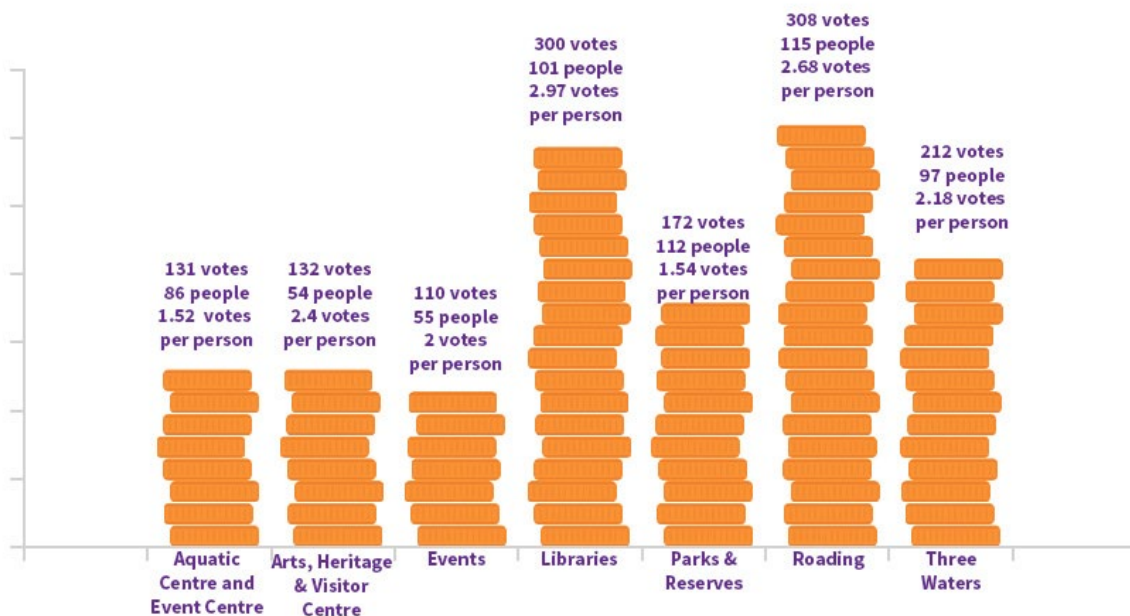


What makes our District Liveable to you? Results

Online tool – 195 Votes

The online tool was promoted across all our digital channels, and in the Ensign. It was the most engaged with element of the digital consultation.



Raw data available in the appendix.

Summary Findings about tool:

Based on the online tool, the services were ranked in the following order:

1. Roothing
2. Libraries
3. Three Waters
4. Parks & Reserves
5. Arts & Heritage
6. Aquatic Centre and Events Centre
7. Events

When looking at which areas had the highest average votes per person:

1. Libraries – 2.97 votes person
2. Roothing – 2.68 votes per person
3. Arts & Heritage – 2.4 votes per person
4. Three Waters – 2.18 votes per person
5. Events – 2 votes per person
6. Aquatic Centre and Parks – 1.52 votes per person

What does back to basics mean to you?

The online tool has an optional text box, asking "what does back to basics mean to you?" Responses fell into the following categories.

Infrastructure only (including rubbish and recycling) (14)

- Essentials ie roading water
- Getting core infrastructure up to date & performing well
- Actually collecting the rubbish every week fixing water problems and reintroducing recycling.
- Water and roads
- Too much being spent on plants gardeners etc we need roads fixed before gardens.
- Spending on infrastructure and not events and lavish buildings
- The basic lighting footpathing water everyone use and needs"
- Stop all the spending on "Glitzy" projects eg Arts and Heritage building shrines and temples and concentrate on pipes roads and rubbish. You are sucking us dry financially with out of control spending causing out of control rate rises and we are over it. You "consult" with us take no notice and just carry on with the same old same old.
- Stop frivolous spending on vanity pet projects and do the core things council are supposed to do water/roads/rubbish
- Not wasting money doing basic maintenance only. No new vanity projects or projects that don't swlf fund. Spending money on core services - roads water etc. Reducing costs wherever possible - no frills!
- Roothing!!!! The gravel roads in our district are a disgrace southland districts care of their roads puts yours to shame. Farmers pay the most rates out of anyone and get nothing in return.
- Stop spending money on irrelevant things get the roading right (particularly rural) get water and wastewater right remove staff at the council to the bare basics
- Getting to the core of infrastructure and not wasting money on stuff we don't need and making rates more affordable for our aging community
- Back to basics is pipes in the ground rubbish collection and roads forget about any future want items probably start selling the nice to haves you have now as we as ratepayers can't afford the future maintenance costs and insurance of fthese feal good items.

