the CCTV surveillance cameras, and updating of the software
 - sites of possible new 'fast food' outlets

2. REPORT OF AQUATIC CENTRE MANAGER

December proved to be a busy time at the Gore Multi Sports Complex, with several schools visiting for the end of year treat and swimming lessons. Some of the groups that were booked in for swimming lessons at Mataura pool had travelled to Gore as the pool was closed due to awaiting the new boiler. The Mataura Pool opened for the season on the Thursday 17th December with a steady flow of patronage. Monday night twilight Aqua and lane swimming from 7-8 pm appears to be quite popular at Mataura Pool. A flyer advertising aquarobics and twilight lane swimming for Mataura Pool was displayed at the Service Centre, Baldwins Discount, Clutterbucks 4 Square, Southern Estate Rentals, Caltex Garage, Medical Centre, Dolamore Park and in the Newslink. Holiday programmes and opening hours have been displayed at the Service Centre and advertised in the newspaper and the local radio station.

School Holiday Programmes

A number of holiday programmes were scheduled at both pools throughout January with an average of 26 children a day in Gore.

The most successful holiday programme at Mataura was the Hamster Ball fun day with a \$5.00 entry which included lunch pool entry and free rides on the hamster ball, at with forty four participating on the day. It was great to see a number of grandparents supervising. It was one of the busiest days for Mataura Pool over the holiday period with 135 patrons. The beach day, run in conjunction with the library had 30 children participating in a number of games in the leisure pool at the Gore Pool.

The sea saw, jostling sticks and mouse wheel were taken to Mataura pool several times throughout January, the children loved it. Not many children attended other holiday programmes in Mataura.

Bookings

We had 29 bookings in December at Gore Multi Sports, 16 from schools, and 13 others.

There have been 10 bookings to date for the stadium for this year. Staff are currently working through the scheduling of the bookings and discussing clashes with users who have booked in. Confirmations of these bookings will be sent out in February.

Complex updates

Introduction of new food items for sale at reception, will take a while for this to settle down. We now have a new Anchor fridge with products including 2 litres of milk for sale.

There have been two unfortunate events at the pools. One where expansion joints at the Gore pool had the sealant removed, and the other where jostling sticks at Mataura pool were vandalised.

A number of repairs on the inflatables and sealed equipment and lane ropes have been carried out throughout January.

Leaping Frogs Swim School

December was a busy month with Longford in for lessons and Mataura in for water safety. The feedback for our first water safety class was very positive from teachers and the principle. They were really impressed with the confidence this gave the children and found it fun way to finish the year.

The procedures for each school assessment has been written up and filed with all notes on the lesson structure and contact correspondence information.

The Swim School Co-ordinator is fine tuning the Water Safety programme to include a teacher's module that can be taught at school and then followed by our water module taught by the instructors at the pool.

Holiday lessons have not gone as well as expected this year; the uptake was slow the first two weeks but a littler busier during the second two weeks. Due to feed back, we will be looking at running adult lessons on a Wednesday at 11.30-12.00 pm. The feed back from recent clients was it was better around this time.

Term lessons for Gore are steady increasing each day, a number of parents normally wait until school is back before booking in. This year we scheduled lessons in Mataura on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays however, these have not filled up, with some classes with only one student enrolled. Parents will be contacted and an alternative day offered. Lessons were promoted through the newspaper and school newsletters.

Visitor Numbers Gore		
Month	July 08-June 09	July 09-June 10
July	5927	6825
August	5111	7165
September	6606	6562
October	6850	8500
November	8145	9835
December	6528	7920
January	7955	8307
Sub Total	47122	55114
February	6727	
March	8041	
April	6861	
May	6224	
June	6200	
Total	81175	55114

Stadium Usage		
Types of bookings	1-18 Dec 2009	25-31Jan 2010
Casual tennis	13	2
Casual Basketball	1	
Holiday programmes	1	
School Groups	2	
Squad fitness training	1	
Shooting hoops	75	28
Non paying spectator	151	24
Adult spectator	4	1
TOTAL	248	55

Visitor Numbers Matura

	2009	2010
January	1110	1423
February	892	
March	1919	
April	765	
May	Closed	
September	Closed	
October	Closed	
November	Closed	
December	402	
Total	7157	1423

Leaping Frogs Swim School Gore

Holiday Lessons	2009	2010
Week One	37	15
Week Two	37	27
Week Three	37	35
Week Four	37	41
Total	148	118

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

3. REPORT OF THE i-SITE INFORMATION CENTRE MANAGER

It has been a challenging year for tourism worldwide with a 5 per cent decline in outbound travel globally with visitor arrivals down just 0.6 per cent to 30 November 2009. New Zealand is holding its own.

