

Online Building Consent Applications Goes Live

The Council launches its new online building consent portal tomorrow (12 August). Called Simpli, the platform allows customers to submit their building consent applications and respond to requests from the Council online, and access and submit information throughout the building consent process.

First time users of Simpli will need to set up a log in for the service. They will need a valid email address and a password.

People should go to <https://simpli.govt.nz/register> to register.

The Council will phase out paper based applications over the coming months.



Creative Communities Scheme

Applications are still open for the latest round of funding from the Creative Communities Scheme. The current funding round is for projects taking place between 1 September 2021 and 28 February 2022.

The Gore District Council has a partnership with Creative New Zealand to promote, support and increase participation in community arts and cultural activities within the Gore District.

Any group, organisation or individual that meets the grant criteria can apply. For example performances by community choirs, hip-hop groups, theatre companies, or art projects that bring together groups from a range of different communities, and something that enables young people (under 18 years) to engage with, and participate in the arts.

For previously successful applications please make sure any outstanding accountability forms are returned as soon as possible. If organisations who have received assistance do not return their accountability forms, it can jeopardise any future funding.

Applications for the current round close at **5:00pm on Monday 16 August**. For more information visit the Council's website.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday 18 August

The Capital Works Committee meets at 3.30pm, in committee. The public is excluded in accordance with sections 7 (2)(f) and 7 (2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank discussion of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority; and enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

This will be followed by an extraordinary Council meeting to consider the Matai Ridge subdivision project. The public is excluded in accordance with sections 7(2)(a) and 7 (2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 - protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons; and enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Wednesday 25 August

The Audit and Risk Committee meets at 3.30pm, in committee. The public is excluded in accordance with Sections 7 (2)(i) and 7 (2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations; and protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

All meetings are in the Council chambers, Bowler Avenue, unless otherwise stated.

Agendas for all meetings, except those in committee, will be available on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz beforehand.

Traffic disruptions in Wigan Street

There will be significant changes to traffic flow in Wigan Street over the next eight months as the Council replaces the water and wastewater pipelines.

Work replacing some of Gore oldest pipelines starts on **Monday (16 August)**. The street will be open to one-way traffic for the majority of the project. However, it will need to be closed for short periods.

Wigan Street residents will have access at all times.

No Spray register applications closing

The Council will start its spring weed spraying in September in Gore and Mataura. If you don't want the street frontage of your property sprayed with herbicide, you can have the area put on our No Spray Register.

Applications to go on the register for the spring spraying close this **Friday (13 August)**. To apply download an application form from the Council's website (goredc.govt.nz, link under Hot Topics).

It's important to remember, property owners need to look after the areas they have asked to be included on the register.