Having a nice place to live / Supporting all current services (10)

- To me back to basics means supporting community growth. It's more than just roads and waters it's about making the District a place people want to live do business and move to. This town can be quite isolated so having events a good library sports culture and beautiful outdoor places is really important.
- Back to basics means different things to different people. Old male councilors may see things like the art gallery multisports centre and the library as "nice to haves" but myself and my circle of people would be lost without those things. I use those facilities every week and know my mental health would struggle greatly without them. Southland has appalling rates of depression mental health issues and suicide... let's not take away more things from rural areas. Back to basics = Back to boring!
- All of these are valuable and loved services by the community in some capacity :)
- Back to basics means concentrating on the necessary things that need to be completed. For example the upgrade of water and sewage. Also need to look at keeping the parks and library art gallery as these are free to everyone to use and form part of the vibrant and positive culture of Maruawai!
- Keep investing in making Gore an attractive place to live and bring up families. Our events libraries facilities gardens / parks are what makes this a special place. Investing in them

attracts new young ratepayers to our town. Those that are negative are often older - and they don't pay the bills I'm afraid as in they won't be rate payers for years to come raising families spending money promoting our town etc. Attracting (& retaining) young families/young professionals to want to settle here is important. Ben's campaign on back to basics was short sighted and showed a lack of understanding for the complexities of being in council. I assume he has a much more realistic view of how & where money needs to be spent now.

- All of the above are important. Pool library art gallery parks enhances Gore as a place to live and community wellbeing which is impossible to put a price on. Disappointed to see that recycling and rubbish not on this list. That is a basic that needs to be addressed.
- To me the real question is what does back to basics mean for the Councillors? Having all these are the basics a town should have to attract visitors and people moving to a town. I hope they take into account the residents surveys as well. And also hope they engage with each area with an open mind and not preconceived ideas.
- Back to Basics to me does not mean making cuts to areas such as Arts & Heritage and Libraries which give our community it's heart and soul. I see these as essential services in a town if we want to attract people to live in our district. Our Arts & Heritage attractions also bring a large number of visitors to our town who stay overnight and spend money in our cafes restaurants and shops.
- If we want a healthy thriving and well rounded community then we need more than just good footpaths and roads. Our Arts and Heritage facilities are some of the best in the country. As well as preserving our history and culture ensuring they can be enjoyed for generations to come they attract a lot of visitors to the area who in turn stay and spend money in the town. Our museum art gallery library pool and parks and reserves are what makes this district such a great place to live.
- Not losing any of the existing services we have while passing any big new spends. Our gardens and street planting need to STAY!

Infrastructure and Green Space/core services (5)

- Absolute basics - not spending money on council staff meetings or events not on pointless roundabouts/pop up parks. Things people need to keep them healthy and safe - green parks rubbish collection clearing the river of debris to prevent flooding; not on irrelevant things.
- There needs to be more spaces for dog walking. We are surrounded by nature and what percentage of the district own a dog. Open up dolamore trails to on leash dogs
- The basics! Roding water/waste water services and parks/reserves maintained.
- Our town needs quality services and infrastructure to attract and keep people living here.
- Provide essential services that people need and expect for a normal functioning district but stop wasting money. I disagree with the method of the survey I would rather have not used my extra tokens than placed extra importance on something I didn't want to.

Stop spending money / less staff (15)

- If rates don't come into line more and more people will have to leave this area
- Cutting unnecessary expenditures
- You at the council are doing as bad as you could and need to get a grip on spending and stupid ideas.
- Stick to the basics people can't afford to make ends meet as you are well aware from the people.
- Less admin
- Less main office staff
- "Just get rid of the dead wood and consultants that are costing a Fortune. The roads and footpaths need serious upgrade and the towns not at all bike friendly.
- No wasteful spending

- "Putting arts heritage and visitor all on hold for 5 years! No more money spend on library! parks and reserves can be put on hold no more developments for 5 years!
- Aquatic and mlt stadium has had enough spending for the next 5 years no more improvements!"
- Cut unnecessary spending. 'Nice' facilities and events should be user pays and not a burden on all. Council should be run as a business!
- cut out all unnecessary spending
- Instead of supporting libraries you need to look at lowering rates 28% is totally unreasonable. You should be looking at living within a budget like ratepayers have to. Keep costs down not spending more.
- Prioritize necessities and avoid pointless wastage please. Pay off debt!
- Please stop increasing our rates. What cut backs can you make to keep from them going up.

