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Welcome Messages

Chairperson's Welcome



On behalf of the New Zealand Country Music Festival Trust, welcome to Bayleys Tussock Country Music Festival 2024. For those of you who have come to enjoy, we look forward to showing you some southern hospitality and hope you enjoy your stay. We are excited with the diversity of events and the country music you will hear as you take in the sights and sounds of Tussock Country.

We welcome artists from both here and abroad and thank you for sharing your talent with us. To our sponsors who have invested with us, we thank you for your support and vision. Thankyou also to the many volunteers who will be working behind the scenes to make this festival work.

Let's enjoy. Haere mai!

Jeff Rea | Chairperson, New Zealand Country Music Festival Trust

Mayoral Welcome



Warm up the vocal cords and trim up the mullet, it's that time of year again!

A very warm welcome to the gorgeous Gore District for our 2024 Bayleys Tussock Country Music Festival.

Tussock Country is a highlight on the festival calendar, with ten back-to-back days showcasing the very best Southland and country music has to offer. Be dazzled by our world-class performances, and then learn to do it yourself with a dozen workshops on offer. From yodelling to cheese rolls, there's something for everyone, and once you're done, sit back and enjoy some of the best hospitality New Zealand has to offer.

To those of you who are entering one of the many competitions or performing for the first time, I wish you the very best. I know it is tough going out there in front of a crowd full of people, but you have got this! You've been rehearsing for months, so enjoy every moment in the spotlight, put on a show, and most importantly, have fun!

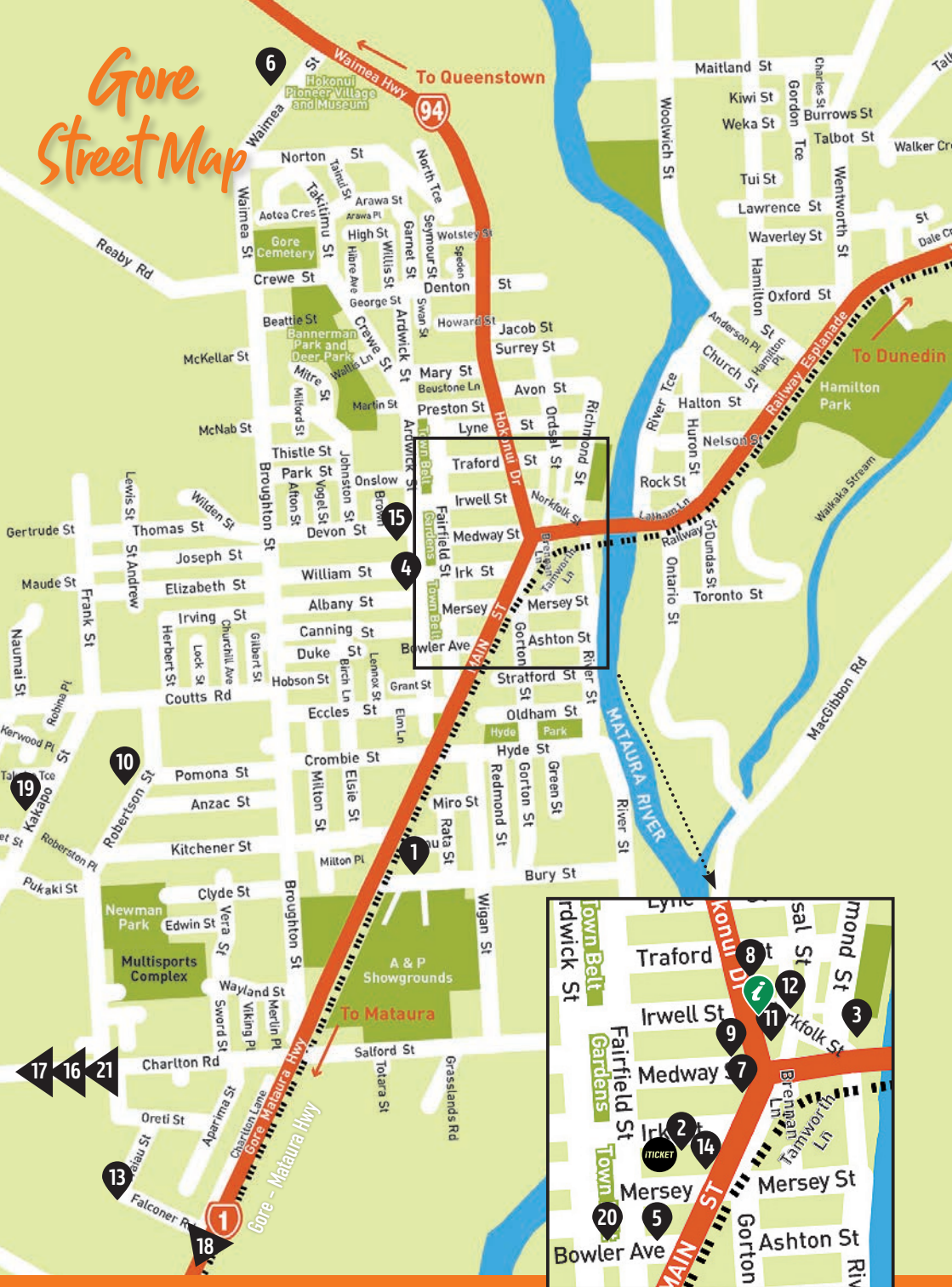
If you're not performing, that doesn't get you off the hook for being heard. Be loud, be supportive! Join in the Southern passion and get amongst everything we have to offer. I will be at most of the events throughout the festival, so if you see me out and about, don't be shy, come say giddyay!

