

State Highway 1 Temporary Closures

Mersey Street Roundabout

Highways South advises it will be resurfacing the Mersey Street roundabout, in Gore. This will see the closure of Main Street (SH1) between Irk Street and Bowler Avenue, and Mersey Street where it intersects with Main Street, from **Sunday 6 March to the morning of Tuesday 8 March**.

The following detours will be in place:

- Heavy vehicles: SH1 / River Street / Hyde Street / Redmond Street / Bury Street / SH1
- Light vehicles: SH1 / Irk Street / Fairfield Street / Bowler Avenue / SH1

Hyde Street Roundabout

Highways South will also be resurfacing the Hyde Street roundabout. This will see the closure of:

- Main Street (SH1) from Eccles Street to Kitchener Street
- Hyde Street to the railway crossing
- Crombie Street, from Main Street to Elsie Street

The closure will be from Monday 7 March to Friday 25 March (approximately).

The detour for heavy traffic is:

- SH1 / River Street / Hyde Street / Redmond Street / Bury Street / SH1

There will still be access to businesses within the road closure area up to the Stihl shop, north of the roundabout, and the Enliven Resthaven Village exit to the south. There will be pedestrian access.

Highways South expects to complete the work by Saturday 19 March.

However, it has allowed an extra week in case of unexpected delays due to weather or workers being required to isolate due to Covid.

The Council will be replacing water mains in this area at the same time, to minimize disruption.

Highway South asks residents, business owners and customers to be aware of the following:

- Emulsion (wet tar) - In the resurfacing phase, shoes should be checked for tar before walking inside. Emulsion can be removed from the soles of shoes with a citrus based cleaner.
- Other hazards - These may include increased noise, vibration, and dust due to the size of the machinery needed to be used.

Cemeteries Bylaw Consultation Opens

The Council's Cemeteries Bylaw 2022 is now open for feedback. This is a revised and updated version of the 2008 Cemeteries Bylaw, which had been due for review in 2013. However, the review was not carried out and the bylaw expired on 1 July 2015, in keeping with section 160 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The intention of the Cemeteries Bylaw is to:

- Set standards to maintain and preserve cemeteries.
- Direct the positions and depths of all graves within a cemetery.
- Protect buildings, monuments, lawns, shrubs, plantations, and enclosures in a cemetery from destruction or damage.
- Prescribe conditions subject to which more than one deceased person, including the ashes of more than one deceased person, may be interred in any grave.
- Control or restrict the times at which or between which burials may be carried out.
- Regulate burial in a cemetery of the ashes of the dead.
- Subject to section 51 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964, regulate and restrict the disinterment and removal of bodies.
- Regulate the use of, and any activities undertaken at cemeteries, in order to protect land, structures and infrastructure associated with cemeteries from damage, misuse, or loss.
- Prescribe fees payable in respect of goods or services provided by Council in relation to cemeteries.

Public notification and submissions

The bylaw is open for submission until **5:00pm Monday 11 April**.

Full details about the bylaw, the statement of proposal and cemeteries operational handbook are available on the Council's engagement portal Let's Talk www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz.

Submissions can be made online via this site, delivered to the Council's office at **29 Bowler Avenue, Gore**, mailed to **PO Box 8, Gore 9740** or emailed to info@goredc.govt.nz.

Information and a submission form are also available at the main office, Maitava service centre and Gore Library.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday 7 March

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

Tuesday 15 March

The Council will meet, starting at 4:00pm

Wednesday 16 March

The Audit and Risk Committee will meet, starting at 3.30pm. The public is excluded under Sections 7 (2)(i) and 7 (2)(a) of the Act, 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.