

With COVID-19 in our community, the Gore District Council has plans in place to ensure it can continue to deliver essential service to customers and keep facilities open.

Staff from the Council's various departments have been split into teams. This means if a person in one team gets COVID-19, it does not take out the entire department.

Staff will still be working around the community. Please maintain social distancing and wear a mask if you need to talk to them.

Rates payment - do it online

With Friday 25 February being the last day for the third rates instalment, the Council encourages people to pay their rates online via the Do It Online portal – here's the link <https://online.goredc.govt.nz/do-it-online>.

If people have any questions or concerns about paying by the deadline, please call the customer service team **209-0330**.

The Council's main office is open to the public, but please ensure you wear a mask and maintain social distancing when visiting.

Services and Facilities

With the move to splitting teams, the Council has introduced the following:

Gore Aquatic Centre and MLT Event Centre

- Open Monday to Friday 9:00am - 1:30pm and 2:30pm - 6:00pm
- Closed Saturday and Sunday
- Swimming lessons and aqua classes cancelled at present

Gore Library

- Open Monday to Friday 9:30am - 12:30pm and 2:30pm - 5:30pm
- Closed Saturday and Sunday
- Call and collect, or contactless delivery is available within Gore town boundary

For online reading and activities and up to date information go to gorelibraries.govt.nz

Gore Visitor Centre

- Open Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:30pm and 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Mataura Library/Service Centre

- Open 10:00am - 12:30pm and 1:00 - 5:00pm

Rubbish Collection

Our contractor will continue to operate as normal at present.

Gore Transfer Station

- No changes to this service

3 Waters

Staff will be working as usual. However, please expect a longer response time to fix leaks.

Building Team

- Our staff will wear masks for inspections to occupied residential buildings.
- When booking an inspection, please let our staff know if a vaccination pass is required to access the premises.
- Staff will be working as usual although some will be doing so remotely. Please ring to book an inspection, which in some cases could be done by a virtual call. Due to high demand, be prepared for some delays getting inspections done.

Animal Management

There's no change to this service.

Parks and Reserves Team

Playgrounds, parks and reserves, and public toilets are still available to the public.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Wednesday 2 March

There will be a meeting, in committee, of the Audit and Risk 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, 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.

Monday 7 March

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

Tuesday 15 March

The Council will meet, 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

Amendment to the Gore District Plan

This notice is to advise that the Council has approved the reclassification of residential and industrial zoned land in Mataura, and residential, industrial, mixed use and commercial zoned land in Gore. It will be classified as Urban Environments, in accordance with the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD).

To give effect to Policy 11 of the NPS-UD, the Gore District Plan will be amended to remove the minimum on-site parking rates within the Urban Environments described above.

This notice is in accordance with Resource Management Act 1991 – Clause 2A Section 55.

Consultations Open

The Council is currently seeking feedback on:

- A new Stormwater Management Bylaw (feedback closes Friday 25 February)
- The Keeping of Animals, Poultry, and Bees Bylaw (feedback closes Friday 4 March)

Full details are available at www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz. There's also an online feedback form. Copies of the documents are also available from the Council's main office, Mataura service centre and Gore library.