Last but not least, to the numerous talented and hard-working individuals who give up their time and skills to see this event thrive, we are so lucky to have you in our community. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you.



Most importantly, thank you to you, the attendee, for without you, this event would not be possible. And hey, don't be afraid to tell your friends how gorgeous Gore really is!

Ben Bell | Gore District Mayor

Gore Street Map



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COUNTRY MUSIC HONOURS

FORMERLY THE NZ COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS

New Zealand Songwriters' Trust

IN ASSOCIATION WITH  **APRA AMCOS**
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Country Music Honours With Guest Performer Suzanne Prentice

The Country Music Honours celebrate and elevate the very best in original country music. The Honours include award presentations and finalist performances of the top 10 unreleased songs in the 2024 MLT Songwriting Award and the year's top recorded songs vying for the coveted award of APRA AMCOS Best Country Music Song (past winners include Tami Neilson, Delaney Davidson and Matt Joe Gow). The 2024 Honours will also feature a special guest appearance from household name and life-long country music icon; Suzanne Prentice. Suzanne is described as a performer with diamond sophistication and has sung her way from Invercargill to Nashville's Grand Ole Opry stage.

A glamorous night starting with complimentary drinks and nibbles in the theatre foyer, audience members will get the chance to watch the award finalists walk the red carpet before the entertainment begins. Join us to celebrate Aotearoa New Zealand's brightest country music stars with a feast of performances and unforgettable award moments.

Friday May 24th

Doors & Red Carpet 7pm | Show 8pm
St James Theatre, 61 Irk Street, Gore

For more information visit:

www.countrymusichonours.co.nz



Admission:

Earlybird Tickets \$45 + BF

General Admission \$60 + BF

www.iticket.co.nz

APRA AMCOS 321 Session

The NZ Song Writers Trust and APRA AMCOS are proud to present Gore's first 321 Session; a day-long co-writing workshop. Curated by iconic songwriter and Silver Scroll nominee Mel Parsons, 12 selected songwriters will be split into groups of **three** to work together for **two** hours to co-write **one** song, in a fun and low pressure environment. Contact nzsongwriterstrust@gmail.com for more info.

Saturday May 25th

10am - 4pm | Hokonui Rūnanga, Charlton Road, Gore | Admission: Applications required.

APRA AMCOS Panel: Intro to collecting royalties

You make music, now let's get you paid for it. APRA AMCOS presents a free panel discussion focused on how song royalties, royalty payments, and different types of royalties work. Musicians, songwriters, band members, managers, supporters, and other team members at all experience and knowledge levels are welcome at this free festival event. **Admission:** Register at countrymusichonours.co.nz

Saturday May 25th

4pm - 5pm | Hokonui Rūnanga, Charlton Road, Gore

The Writer's Night

An exceptional evening where New Zealand's finest songwriters share their songs and the stories behind them. It's not to be missed - pure, simple, real life in song. With guest artist **Jeff Rea**.