Australia once again provided the biggest growth for New Zealand

It has been good to see some growth out of the smaller markets of France, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, India and Italy, with The Netherlands also holding its own.

Tourism New Zealand will be back in the UK campaigning post-Christmas to drive up February/March bookings. Tourism New Zealand has also increased its focus on Europe this year and are now completing their evaluation of the potential in Eastern European countries and Russia.

The US is showing signs of recovery, despite high unemployment. However, competition is stiff from other countries, particularly Australia. While that means New Zealand needs to remain competitive, we are also seeing the benefit of increased dual-destination traffic from those visiting Australia and New Zealand as air completion has intensified on the US and Australia routes.

2010 and beyond will continue to present challenges but they are challenges Tourism New Zealand and the tourism industry are well placed to manage.

International Visitor Arrivals

<u>Oct -09</u>			<u>Nov-09</u>	
Australia	87,676	up 22.2%	84,502	up 9.5%
UK	16,629	down 7.5%	24,518	down 0.9%
US	13,984	down 2.1%	18,768	down 11.3%
China	7,636	up 16.5%	11,063	down 3.5%
Japan	6,072	down 9.6%	8,027	down 1.9%
Germany	5,313	up 3.9%	8,096	up 2.5%
South Korea	3,933	down 33.1%	4,370	down 12.5%
Canada	3,243	down 6.8%	4,922	down 14.9%

Source: Tourism New Zealand Media Release

Gore i-SITE Visitor Centre

Visitor numbers and inquiries had kept the i-SITE staff busy during January; many tourists are pleasantly surprised with what Gore has to offer. A large number had visited and stayed at Dolamore Park and have taken the time to report back to the centre to inform the staff on how beautiful it is at the Park, a large percentage also enjoy the many walks that Dolamore Park offers.

Visitor Numbers & Inquiries Gore i-SITE Visitor Centre		
Month	July 08 - June 09	July 09 - June 2010
July	1167	1307
August	1340	1163
September	1534	1490
October	1614	1585
November	1033	635
December	1472	1426
January	1929	
February	2189	
March	1857	
April	1733	
May	1296	
June	1076	
Total	18240	7606

The staff have had the opportunity to attend famils throughout Fiordland and Queenstown on a regular basis during the year. This has been extremely valuable enabling the staff to offer tourists first hand experience and information regarding attractions and activities the Southland region has to offer.

The i-SITE is looking forward to February, March and April, which has proven in the past to be the centres busiest months. February will be busy with the A & P Show, Cheese Rolling, Southern Field Days, Southern Shears, Moonshine Trail, Mandeville Fly-in and the Moonshiners Festival. All fabulous events, which encourage people to visit Gore.

100% Local Deal

The i-SITE Visitor Centre has instigated for the month of February a promotion available to all Gore residents who visit the i-SITE and spend in excess of \$10.00 they will go into a draw to win a fabulous prize. (See attached promotional brochure)

Staff have been able to secure sponsorship from Interislander and the Museum Hotel in Wellington for this month's

competition. We have also been able to secure sponsorship to enable promotions to run in March and April 2010.

Tourist's comments taken from the i-SITE Customer Survey Sheets

How did they find our location?

Brochure	x3
Signage	x19
Family and friends	x5
Other i-SITE	x5

Tourists impression of Gore

Beautiful Gardens, tidy, well laid out town, interesting history, Trout fishing possibilities, friendliness and great service, excellent Museum and Info Centre, museum, the i-SITE, art gallery, the size, bigger than anticipated

Tourists impression of the Gore i-SITE Centre & staff

Excellent, very good and helpful, professional, helpful and friendly, outstanding and efficient, 5 stars! 10/10, awesome, well situated, offered help without asking, great parking, thankful for the wheelchair provided.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

4. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT ARTS AND HERITAGE CURATOR

Eastern Southland Gallery

The Gallery was pleased to be able to host an exhibition of sculptures and carvings by one of Southland's most distinguished artists, Russell Beck throughout December and January. The works in this show spanned almost 40 years and collectively celebrated a remarkable career in both domestic and public sculpture. Equally pleasing was the positive public response to this show, and the holiday season ensured a healthy number of local, national and international visitations.

