

# COMMUNITY

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What different ways can people contribute to our community?

## MATAURA LICENSING TRUST

### What is the MLT?

The Mātaura Licensing Trust was established in 1955 to control the sale of alcohol in the district and is governed by trustees elected by ratepayers every 3 years. The MLT distributes funds made up from the profits of the sale of its enterprises which include the Thomas Green to individuals and groups pursuing sporting, cultural and service goals.

### Key recent projects have been:

- Purchase of interactive whiteboards for every class in the district
- Gore swimming programme offering 10 free lessons to school children in its district
- Gore Kids Hub
- Gore Aquatic Centre
- Ice Sports Southland
- MLT Events Centre



Gore Kids Hub, Gore Aquatic Centre and MLT Event Centre

## HEALTHCARE

### Did you know that Gore has had two public hospitals?

The first, Seddon Memorial at Wigan Street, was opened in 1908 and was named after New Zealand's Prime Minister of the day, Richard Seddon. The hospital was an important focus of the community firstly for health and secondly as an employer of nurses, nurse aides, kitchen staff and cleaning staff. Having a hospital locally was important as if you broke your leg as you had to stay at the hospital until it was healed. Recovery from surgery times was a lot longer than they are today. A maternity wing was also important as mothers stayed in hospital with their new babies for two weeks before going home.

You didn't have to go to Invercargill to get your tonsils or appendix out – there was a surgeon right here in Gore. But in 1989 the Southland Hospital Board, which governed the Seddon Memorial, closed surgical services. There was uproar in Gore with fears that people would die on the road to Invercargill and that it may be the end for the hospital. There was a huge protest on the lawns of the hospital and it seemed all of Gore was there. Even Sgt Dan on the side of the Fleming's building had a sling painted on him in support of the community.

## PAKEKE LIONS

Lions is an international organisation that focuses on fundraising ventures for their local community. Their motto is "We serve". The Pakeke Lions are one of several Lions groups in the district. 'Pakeke' means 'elder' and the members of this group are all retired but they work hard instead for the community putting in hours at the "Cardboard Factory" where cardboard and paper collected from business, schools and organisations are packaged up for recycling. Each year they hold a massive book sale over 3 days with all the proceeds going to a charity of their choosing.

### Fundraising Activity

Gore has decided to build a new world class BMX track worth \$25,000. The Gore District Council has agreed to pay \$20,000 towards the cost of the project. However, that still leaves \$5,000 that local children must fundraise for.

- List as many fundraising ideas as you can that will raise the \$5,000.
- How much money would each person in your class have to fundraise to reach the \$5,000?
- Do you think fundraising is a good idea? Explain why or why not.



Seddon Memorial eventually closed in May 1999 but with a locally owned new hospital established the community showed they were keen to ensure their future health. Gore Hospital today has 20 beds, a 24 hour Emergency Department, Maternity, GP and community health services and is leading the way as a 'Centre for Rural Health'.

Seddon Memorial Hospital, Wigan Street



Gore Hospital, Birch Lane

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Project Tūrangawaewae



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- ▶ Heather Paterson
- ▶ Jenny Shipley

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### FUN FACT:

Did you know that New Zealand's first female Prime Minister came from Gore? Jenny Shipley (Dame Jennifer Mary Shipley) was born in Gore in 1952. Her family name was Robson. She was Prime Minister of New Zealand 1997-1999.

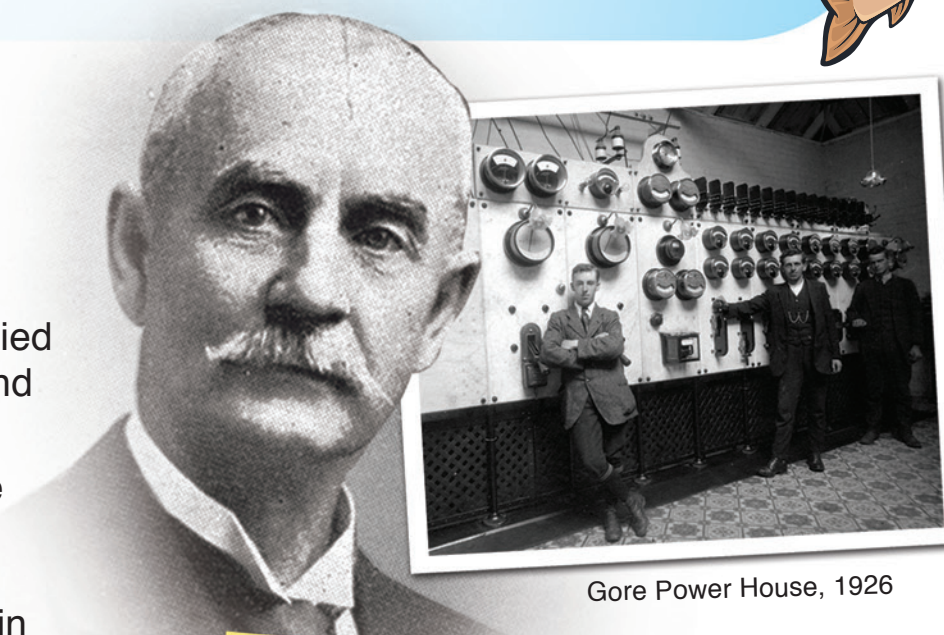


## DUGALD LOUIS POPPELWELL

Dugald Louis Poppelwell (1863-1939) was significant in creating the town of Gore as we see it today. Poppelwell, or D.L as he was known, grew up on a farm near Milton, studied law at Otago University then moved to Gore to start his own practice. He married Nora Green and together, they raised five children, three sons and two daughters. His father-in-law was Thomas Green.

Within three years he was elected mayor of Gore and served the first of his ten terms, serving a total of 13 years. This makes him the longest serving mayor of Gore to date. As mayor, Poppelwell was responsible for introducing a number of new features to life in Gore including launching a new water scheme, drainage, the building of the Gore traffic bridge, and, very importantly, electric power.

The story of Gore's electricity supply is an interesting one. In 1927, Poppelwell negotiated a supply agreement with the Southland Electrical Power Board. This agreement included the term that the Board would, "supply all electricity required by the Borough for public use in lighting, power and heating at a price not exceeding one penny per unit." Poppelwell's negotiations were so successful that, despite legal challenges by power companies, his supply agreement still stands and the Gore District Council pays the equivalent price of one penny per unit.



Gore Power House, 1926

### Look Up This Website

[www.rbnz.govt.nz/monetary\\_policy/inflation\\_calculator/](http://www.rbnz.govt.nz/monetary_policy/inflation_calculator/)

If a loaf of bread cost 3c in 1915, how much would it cost today?

### Creative Hats

Using recycled materials, create your own hat. Some useful items: newspaper, bottle tops, plastic bags, cans, wool, boxes, beads etc..



## HEATHER PATERSON

The Hokonui Fashion Design Awards are an annual event that attracts national attention in the celebration of creative fashion right here in Gore. The Awards offer experienced amateurs and emerging designers a catwalk to present their designs to both the public and judges who are at the cutting edge of New Zealand fashion.

Heather Paterson's name will be forever linked to the Hokonui Fashion Design Awards. The Awards began in 1988 and within 10 years Heather became the convener, managing entries, models and backstage volunteers as well as the stage show, sponsorship and finding judges for the event. She had experience though, having created entries, modelled and judged in the past. Under Heather's leadership with support from a committee and volunteers the event developed national interest. Heather passed away in 2015 and her husband Wade continues to lead the show.

