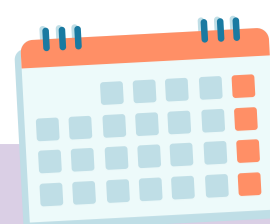


Chinwag

Your Council Noticeboard



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

Tuesday 2 July

4:00pm - The Community Wellbeing Committee, followed by a Council meeting to consider the final representation proposal for the 2025 local authority elections.

Monday 29 July

5:30pm - Mataura Community Board meeting at the Elderly Citizens Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura.

Monday 5 August

5:30pm - Mataura Community Board meeting with the Council

Tuesday 6 August

4:00pm - Audit & Risk committee meeting

The previously advertised Council meeting on 27 July has been cancelled.

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

BASIN FENCES INSTALLED

The Council has just finished building fences around stormwater catchment basins in West Gore and Matai Ridge after people raised concerns for children's safety when the basin were full of water.

Stormwater catchment basins, also known as infiltration basins, are relatively new for our urban areas. They capture stormwater during heavy rainfall and gradually release it into our pipelines, minimising the risk of the network being overwhelmed.

Last September, the basin on the corner of Elizabeth and Broughton streets became about two-thirds full of water during persistent, heavy rainfall. While the water drained away in about five hours, people were worried about the risk to children.



3 Waters Operations Manager Aaron Green and Mayor Ben Bell beside the Elizabeth Street Basin

Following a risk assessment the Council decided to construct the fencing to address potential health and safety concerns.

The Council agreed to a budget of \$68,600 to fence both sites.

WELCOME TO THE NEW CHINWAG !

Starting this month, our fortnightly Noticeboard is becoming a monthly full-page feature!

It will be published on the first Wednesday of the month and the new layout will give us the opportunity to tell more of our stories. You will be able to find all Council notices you have come to expect, from meeting dates and consultation notices to payment reminders and event advertising.

We are always looking to do things better, so feel free to email us your ideas and feedback any time at communications@goredc.govt.nz

NO SPRAY REGISTER

Around September each year, the Council starts its roadside vegetation spraying.

Residents who do not want their roadside frontage sprayed need to apply to go on our No Spray Register by **Wednesday 31 July**.

Those already on the register will get a reminder letter closer to when we start spraying.

Anyone who wants to go on the register or has changed address can apply online goredc.govt.nz/no-spray.

Applicants need to provide us with a map of the no spray area and will need to make sure the area is kept free of weeds. Failure to do so will result in the area being removed from the register.

KĀHUI WHETŪ EVENT FEEDBACK

Did you attend Kāhui Whetū this year? We want to hear from you!

Fill out our online survey, and go into the draw to win a \$100 New World voucher.

Your feedback is important in ensuring our events are meeting our community's needs.

You can fill out our survey online at goredc.govt.nz/kwsurvey

Survey closes on **Thursday 11 July 2024**



2024/25 FEES & CHARGES

Every year, we review our fees and charges to ensure they align with our neighbouring local authorities. We also consider whether the fees cover the cost of the services identified as having a strong component of user pays.

Areas where fees have increased include:

- Dog registration – up \$5 (first increase in five years)
- Building consents – up 28% to 36% to align with neighbouring councils and reflect actual costs
- Cemeteries – up between 2% and 14% to reflect increased operational costs
- Gore Aquatic Centre – average 9% increase due to increase in chemical costs for water treatment and cleaning

You can view all our fees and charges on our website goredc.govt.nz/council/fees-charges

GATHERED VOICES EXHIBITION

Eastern Southland Gallery, Gore until 28 July

Gathered Voices: Highlights from the Fletcher Trust Collection presents 22 paintings of national significance that tell rich and varied stories about this place and those who call it home.

The Fletcher Trust Collection is perhaps best known for its landscapes and works of formal abstraction, but portraits and other figure-based pictures form a lively core, exuding countless stories.

Gathered Voices showcases some especially fine examples dating from the nineteenth century to the present day and features artists such as Charles Frederick Goldie, Rita Angus, Michael Smither, Tony Fomison, Ian Scott, Lois A White, Philip Clairmont and Emily Karaka.



Image credit: Michael Smither, *Interior with Child*, 1971, oil on board

Register your dog today!

Dog registrations for the 2024/25 year are due **Friday 9 August 2024**.

For a quick and easy registration, visit our **Do It Online portal at goredc.govt.nz** or check your mail box for your renewal letter.



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