Friday May 31st

6pm - 8pm | Eastern Southland Gallery, 14 Hokonui Drive, Gore | Admission: Gold coin



Gore Country Music Club's Southern Country Showcase

The Gore Country Music Club brings you an exceptional evening of country classics at the Gore RSA.

Don't miss this entertainment showcase from some of New Zealand's most talented musicians including Dennis August, Joy Adams, Gary Farmer, Peter Cairns and band.

All warmly welcome, licensed bar available.

Saturday May 25th | 7:30pm

Gore & Districts Memorial RSA
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore



Admission: \$40 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz

Hokonui Line Dance Social

Do you love to line dance? Bring your boots along and join the club for this social afternoon. Some previous experience required.

Enjoy a shared afternoon tea following the boot scootin' session.

Saturday May 25th | 1:30pm

Esplin Room - Gore Town & Country Club
9 Bury Street, Gore

Admission: \$5, plus a small afternoon tea plate to share.

Kids Gone Country

The Gore Town & Country Club and local musician Kayla Martin are hosting Kids Gone Country. Young performers 4-17 years of age are gearing up for the MLT New Zealand Gold Guitar Awards. Enjoy an afternoon of music and watch these talented youngsters shine on stage.

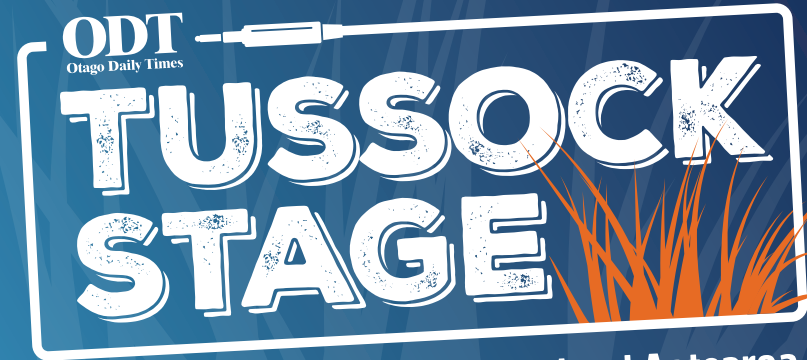
The Gore Town & Country Club offers a relaxed setting, with snacks and drinks available for purchase. Sit back and soak up the young talent - it's the perfect way to spend your Sunday afternoon.

Sunday May 26th | 11am

Lounge Bar - Gore Town & Country Club
9 Bury Street, Gore



Admission: Free



Showcasing artists from heartland Aotearoa

ODT Tussock Stage

Join us at Gore's Little Theatre, with entertainment by some of heartland Aotearoa's best. All shows at **Little Theatre, 2 Richmond Street Gore**. Hot drinks and snacks available.

Saturday May 25th | Mel Parsons & Kayla Mahon

Doors **5:30pm** | Show **6pm**. Parsons enchants the audience with her captivating voice, razor-sharp wit, and skillful guitar playing, opened by Gore's own country gal, Kayla Mahon.

Friday May 31st | Katie Thompson & Dollys

Doors **1pm** | Show **1:30pm**. Katie Thompson is a prolific alt-country artist from the West Coast, opened by the 2023 Intermediate NZ Gold Guitar Winners "Dollys" known for their stunning vocal blend.

Saturday June 1st | Liv Cochrane & Maia Pereiha-Fletcher

Doors **1pm** | Show **1:30pm**. Liv brings her passion for Kiwi alternative country/folk to life in a new collection of songs, opened by Maia Pereiha-Fletcher whose star is rising at blazing speed.

Saturday June 1st | Sam Bartells & The Mitchell Twins

Doors **7pm** | Show **7:30pm**. Bartells' rugged, earnest vocals creates his own sound - a blend of alt rock and country music, opened by The Mitchell Twins' unique blend of folk, country and te reo Māori.