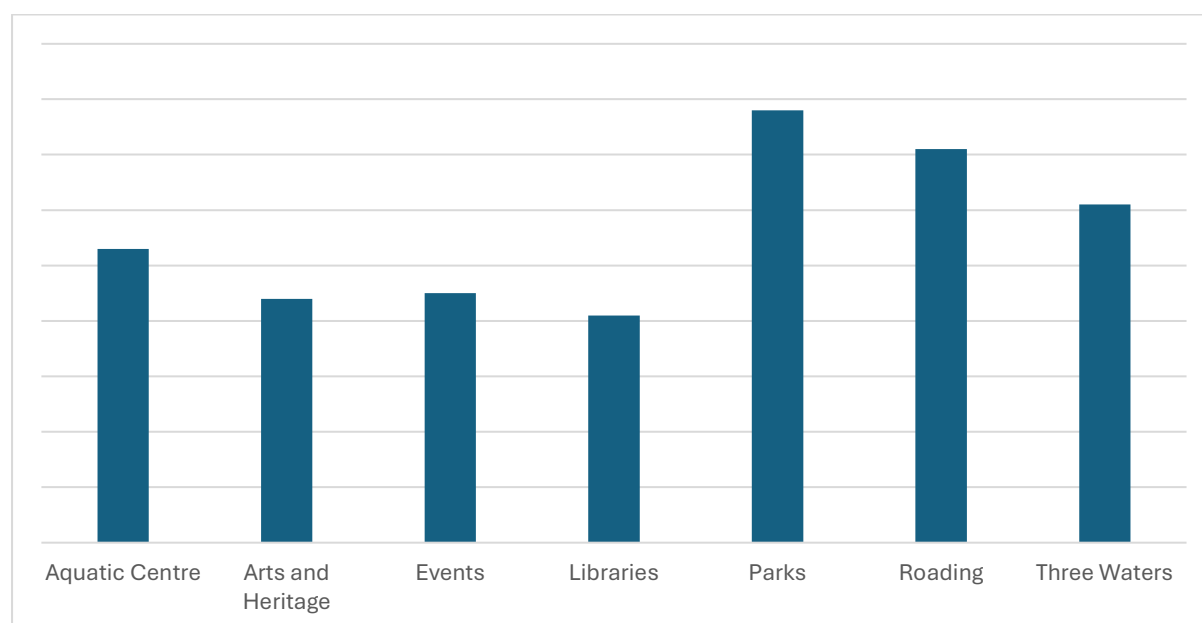
Other

- Please fix the roads they are disgraceful in most areas and stop closing the aquatic centre so early!
- Getting the basics right. Forget the fancy gardens. Absolutely get rid of this Maori thing. Drop the rates hugely.
- Our roads are poor.
- It means that we have to put nice to have projects on hold for a while until all the stuff that makes a town run are done/fixed and our debt load is down to a more realistic level
- Could we please have something done to the paper road that runs beside the highway? It is uneven and desperately needs some gravel to upkeep. We have lived here for seven years, and I don't believe it has had any gravel in this time. Grading up the existing pathway is not enough. Please could we have this rectified? It would be really appreciated, as it is well used by the locals as a safe place to walk for exercise.
- The gardens and park's are something special and one of the towns best assets."
- This is NOT a scientific survey and loads opinions of people who want niceties but someone else to pay for them
- "Get back to the basics in running the district and forget about compliances and consultants and make sure we are using local products a local business to support local business to keep the town s running
- This idea is ok but I don't think what's important to me is able to be adequately and accurately represented by only 7 tokens
- Sticking with and building on the basics needs to be adhered to in the foreseeable future
- think we need to get back to employing the people that do the jobs that we use contractors for ie street sweeping road grading digging graves etc it's got to be more beneficial
- Forget any new feel good projects and concentrate on the everyday stuff. Cut back on parks & reserves spending-don't need the plant plots
- Just that
- As we live in rural area water is not an issue as it is our own responsibility. Too much money is spent on "wellbeing" stuff. There are plenty of community/volunteer groups doing this. GDC needs to drop its involvement.
- Plan for the best we can afford than the best imaginable.
- Water sewage footpaths playgrounds for the kids learn to plant sustainable gardens that don't require planting every month stop handing out money to some of these hairy fairy organizations try bulk buying one brand of vehicles so you get a decent deal instead of people picking what they like at us the rate payers expensive. Cut staffing levels our population has not grown so why some many extra employees on the gravy train now. Less staff with more accountability when outright stupid decisions are made
- Looking after people!
- Look after the people

- Take a critical look at all council functions with a focus on financial viability while keeping a focus on people and sharing the process with the voters

Ranking survey in the Ensign:

A ranking tool was published in the Ensign and circulated to rest homes. People were asked to rank the importance of each service 1 being the most important and 7 being the least important. We had **14** valid entries returned.



