

Inviting expressions of interest from plumbers

The Council is calling for expressions of interest from plumbers wanting to be involved in the Elizabeth Street Pipeline Renewal project.

It is looking to establish a panel of between three to five plumbers to carry out the separation of wastewater and stormwater pipelines within private properties in the Elizabeth Street catchment.

Plumbers wanting to be considered for the panel should contact 3 Waters Project Engineer Aaron Green, phone **021-318-632** or email agreen@goredc.govt.nz.

The Request for Proposal is available on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz/council/public-notice.

The closing date for proposals is **4:00pm Friday 20 May**.

Upcoming Meetings

Please note - all meetings are subject to COVID-19 traffic light protocols in place at the time. Meetings will be held via zoom or in the Council Chambers in Bowler Avenue, Gore.

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

Monday 2 May

The Mataura Community Board will meet in the Elderly Citizens Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, starting at 5:30pm.

Tuesday 10 May

There is a full meeting of the Council, starting at 4:00pm.

Wednesday 18 May

The Community Strategy Committee meets, starting at 3:30pm.

Wednesday 25 May

There will be a meeting, in committee, of the Capital Works Committee, starting at 3:30pm. 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, which enables 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.

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

Do you want a rates rebate?

Each year the Council helps over 500 people get a rebate on their rates under the Rates Rebate Scheme, which it administers on behalf of the Department of Internal Affairs.

People can apply for a rebate, which is credited to their rates if they meet the following criteria:

- Are the legal owner of the property
- Have been living at the address since the start of the current rating year (1 July)
- Have a low income or receive a benefit

Rebates are calculated on a person's household income, rates and the number of dependants.

This year the maximum rebate amount is \$665.

To learn more, go to www.goredc.govt.nz or call the Council's customer service team, phone **209-0330**.

Rates deferment opportunity

Council will be sending out invoices for the fourth rates instalment early next month. The due date for payment is **Friday 27 May**.

Gore District ratepayers are reminded that there is a short-term rates deferment option for those experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

They can apply to have their rates payment deferred for the next two instalments - the upcoming fourth instalment for this financial year and the first instalment for the 2022-23 financial year, which is due in late August.

For more details or to talk about any rating issues, please contact the Rates team phone **209-0330**.

Gore District Community Awards nominations now open

The Council is calling for nominations for this year's Gore District Community Awards, to be held at the Gore Town and Country Club stadium on **Friday 4 November**.

The Awards are a biennial celebration of the achievements and commitment of those living in the wider Gore District. The various categories cover sport, the environment, performing arts, women in the community, arts and culture, and young achievers.

This year sees the introduction of two new award categories - the Business Excellence Award and Te Ao Māori Award.

Nominations are open until **5:00pm Friday 16 September**. The qualifying period for nominees is from 1 September 2020 – 31 August 2022.

Nominations can be made on the Council's website, through its Do It Online portal. Nomination forms are also available at the main office.