

New Walking & Activity Trail

The Gore Library and Newcomers Network have teamed up to bring Gore's latest walking trail to life.

The StoryWalk / Welcome trail will take people on an 800m journey from the Gore gardens aviary to the playground on Lyne Street.

There will be 20 marker posts in total. On 18 posts, there will be a storyboard featuring a page from a children's book to read and some activities. At the end of the trail, children are encouraged to take a selfie with the sleepy bookshelf dragon and post it on the library's Facebook event page.

Twenty of the marker posts will also display 40 different flags. The flags represent the cultural diversity of the Gore District. The flags will not be labelled, encouraging people to discover the country each one represents.

It is planned to have the trail open next week. As well as being a fun activity for families, the trail will also help people find the Gore's library's temporary location in Jacob Street, as it is only three blocks away from the Lyne Street playground.

Pamper Your Pooch



The Council's animal management team has come up with a pamper package for one lucky dog and its owner. Anyone who registers their dog by Friday 6 August will go into the draw for the package – it's that easy.

Any registration fees unpaid after this date will incur a 40% penalty. All dogs over three months of age must be registered.

Dog registration notices for 2021/22 will be arriving in dog owners' mailboxes over the next week or so. If you have moved in the last year or don't receive your notice, please call us on **209-0330**.

Rural Halls and Domains Grants

Applications are open for this year's round of funding for rural halls and domains. Community organisations can apply for a grant to assist with any capital projects or significant work associated with ensuring the long term future of these important community assets.

Applications close at 5:00pm Friday 30 July. Application forms are available on our website, follow the link under Hot Topics on the home page.

Rebate still available

There's still time for residents to apply for the rebate on their rates.

Rates rebates are for everyone, not only superannuitants. Rebates are calculated on household income, rates and the number of dependants.

Anyone interested in learning more can go to www.goredc.govt.nz/your-council/rates or call the Council on **209-0330**. Rebates for this financial year close on 30 June.

Upcoming Meetings

Please note – all meetings are held in the Council Chambers, in Bowler Avenue, Gore, unless otherwise stated.

Wednesday 23 June

A meeting of the Community Strategy Committee will be held, starting at 3:30pm.

Monday 5 July

A meeting of the Mataura Community Board will be held in the Mataura Elderly Citizens rooms, in McQueen Avenue, starting at 5:30pm.

Wednesday 7 July

The Council will meet to consider submissions to its Gambling Policy Review. The meeting starts at 4:30pm.

Tuesday 13 July

A meeting of the Council will be held, starting at 4:00pm.

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

All meetings are livestreamed on the Council's YouTube channel www.youtube.com/GoreDC

Homeowner notification for wastewater inspections

The Council's 3 Waters team has started its four to six month project inspecting Gore and Mataura's wastewater network using CCTV.

Before each inspection, contractors will be cleaning wastewater pipelines using a high-pressure water blaster. This can cause turbulence and fluctuations in the air pressure in a property's wastewater system.

It will be important for residents to keep their toilet lids closed while work is being carried out their area.

To stay informed, download the Council's app Antenno. There will be a weekly notification to let residents know if the contractor's in their area.

The contractors will also be doing letter drops to affected residents a couple of days before they arrive in an area.