In order of most important to least important:

1. Parks
2. Roding
3. Three Waters
4. Aquatic Centre
5. Events
6. Arts & Heritage
7. Libraries

Raw Data

1 = most important 7 = least important

Location	Aquatic Centre	Arts and Heritage	Events	Libraries	Parks	Roding	Three Waters
Windsor Park	7	6	5	3	2	4	1
Windsor Park	3	5	7	6	2	1	4
Windsor Park	5	4	1	6	2	3	7
Windsor Park	4	2	3	4	1	5	6
Windsor Park	4	5	6	7	3	1	2
Windsor Park	4	1	5	6	3	7	2
Windsor Park	4	5	6	7	3	2	1
Windsor Park	1	7	6	4	2	5	3
Windsor Park	5	6	7	4	1	2	3
Windsor Park	4	6	2	5	3	1	7
Windsor Park	2	3	4	5	1	6	7
Windsor Park	7	6	2	5	4	1	3

The Ensign	3	7	6	5	4	2	1
The Ensign	6	5	7	4	3	1	2

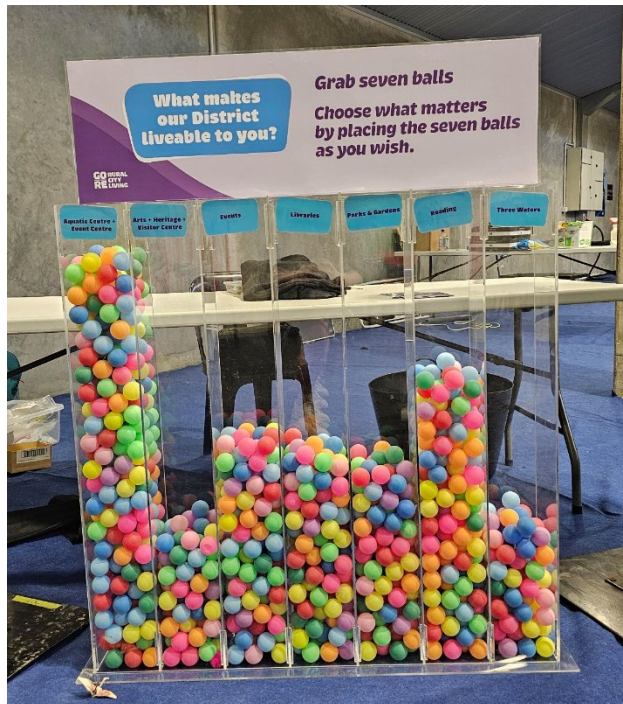
Out and about Voting tube results

MVM Hokonui Culture Feast

The team were located at the entrance from 5:00pm – 8:30pm. During that time over 340 people participated in the voting. We had almost a 100% success rate – less than 5 people we approached refused to participate. In fact, this was the most engagement we have ever had at a Council stall – with a wide range of ages, genders and ethnicities participating.

The first lot of data was collected between 5:00pm – 6:30pm. The main difference between this and the second session was that we had a lot more teenagers and a lot less children participating in this session – this can be seen in the aquatic centre result. A lot of teenagers, especially teenage boys put all their tokens into the event centre because of the sporting activities they enjoy there.

During the second half of the session we saw a lot more young families – mothers and their children put a lot of their tokens into the libraries. It was great to see even the dads getting involved – in general they were most likely to put their balls in roading and three waters.



1. Aquatic Centre and Event Centre
2. Roading
3. Events
4. Libraries
5. Parks
6. Three Waters
7. Arts, Heritage and Visitor Centre

The results from the second session:



1. Libraries
2. Aquatic Centre and Event Centre
3. Roadside
4. Events
5. Parks
6. Three Waters
7. Arts, Heritage and Visitor Centre

Māruawai College

On Monday 21 October we gave a short presentation to a Year 12 English class. Some of the feedback from the class was:

- There were many concerns about the roads. Many of them are drivers now, so this was important to them, but many also ride bikes and wanted the roads to be nicer and safer for them.
- Indicated a need for a fenced all-weather football turf
- Wanted no fines at the library
- Costs of the pool is prohibitive to some of them
- Want free parking to encourage shopping locally
- Upgrade parking meters so you can use your card to pay at the meter

The results were:



1. Rooding
2. Parks
3. Three Waters
4. Events
5. Libraries
6. Arts, Heritage and Visitor Centre
7. Aquatic Centre and Event Centre

Mataura four square

We visited Mataura Four Square on 22 October from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Around 80 people engaged with us at this location, the majority being men aged 18-60. This is a great result for us as we really struggle to engage with this demographic. Interestingly, the men with kids valued the Parks most for their kids, compare to Mums in other locations who valued the library more for their kids.



