

CREATIVE Street Spaces

The community told us they wanted to introduce elements that would make our streets more vibrant. As part of Streets Alive, eight professional street artists have painted murals on commercial premises around town. These murals reflect aspects of Gore and environs.

Working with Sport Southland we'll be trialling a play trail with fun activities for children and adults alike.



Streets Alive is all about testing new ideas for our streets that could make Gore an even better place to live.

A PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY PLACE

Collaborating with Irk St businesses, we've come up with a concept that largely meets their needs and the community's desire for a pedestrian-friendly, welcoming space in the centre of town. We'll trial new things in Irk St - parklets and landscaping, café style seating, a performance stage, as well as roading adjustments to slow and reduce traffic, making it safer and more people-friendly for everyone no matter how they get around.



It's really important we get your feedback on the trial initiatives. This will play a big part in whether they become permanent.

When the trials finish, we'll consider community feedback and data we've gathered to decide whether a trial initiative becomes permanent.

Any proposals to make changes permanent will be taken to Council to approve. From there we will determine whether any additional Council funding is required to make a change permanent if that is the agreed course of action.

So make sure as we move into the Streets Alive trials, you give us your feedback at **lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz**

You can also email the project at **streetsalive@goredc.govt.nz**



Get involved.

Make the most of the opportunity for our town to try some new things to improve our quality of life.



It's our chance to try out new ways of doing things that could make our town safer, more people-friendly and more accessible for everyone - no matter how you travel about.

It's also about increasing the town's vibrancy - introducing street art, a pedestrian-friendly area and creating better connections through our green spaces.



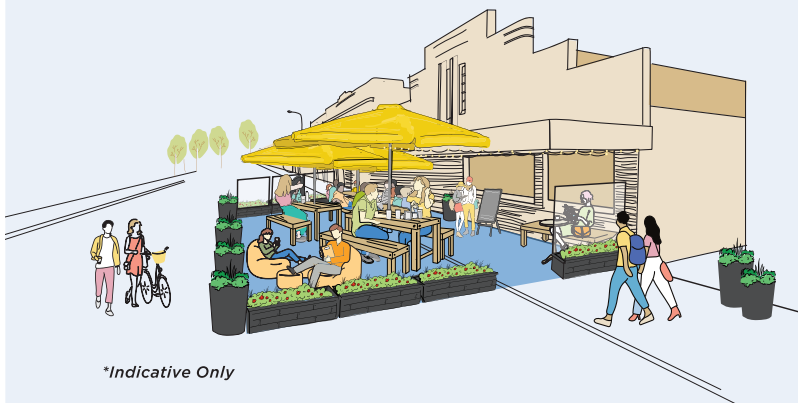
So how did we choose what to trial?

Last year we talked with people from the Gore community to find out what they wanted for their town. Six themes emerged from these conversations. These themes led to the Streets Alive initiatives being trialled for three months from mid-March through to the end of June 2021.

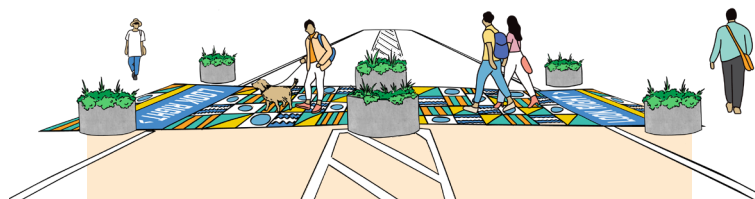
Our community continues to be involved in Streets Alive projects as we roll out the programme.

EASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND improving safety outcomes

Many of the trial initiatives are geared towards reducing congestion and speed so that our streets are safer for all road users, particularly our vulnerable road users - older people, young children and people with mobility impairments.



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SAFER ROAD CROSSINGS

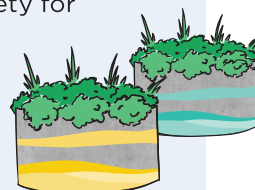
We're trialling 45 courtesy crossings to create better opportunities for people to cross safely on our busier streets. We'll all need to get used to how these work. Courtesy crossings have different rules than the zebra crossings we're used to in Gore. Vehicles have the right of way and pedestrians need to see that the way is clear before they cross. This is the opposite of zebra crossings.

We appreciate some trial changes are likely to be uncomfortable and even frustrating. At first glance it may be hard to understand why pocket parks temporarily blocking one end of Broughton and Eccles streets could help reduce speed and congestion.

However, they're part of a bigger picture of calming traffic in areas where speed and traffic volume are becoming an issue. We want our streets to be safe for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

On some streets, we're also trialling median strips (a recognised tool to slow traffic). Median strips aim to improve safety for all road users, including our own family and friends.

We'll also be installing a few roundabouts.



Connecting SPACES and PLACES around Gore for walking and cycling

Gore is a lovely town with stunning green spaces. So we're creating tracks in a few greenspaces to link through to safe crossings on our streets.

One example is a track in a grove in Ordsal Street.



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SIGNAGE and wayfinding

As part of the Streets Alive trials, we'll be installing new signage in places around Gore to direct people to significant locations and to give people the opportunity to follow specific trails featuring street art, heritage or parks. We're also hoping to install informational signage at our iconic trout statue for visitors to town.