Admission: \$25 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz



2023 Gold Guitar Senior Winner - Zac Griffith



Tussock Country Late Night

Get ready to get rowdy Gore! Bayleys Tussock Country is bringing a night of rocking country, turned up loud.

Some of the south's finest will be performing their footstomping originals plus all the classic and current chart covers you know and love, so gather your mates for a rollicking night to remember.

2024's line up: Brad Staley, Lachie Hayes, Zac Griffith + Nicola Mitchell

Saturday May 25th

Doors **7:30pm** | Show **8pm - 1am**

Croydon Lodge, Waimea Highway, Gore



Admission:

Earlybird \$39 + BF

General Admission \$45 + BF

www.iticket.co.nz





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Tussock Country UTE MUSTER GORE NZ

Tussock Country Ute Muster

Grab your mates, your ute and dog, and join the 2024 Tussock Country Ute Muster.

Enter your ute, your dog and even your mullet and be in to WIN \$500 for People's Choice, plus prizes for all categories. Road legal utes of all makes, models, ages and stages are encouraged to enter. Join in and catch up for a laugh, a yarn and quality entertainment. Families and dogs welcome. Mechanical slippery pig onsite! Food and coffee trucks will be onsite. Live music by Nick Bourke, Brian Kennard & Dave Reid.

New in 2024: The Beaut Ute Toot departure parade at 1:45pm. Don't miss it!

Sunday May 26th | 11:45am - 2pm

11:45am Register at **Southern Field Days Shed, Waimumu**

12pm Muster / Judging / Public viewing / Presentation

Admission:

Spectator Entry: Gold coin

Online Vehicle Registration Entry Fee: \$10 per category

On-the-Day Vehicle Registration Entry Fee: \$15 per category (Cash or EFTPOS)

Register at www.tussockcountry.nz

Show proof-of-registration ticket on arrival (or register and pay), complete your windscreen entry form, then park up in your relevant category and be in to win some great prizes.



The Celtic Unleashed

Pipes and drums, rock 'n roll and country music are a special mix at the Celtic Unleashed Variety Concert. This event is a variety concert fundraiser for the Hokonui Celtic Pipe Band. It's always a sell-out show, so be in quick to get your tickets.

Attending the concert is an opportunity for visitors and locals to support the band and their community contribution in a lively afternoon of variety entertainment. There's a cash bar and light snacks are provided.

Sunday May 26th | 3pm - 5pm

**SBS St James Theatre
61 Irk Street, Gore**



Admission:

Earlybird Tickets \$48 + BF
General Admission \$50 + BF
12 & Under \$10 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz



Matt Joe Gow & Kerryn Fields "I Remember You" Album Launch Tour

Discover the irresistible charm of Americana Folk duo Matt Joe Gow & Kerryn Fields on tour across Aotearoa with their much anticipated new album 'I Remember You'.

With multiple awards to their names and thousands of miles between them, Matt and Kerryn are bonafide masters of their craft, having discovered a natural chemistry as performers, the union of their songwriting enables them to explore new depths in their music.

Sunday May 26th | 6:30pm

**Little Theatre
2 Richmond Street Gore**



Admission: \$25 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz



GORE COUNTRY MUSIC QUEEN 2024



Gore Country Music Queen Gala Crowning

The Gore Country Music Queen Gala is an event announcing the Queen for 2024. Enjoy an evening getting to know the contestants and enjoy some live entertainment. The winner will be a Gore Country Music icon throughout the festival and will attend events wearing her dazzling crown. You'll be welcomed with refreshments and grazing platter. Come and support the young women of Gore and have a great night. For all ages. *Proudly sponsored by Gore & Districts RSA.*

Sunday May 26th | 6:30pm

**Gore & Districts Memorial RSA
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore**



Admission: \$25 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz

ARE YOU GORE'S NEXT COUNTRY MUSIC QUEEN?

Entries are open to women between the ages of 18-35 who would like the opportunity to represent Gore to the district and wider communities. Learn new skills, meet new people and win amazing prizes including a trip to Tamworth Country Music Festival, Australia. Entries close April 21st. Learn more and apply at www.gorecountrymusicclub.com/gorecountrymusicqueen

Melodies & Memories

Matt Joe Gow and Kerryn Fields are bringing their show to the senior citizens of West Otago.