The East Gore Art Centre project is progressing well and the interior fit-out of the artists' flat is complete. While gib-stopping and painting is undertaken, staff will be working on plans for the refurbishment of studio, foyer and toilet areas within the old hall building.

Planning is complete for the Gallery's 2010 exhibition and performance calendar. Touring exhibitions for the coming year will include pioneer New Zealand potters, classical themes and tapestry. In-house shows will involve the Eastern Southland Embroiderer's Guild, the recently donated Smith Yallop Collection and a number of solo exhibitions by regional and national artists. Concerts by six touring groups and performers have so far been booked.

Exhibitions and Activities

'Forces of the Land' – sculptures and carvings by Russell Beck
(until 1 February)

'The Man in the Hat' – a film about art dealer Peter McLeavey (13 December)

Hokonui Heritage Centre

Our research centre has remained busy throughout the year and work continues on collection and archive management within our storage areas. On-going research and documentation continues into the district's built heritage, as well as WWI, WWII and local cemetery databases. The Research Centre continues to process a large number of local, regional and national enquiries.

A key focus for December and January has been the augmentation of the fishing collection and archives. Post graduate student David Luoni has been working with local identities and families of former guides to help develop an overview of the history of recreational angling in the Maitai Valley.

General

Staff members continue to work with groups on a variety of funding proposals and submissions. Liaison continues with a variety of local community development and event initiatives.

Talks and Tours

- St Peters College (x 2)
- Animal Health Conference Delegates
- Venture Southland Media Famil.

Meetings and Representations

- 2010 Hokonui Moonshiners Festival
- Supervision of Southland Roving Museum Officer
- 2010 NZ Country Music Awards
- Americarna
- Matura Development Committee
- SMAG Redevelopment

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

5. REPORT OF THE LIBRARY MANAGER

Aotearoa Peoples Network Kaharoa (APNK)

Use of the free internet continues with a resulting increase in the number of visitors to the library. The computers have been popular during the holidays, particularly with teenagers in Mataura. Tourists are particularly thrilled to learn we have wifi. Since launching the service there have been 83 unique wifi users in Gore and 6 in Mataura.

Activity Summary for December:

Average number of users per day on weekdays	21
Average number of hits per day on weekdays	80,202
Average number of users per weekend	9
Average number of hits per weekend	15,884
Most active day of the week	Wednesday
Least active day of the week	Saturday
Most active date	14 December
Number of hits on most active day	122,156

Staff training

A member of staff from Public Health South trained staff from the library and the main Council office on how to deal with disruptive and intoxicated customers. The advice was very practical and gave staff more confidence in dealing with these situations. In addition to this training the local constable in Mataura has been very supportive in helping staff to establish and maintain acceptable behaviour.

Visits from schools and kindergartens

East Gore School concluded their visits with a Christmas storytelling session for Room 4. Jenny also visited the school before term ended to farewell each class and to thank the teachers and principal for their continuing support.

Oxford Kindergarten came for two visits to Gore for Christmas story-telling.

Summer Reading Programme

Once again the reading programme was extremely successful and one of the highlights of the year for the Children's and Young Adult's team. The theme this year was "Dive into Books" and 98 children enrolled. This year the programme was limited to 100 places and the programme filled up very quickly. Of the 98 children who enrolled (41% of whom were from the rural catchment area), 83 went on to complete the programme. This was a completion rate of 85%, up 6% on last year. Gore Library had 80 enrolments and 71 children completed the programme (89%). Mataura had 18 children enrolments, with 12 completing

the programme. As the theme this year was of an aquatic nature Jenny worked with the pool to hold the Finale Party at the Multi-sports Centre. The pool staff also offered of a free swim to all the children who completed the programme, many of whom took up the offer on one of the hottest days of summer so far.

Christmas Parade

The library took part in the Santa Parade for the first time, decorating a float and with Arabella aboard telling stories. We also had Clifford the Big Red Dog, a well known children's book character, join us for the day who was a big hit with the onlookers.

