

Scam Prevention Workshop

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

A free workshop helping identify and protect yourself from scammers.



The Council's Ready for Living team, in conjunction with Neighbourhood Support, is hosting a free scam prevention workshop.

Join us as we cover what common scams look like, what to be aware of and how to protect yourself and your whānau from scammers. Speakers include NZ Police, IRD and ANZ Bank.

The workshop is on **Tuesday 23 April** from 10:00am – 11:30am at the James Cumming Community Centre.

RSVP by 18 April at kylireadyforliving@goredc.govt.nz or phone 209 0330.

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund



Applications are now open for the latest round of funding from the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund. This fund is designed to subsidise travel for junior teams taking part in local winter competitions, and is open to rural sports clubs and school teams within the Gore District. Those taking part in the sports must be aged between 5 and 19 years. The fund is for travel to local sports competition out of school time, and not regional or national events.

Applications for the current funding round are open until **Wednesday 22 May 2024**.

For more information visit the Council's website goredc.govt.nz/grants

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Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, unless otherwise stated. All meetings, except those where the public is excluded, are live-streamed on the Council's YouTube channel www.youtube.com/GoreDC

Monday 22 April

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

Tuesday 23 April

The Council will hold its monthly ordinary meeting, starting at 4:00pm.

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

Know your Rubbish and Recycling

Full kerbside recycling is coming for our urban areas, but it's not here yet.

We are working as fast as we can to implement the new national standards for now it's still red for rubbish – and that includes plastic, cardboard and cans – and yellow is only for glass.

Meanwhile residents who can't wait to recycle can deliver clean cardboard and aluminium waste to the Gore Transfer Station in Toronto Street, Gore, or behind the Mataura Community Centre in McQueen Avenue Mataura.

The Pakeke Lions North Gore Depot at 117 Hokonui Drive Gore, also accepts clean cardboard, aluminium and plastic bottles for recycling.



Initial Proposal for Representation Arrangements for the 2025 Elections

On 26 March 2024, the Gore District Council reviewed its representation arrangements and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council and its Community Board for the elections to be held on 11 October 2025.

Council Representation

It is proposed that the Council comprise of eight members elected from three wards plus three elected members elected at large across the entire District, plus the Mayor. These three wards reflect the following communities of interest:

Ward	
Gore	Based on the boundaries of the former Gore Borough Council, with the addition of Meshblock 3052402, which incorporates the Bupa Retirement Village.
Mataura	Based on the boundaries of the former Mataura Borough Council.
Rural	An amalgamation of both the existing Kaiwera-Waimumu and Waikaka Wards, less Meshblock 3052402, which is to be incorporated within the Gore Ward.

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population (2018 census)	Members	Populations per Member
Gore	7497	5	1589
Mataura	1740	1	1681
Rural	3363	2	1740

In accordance with Section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the range of 1631 +/- 10% (1468 to 1794) unless particular community of interest considerations justify otherwise. All proposed wards comply with this criteria.

Community Board Representations

It is proposed that the following Community Board be elected:

Community Board	Area of Community
Mataura Community Board	Based on the boundaries of the former Mataura Borough Council.

The Mataura Community Board will elect five members from within the boundaries of the Mataura Community. There are no electoral subdivisions proposed within the Mataura Community.

In addition, the Gore District Councillor representing the Mataura Ward is proposed to be an appointee to the Mataura Community Board.

Further Information

Copies of the Council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards and Community Board may be viewed and obtained from:

- Gore District Council Offices – 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore or McQueen Avenue Mataura
- Let's Talk Kōrero Mai website lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz

Any queries regarding the Council decision should be directed to Stephen Parry at sparry@goredc.govt.nz

Submissions Are Invited

Persons with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make a submission. Further submissions may be made using one of the following options:

- Online - Complete an online submission via lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz/repreview
- Download the submission form from www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz or pick up a hard copy submission form from a Council's main office or Gore library and:
 - Email it to emason@goredc.govt.nz
 - Post it to Emily Mason, Gore District Council, PO Box 8 Gore, 9710;
 - Deliver it to the Council main office

Submissions must be received no later than **5:00pm Friday 10 May 2024**.

Cleaning Eye of Wastewater Drain



This is a cleaning eye, or access point, that's an important part of your domestic wastewater drain. Sometimes it gets lost over time. It may be overgrown, it may be under paving, or it may simply be overlooked.

If a drain gets blocked this is the first place your plumber or contractor will look to find the fix. If it can't be found, or it can't be reached they may need to install a new eye and that will cost you more. So, keep an eye on the cleaning eye, and keep it clear.

Blocked Drains

The Gore District Council will reimburse reasonable costs for clearing blocked drains when:

- The blockage is in the council-owned portion of the drain (i.e. under the footpath, road or public land) and is caused by a fault in the pipe integrity.
- The blockage was not caused by an occupant
- You must submit a copy of your invoice with CCTV inspection footage that supports the claim (your plumber or contractor will do this.)

The Gore District Council will not pay for:

- clearing blocked drains on private property
- clearing blocked drains caused by an occupant (for example, a nappy flushed down a toilet or fat being poured down a drain)
- Installing a cleaning eye to a private drain

In the past, we have had wipes toys glasses and even stones being put down the drain. If they make it to a pump station causes the pump to block up which in turn costs more to unblock and repair.

Exhibition Celebrates Local Faces



Some familiar faces from Gore's past feature in the Eastern Southland Gallery's latest exhibition.

'Persona' includes portraits from the district collection that have been gifted to the Gallery over a period of nearly forty years.

One of the most recent is Portrait of Wattie Gee (a well-known former schoolteacher) by Cindy Hutton, but others include Donogh Hurley (former surgeon at Gore's Seddon Memorial Hospital), Natalie Dolamore (former Gore librarian) and local art teacher Geoffrey Hughes.

This exhibition also features nationally significant artworks bequeathed from local estates such as the Zona Crombie Bequest, along with gifts from notable Gallery supporters such as Tim Gerrard, Sam Neill, and Sir Grahame Sydney. All 30 portraits are on show until **12 May**.