Monday May 27th | 10am

Ribbonwood Country Home, Tapanui



Admission: Free for residents, and friends and family only.

Jeff Parsnips - Kids Show

Jeff Parsnips is sure to delight with his lively, laugh-along show. Suitable for ages 2-10, but all welcome including siblings, caregivers and silly sausages of all ages.

Monday May 27th | 10am

**James Cumming Community Centre,
29 Bowler Avenue, Gore**



Admission: Free

Line Dancing with Jackie

Another chance to dance with good friends and great music. If you've got some line dancing experience under your belt buckle then we'd love to see you.

Monday May 27th | 1pm

**Esplin Room - Gore Town & Country Club
9 Bury Street, Gore**

Admission: \$5

Golden Oldies

This is a wonderful concert featuring local artists, every year it's packed out by our senior community. Come early to secure your spot, drinks available.

Monday May 27th | 1:30pm

**Gore & Districts Memorial RSA
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore**

Admission: \$10

Open Mic Afternoon

Want to warm up your vocal chords? Join in our Open Mic session. It's simple - put your name on our black board and perform.

The Open Mic session is a great afternoon of talent to enjoy. So, come along and strut your stuff. A cash bar is available, and you can dabble in a raffle or two.

In true Southland style, everyone is welcome.

Tuesday May 28th | 1:30pm

**Lounge Bar - Gore Town & Country Club
9 Bury Street, Gore**



Admission: Free (please consider buying a raffle or two)



Old Hokonui - Whiskey & Food Match Event

Bowmar Road House Concert with Jed Parsons

Indie-pop sensation Jed Parsons has made a name for himself as one of NZ's finest singer/songwriters, appearing at major festivals including Auckland City Limits and Electric Avenue as well as selling out venues up and down Aotearoa on countless tours.

Settle into the Mitchell's sofa and prepare to be captivated - this concert is sure to be a festival highlight.

Monday May 27th | 7:30pm
61 Bowmar Road, Gore



Admission: \$25 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz

 **RURAL CHAMPIONS**

Shining the spotlight on the South Island's farmers, growers and rural services providers and the positive contribution they make to their rural community.

Find out more at rurallife.co.nz

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Festival Workshops 2024

Learn, laugh and make new friends at a diverse range of workshops this winter! From the art of cheese roll making and the rhythmic fun of line dancing to the unique skills of yodelling and the culinary delight of cinnamon oyster making, plus many more!

Some workshops are free entry but require prior registration, others require booking online. Info on all workshops at www.tussockcountry.nz. See you there!



Waiata Workshop
Tue May 28th | 10am | FREE
Hokonui Rūnanga



Cinnamon Oyster Masterclass
Tue May 28th | 6pm | \$20+BF
St Peters College Kitchen



Ukulele for Beginners
Wed May 29th | 9am | \$20+BF
Mackay Room, Gore T&C



Learn to Yodel
Wed May 29th | 10am | \$10+BF
Mackay Room, Gore T&C



Line Dancing for Beginners
Wed May 29th | 10:45am | \$10+BF
Esplin Room, Gore T&C



Cheese Roll Workshop
Wed May 29th | 12pm | \$25+BF
Mackay Room, Gore T&C



Performance Workshops
With Peter Cairns
Wed May 29th + Thur May 30 | \$30
Book a time | Little Theatre



Gold Guitars Performance Workshop
With Aaron Jury
Thur May 30th | 1:30pm | Free
Little Theatre



Guitar Skills Workshop
With Phil Doublet
Thur May 30th | 3pm | \$20+BF
Little Theatre



Old Hokonui - Whiskey & Food Match Event

'Hokonui' is a legendary southern spirit first made in the bush clad Southland hills of the same name. Over 50 years of localised prohibition gave rise to this truly indigenous cottage industry and brought forth some legendary clandestine activity in the hill, gullies and farm sheds around Gore.

In keeping with this tradition, spirits from southern New Zealand providers will be featured along with matched tapas style food from the wilds of inland and costal Southland. As part of the Bayleys Tussock Country event, themed live country music by special guests will also feature. A complete 'Moonshine' package.