Talks/Visits/Displays

- East Gore School
- Oxford Kindy
- Kiwi Red Books

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

6. REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

Parks and Reserves

Over the summer holiday period the reserves staff have continued dealing with spring growth like conditions. The weather conditions dictated there be no let up in growth of lawns and weeds in the gardens and shrubberies. The routine maintenance cycles continue to be regular as staff strive to keep on top of the growth. The new season's annual bedding plants are now putting on a magnificent display around the parks and gardens, albeit it a little later as the early summer growth was behind previous years as a result of inclement weather. Over the summer there have been a number of staff taking leave which places pressure on those remaining. To help mitigate this situation the Parks and Reserves division employ two students to help out. Time off at this time of the year is always pre-planned and scheduled in advance so that we are confident in having enough staff on the ground at any given time able to maintain services.



Throughout the Main Streets, Civic Centre and at the I-Site visitor centre, hanging baskets are adding a huge splash of colour as they are now in full bloom. All the hanging baskets have drip irrigation which keeps them in a good healthy state.

The spraying teams continue to focus their efforts on dealing with the rapid weed growth that we are still currently experiencing. Staff have had to contend with summer winds that have made the task of spraying challenging. As a result, the time available for our operators to spray has been severely restricted.

The mowing staff continue to be fully committed to their regular mowing rounds as to date there is no sign in a letup of growth. We are currently keeping up but we are experiencing bulk grass left on fields after mowing. This will only reduce as warmer drier weather allows the clippings to shrivel, wither and dry up. Machinery has performed well apart from a few breakdowns which have been repaired promptly either by operational staff or the workshop.

Structures

Prior to Christmas when maintenance works were being undertaken under the Trout, it was discovered that an amount of water had been entering the chamber and subsequently caused rusting on the structural supports. After seeking advice from a local metalworking company which was involved in the initial construction, a plan was put in place to remedy the situation. The plan was implemented without incident and the resulting report from the service provider was that the job went well.

Cemeteries

The Cemetery staff have had a busy summer. They also have been required to focus on garden and grass maintenance as the weather has dictated for our Reserves division. It has been pleasing to see the cemeteries looking neat and not receive any negative comment through their busiest time of the year.

The ongoing collation of photographic information for publishing on the Council's website is still underway. The Gore Cemetery information is now complete with a focus now on gathering information from Charlton Park, followed by Mataura, Pukerau and Waikaka. By late February this information should have migrated from raw data to meaningful links on the Council's Cemeteries website database.

Mataura Pool Working Party

The working party first met in November then held an onsite meeting in December to view firsthand the issues at the Pool. At that meeting, the working party requested that costings be undertaken of the issues and options being discussed to put some clarity around the possible future fiscal implications. Council officers are currently working through this process. It is

hoped to have this information collated and available by mid February with the working party meeting shortly thereafter to decide upon which of the options it chooses to consult the public on. After the public consultation, the working party will consolidate its thinking into a summary report to be presented to the Council for its consideration and ultimate recommendation.

Property

Work on the second electric gate at the services depot has commenced. Once complete this will enhance the security at this depot which has become an issue not only from a 'shrinkage' perspective but also from a health and safety one whereby we can now preclude unauthorised public entry to this area where machinery frequently works.

Work continues on implementing the Councils "Overhanging and Overgrown Section Bylaw". This entails viewing offending properties, sending the owners a compliance failure notice with a deadline to rectify. Thereafter re-checking is undertaken and if the property is still non-compliant the Council will instruct a contractor to undertake the work and on-charge this cost and a booking fee to the owner. To date the Council has issued 63 notices in Gore and 40 in Mataura with overall compliance sitting currently around 40%. In addition, Council officers are noticing property owners for overhanging foliage on a reactive basis where an issue is brought to our attention.

The Events Centre re-opened for the year on 25 January to the public. That week Sport Southland ran its school holiday programme prior to school starting up for the year. This programme was well received with approximately 30 participants. The Council is in the process of readvertising for a suitable candidate to run the centre. Council officers hope to conclude this process by the end of February. In the interim the stadium is being temporarily staffed by a combination of Aquatic Services and Sport Southland staff.

Sport Southland is currently taking bookings and planning for its annual Moonshine Trail event starting at Dolamore Park. It is expected to have at least 500 entries for this year's event.