1. Roading
2. Three Waters
3. Aquatic Centre and Event Centre
4. Parks
5. Events
6. Arts, Heritage and Visitor Centre
7. Libraries

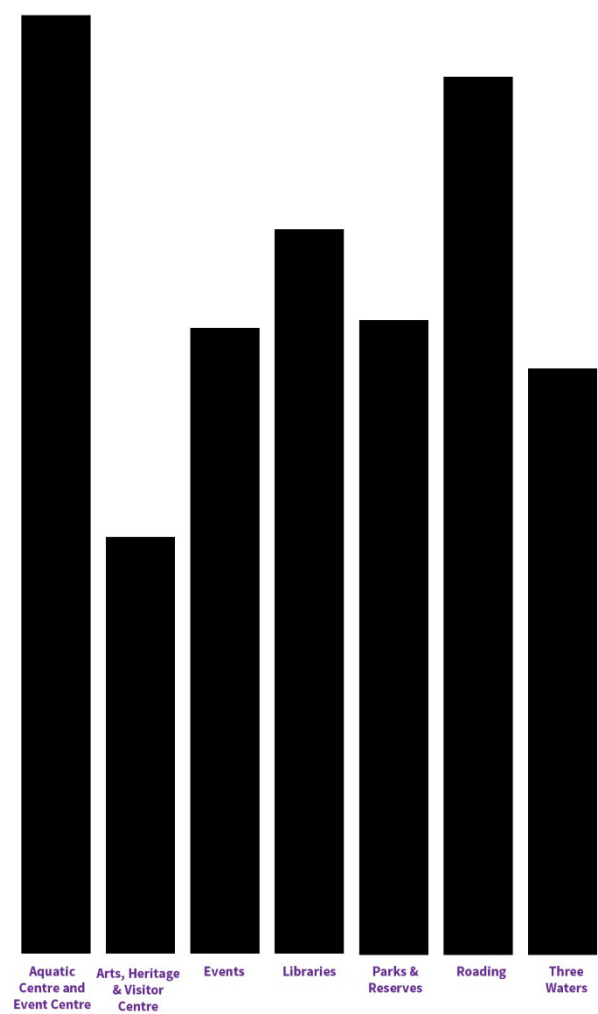
Mandeville

We visited Mandeville between 11:00am – 1:00pm on Wednesday 30 October. We encountered a mix of locals and visitors. The visitors we saw all talked about what a lovely place Gore was – but they were especially enamoured with the work the Parks team do.



1. Rooding
2. Parks and Reserves
3. Libraries
4. Aquatic Centre
5. Arts and Heritage
6. Events
7. Three Waters

Collated Findings of all Voting tube results



- 1. Aquatic Centre and Event Centre
- 2. Roding
- 3. Libraries
- 4. Parks
- 5. Events
- 6. Three Waters
- 7. Arts Heritage

Marbles

Marbles were placed for a week each across four locations – interaction was low, but the common trend was that the people using these facilities placed a high value on them.

Visitor Centre



1. Arts Heritage and Visitor Centre
2. Three Waters
3. Parks and Gardens
4. Rooding
5. Aquatic Centre and Event Centre
6. Libraries and Events

Mataura Library



1. Libraries
2. Rooding
3. Arts & Heritage and Parks and Gardens
5. Aquatic Centre, Events and Three Waters

Multisport Complex



1. Aquatic Centre and Event Centre
2. Libraries
3. Parks and Gardens
4. Events
5. Rooding
6. Arts & Heritage & Visitor Centre
7. Three Waters

Gore Library



1. Libraries
2. Aquatic Centre and Event Centre
3. Parks and Gardens
4. Events
5. Rooding and Arts & Heritage
7. Three Waters

Appendix:

Aquatic Centre and Event Centre	Arts, Heritage & Visitor Centre	Events	Libraries	Parks and Reserves	Roading	Three Waters
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