

Rates Rebates Available

The Council will be sending out notices for the first instalment of the 2021/22 years rates in the next week or so. This year sees a district-wide average rate increase of 6.42%.

Each year the Council helps hundreds of residents get a rates rebate. Anyone can apply to the scheme providing they own the property, have been living there since the start of the rating year (1 July) and are on a low income or receive a benefit.

The maximum rebate amount this year is \$665. There's more information on the Council's website, or phone its customer service team on **209-0330**.



Only Nine Days To Go

Is your beagle legal? Paws for a minute, jump online and pay you dog rego by **Friday 6 August** and you could **WIN a pamper pack for your pooch**.

You'd be barking mad not to! Go to www.goredc.govt.nz/do-it-online-pay-it/

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 10 August

There will be a full meeting of the Council at 4.00pm.

Wednesday 18 August

The Capital Works Committee will meet 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

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.

Alcohol Licence Renewal Applications

Each year clubs and organisations with a licence to sell or supply alcohol must renew their licence. These applications are publicly notified on the Council's website and are open for objections for 15 days from the date of publication. To find out more go www.goredc.govt.nz and follow the link under Hot Topics.

Building Consent Processing Simpli

The Council will launch its new online building consent portal on Thursday 12 August. Called Simpli, the service will allow applicants 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 next few months.

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Applications Open

Applications are now open for the latest round of funding from the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund.

This fund is for summer sports and is designed to subsidise travel for junior teams taking part in local sport competitions, and is open to rural sports clubs and school teams within the Gore District.

Those taking part in the sports must be aged between 5 and 19 years. The fund is for travel to local sports competition out of school time, and not regional or national events.

For more information visit the Council's website.

Applications for the current funding round are open until **Monday 20 September 2021**.

Pukerau Playground Upgrade

The old Pukerau playground is in line for a facelift next month.

The Council's parks and reserves team will remove the old play equipment on Tuesday 3 August. Installation of the new playground will start on Monday 16 August, weather permitting.



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