



**YOUR COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD**

**15 December 2021**

## Mayor's Christmas Message

As we look at closing out 2021, it's worth reflecting on what a year it's been. There have been many challenges on numerous fronts as we've come to grips with living with a pandemic. It makes me proud to see that through it all, our strength as a community has shone through.

New Zealanders were fortunate to enjoy more freedom during the year than some countries, even though it was relatively short-lived. Locally, we have managed to stay COVID-19 free, but that may not always be the case.

We can all help minimize the impact of the virus, should it make its way into our patch, by getting vaccinated and being vigilant. Wherever you are during the break, if you have the slightest inkling all may not be well, then please get tested.

Over the Christmas/New Year break, I hope everyone connects with family and friends. Please make sure you also take time to recharge your batteries for whatever 2022 brings.

On behalf of councillors and staff, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Christmas / New Year Hours

Our staff are taking a break over the festive season. However, we will have staff on call for emergencies or issues requiring attention as soon as possible, such as noise control. Please phone our after-hours service on **(03) 209-0330**.

Non-urgent issues can be reported using our Antenna app, which you can easily download from the App Store or Google Play.

### Gore Transfer Station

**CLOSED** Christmas Day / Boxing Day / New Year's Day / Sunday 2 January

### Wheelie Bin Collection

The kerbside wheelie bin collection service will not be disrupted and operate as normal over Christmas and New Year.

### Main Office

**CLOSED** Wednesday 22 December, at 12 noon, until Monday 10 January.

### Gore Library

**CLOSED** Friday 24 December, at 12 noon, until Wednesday 5 January.

### Gore Aquatic Centre and MLT Event Centre

**CLOSED** Christmas Day / Boxing Day / New Year's Day / Sunday 2 January

### OPEN

- Monday 27 December / Tuesday 28 December and Monday 3 January **1:00pm – 5:00pm**
- Wednesday 29 December to Friday 31 December and Monday 3 January / Tuesday 4 January **10:00am – 6:00pm**

### Gore Visitor Centre

**CLOSED**

- Saturday 25 December to Wednesday 29 December
- Saturday 1 January to Wednesday 5 January.

### OPEN

- Monday 27 December and Friday 31 December **9:00am – 1:00pm**
- Wednesday 29 December and Thursday 30 December **9:00am – 5:00pm**

### Eastern Southland Gallery

**CLOSED**

- Christmas Day / Boxing Day and New Year's Day

### OPEN

- Monday 27 December and Tuesday 28 December **10:00am - 4:30pm**
- Sunday 2 January **1:00pm - 4:00pm**
- Monday 3 January and Tuesday 4 January **10:00am - 4:30pm**

### Mataura Library/Service Centre

**CLOSED** Wednesday 22 December, at 12 noon, until Monday 10 January.

## 2021 Otama Rural Water Scheme Referendum

### DECLARATION OF RESULT

The final result for the Gore District Council Otama Rural Water Scheme Referendum that closed on Friday 10 December 2021 is:

### 2021 Otama Water Supply Ownership Referendum

***I agree with the proposal that ownership of the Otama Rural Water Supply be transferred from Gore District Council to Otama Rural Water Limited.***

<b>YES</b>	231 votes	90.94%
<b>NO</b>	23 votes	9.06%

**INFORMAL or BLANK VOTING PAPERS** 0

I declare the majority (90.94%) of those voting in the referendum voted YES to the proposal.

The voter return was 54.27%, being 254 votes.

**Anthony Morton Electoral Officer**

## Road Closure

Woolwich Street will be closed to through traffic from Huron Street to Maitland Street on **Sunday 20 February 2022**, between 7.30am and 7:00pm for the annual 1/8 mile drag racing.