Other community interaction

Interaction with groups, clubs and organisations over the past month:

- Gore Community Centre, attended meeting
- Mataura Pool Working Party, site visit and meeting
- Gore District signage issues, work in progress

- Southland Rhododendron Association, meeting
- Gore Garden Club, meeting
- Stage 3 Trust, attended final committee meeting
- Eastern Southland Equestrian Park Trust, consultation and meeting
- Department of Conservation, consultation
- Young Farmer of the Year, organising committee, meeting attended
- Hokonui Heritage Centre, consultation

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

7. REPORT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Ministry of Social Development Community Max Initiative – Dolamore Park Native Bush Restoration Project

After the recruitment of a supervisor and orientation of the four new employees, work begins 8 February. This has certainly been a collaborative effort by the Council and the Ministry of Social Development funded programme. There are now five less people unemployed in our district. Work and Income has reported that the four young people benefiting from the project are very much looking forward to going to work.

Youth Council

We are gearing up for the next intake of youth councillors and they will commence their first official Meeting in March. A calendar of anticipated events will be provided including dates of national conferences and local workshops and activities they may like to participate in or concentrate on. An expectation of this years Youth Council is that they all attend at least two committees and council meetings and if there are issues relevant to youth that they participate actively with council. This will be an evolving process. We will also propose dates for Councillors and staff to meet and explain their roles and positions briefly and appreciate everyone's support. It is hoped that this will encourage young people to become more actively involved in what's happening in their community and gain more intimate knowledge of council workings.

Gaming Policy Review

Public submissions have now closed and the Council Gaming Review hearing panel will hear submissions, consider proposals and make recommendations to full council in due course.

Meetings Attended

- Southern Adult Literacy
- Mataura Taskforce
- Settlement Support Network
- Public Health South
- Salvation Army
- Women's Refuge

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

8. RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTION OF THE LATE JESSIE
McCHLERY-TYTLER

(Memo from Administration Manager – 25.01.10)

Councillors will be aware of the passing of Jessie McChlery-Tytler in late December. Jessie received an honorary appointment as a Special Ambassador between Gore and Tamworth in January 1998.

It would be appropriate for the Council and Tamworth to recognise Jessie's enthusiasm and commitment to the Sister City relationship which has grown considerably since its inception in 1992. It is suggested that a tree with a memorial plaque be planted near the Tamworth Garden and the Hands of Fame.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a tree and memorial plaque be planted near the Tamworth Garden in recognition of the contribution to the Gore-Tamworth Sister City relationship by the late Jessie McChlery-Tytler.

9. GORE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE – REJUVENATION AND REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

(Memo from Chief Executive – 29.01.10)

In October last year the Committee considered a revised constitution for the Gore Sister City Committee. The need to amend the constitution was initially sparked by the resignation of Chairperson, Mrs Barbara MacKay in April.

The recommendation of the Committee, subsequently endorsed by the Council, was that subject to consultation taking place with those organisations that enjoyed separate representation in terms of the current constitution, the suggested amendments to the constitution of the Sister City Committee be endorsed.

- ✦ A copy of the revised constitution, is attached.

- Consequently, letters were forwarded to the Gore Country Music Club Inc., Eastern Southland Chamber of Commerce, Gore High School and St Peter's College seeking their approval or otherwise to the proposed amendments. A copy of the letter
- ✦ that was sent to these parties is enclosed, along with the responses received from Gore High School and the Gore Country Music Club Inc. Responses were not received from either St Peters College or the Eastern Southland Chamber of Commerce.

Of the two responses received, only the Gore Country Music Club Inc. has expressed any level of concern with the proposed amendments to the Constitution. I consider the Club's request to have specific representation from its organisation as of right on the Sister City Committee, to be reasonable. The genesis and initial raison detre for the establishment of a Sister City relationship between Gore and Tamworth was centred around country music. I would therefore suggest that the Committee expand the proposed membership of the Sister City Committee by one member in order to accommodate the Gore Country Music Club Inc.'s interests. A combination of this particular request would still leave a Committee of seven members, which is not considered in any way to be unwieldy.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the revised constitution for the Gore Sister City Committee be endorsed subject to the inclusion of separate representation consisting of one member from the Gore Country Music Club Inc. being incorporated into the Committee's membership.