



Let's Talk Rubbish

rethinking waste

The Council wants to talk rubbish with its residents.

Today sees the launch of **Rethinking Waste**, a project looking at the big questions and potential opportunities around waste minimisation.

Rethinking Waste is led by waste recovery expert Dr Niki Bould from Ahika Consulting. She has worked on several projects, helping others understand what a low carbon economy, a resilient community or zero waste means for them.

Rethinking Waste will include a series of community conversations to raise awareness about the problems created by current waste disposal practices and what can be done by individuals and communities to bring about change.

One of the initial steps will be forming a focus group to be the community connection with the Council's Waste Minimisation Working Party, set up last year.

For more information and to register your interest to be part of this exciting project go to lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz

Residents' Satisfaction Survey

The Council will be carrying out its annual Residents' Satisfaction Survey over the next four weeks. The survey is carried out via telephone and online, making it inclusive and accessible to more people.

The Council appreciates people taking the time to take part, as the survey provide valuable information about specific services and facilities, and how people feel about the District and Council's performance.

Anyone wanting to take part online will find the survey link on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz.

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 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.

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

New Plan to Welcome All

The Council's new Welcome Plan is now available at www.goredc.govt.nz, and at the Gore and Mataura libraries.

The Welcome Plan aims to create a realistic and achievable path forward to assist all newcomers to become part of the Gore community.

It provides actions for the Gore community to embrace those new to the district, as well as actions for the newcomers to integrate into the Gore community.

Save the Date

The popular Hokonui Culture Feast, a culinary and musical celebration of our multi-cultural community, has been postponed due to current COVID restrictions. The good news it is still going ahead.

It will be held on **Thursday 6 October** at the Gore Town and Country Club stadium.

Cancelled

Unfortunately, there'll be no music on the streets of Gore during Queens Birthday Weekend. With the cancellation of this year's Tussock Country musical festival, the Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking event has joined the list of 2022 COVID event victims.

Flush Water Before Drinking

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning, before use, to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. We recommend this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

This notice is in compliance with the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (revised 2018).