Tuesday May 28th | 6pm

Hokonui Moonshine Museum

Arts & Heritage Precinct, Norfolk Street, Gore



Admission: \$80 + BF

www.iticket.co.nz

Ticket includes food, beverages, and entertainment.



Southern Country Showcase | Sat May 25th, 7:30pm

Gore Country Music Queen Gala | Sun May 26th, 6:30pm

Jammin' at the Razza | Wed May 29th & Thurs May 30th, 1pm

Maplewood String Band | Fri May 31st, 7:30pm (free event)

All RSA events are open to the general public. All welcome.



Rising Stars of Country

Dinner and a toe-tapping show at the Gore RSA with New Zealand's Rising Stars of Country. Led by 2023 Overall NZ Gold Guitar Winner **Zac Griffith**, this is an all-ages event featuring 2023 APRA Best Country Song Finalists **The Mitchell Twins**, award-winning vocalist and guitarist, **Josh Keating**, and award circuit favourite **Maddison Connor**. From timeless classics to fresh originals, this show will have something for everyone. *Open to the general public, all welcome.*

Wednesday May 29th

Dinner **6pm** | Show **7:30pm**

Gore District Memorial RSA
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore



Admission:

Dinner & Show \$55 + BF
Includes a two-course buffet
Show Only \$20 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz

Jammin' at the Razza

This laid-back event held always attracts a crowd. The show's line-up features lots of your favourite performers. So grab a drink and sit back, relax and enjoy the show. It's likely to be different each day, so why not come down twice and catch up with old friends.

Wednesday May 29th | 1pm

& Thursday May 30th | 1pm

Gore District Memorial RSA
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore



Admission: Free

Walk-Up Concert

Join in the fun! Put your name on the whiteboard and wait your turn to perform your favourite song or play an instrument. It's as simple as that during this informal walk-up concert.

Full band available to back anyone who'd like it. Please bring four chord chart copies if you're performing with the band. All welcome!

Wednesday May 29th | 7:30pm

Lounge Bar - Gore Town & Country Club
9 Bury Street, Gore



Admission: Free (please consider buying a raffle or two)



Farm & Mai Mai Tour

Agriculture is at the forefront of Gore's economy, so round up your Redbands for a true rural experience. Visit a few local farms in the region, and learn about life in the woolshed, swede paddock and mai mai. **This event is a fundraiser for Te Tipua School.**

Thursday May 30th | 9am - 12:30pm

Departing from Croydon Lodge carpark
100 Waimea Street, Gore



Admission: \$60 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz

Ticket includes transportation, morning tea and BBQ lunch.



Artist Development Workshop with Katie Thompson

This is your chance to learn from one of the best in the business when it comes to mentoring and developing artists. Join us for a two-hour workshop tailored for musicians aiming to propel their careers to new heights.

Whether you bring a laptop or a pen and paper, be prepared for an engaging experience that includes interactive discussions and a dedicated Q&A. *Limited tickets available.*

Thursday May 30th | 10am

**The Thomas Green
30 Medway Street, Gore**



Admission: \$29 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz

Greenbird Café Session

In Nashville they have the Bluebird, in Gore we have the Greenbird. As the talent and musicians keep rolling into town, the Greenbird Session at the Thomas Green is the place to be! Musicians from all over NZ gather to sing a few acoustics tunes, it's a real treat to see so much talent in one venue. So come along and listen, be spoiled by the food, drinks and entertainment!

Hosted by Keily Anne Smith. *Dinner reservations recommended.*

Thursday May 30th | 5pm

**The Thomas Green
30 Medway Street, Gore**



Admission: Free

Entertainment At The Town & Country

Join a laid back evening at the Gore Town & Country Club with entertainment by much-loved musicians in town for the festival.

Thursday May 30th | 7:30pm

**Lounge Bar - Gore Town & Country Club
9 Bury Street, Gore**



Admission: Free



LATE NIGHT Shopping

Love Gore, support local and enjoy an evening of late night shopping at participating retailers.

Thursday May 30th

5PM - 7PM | GORE CENTRAL

While you're there:

Head along to the Capital Of Country Music Documentary Premiere at the SBS St James Theatre. \$10 per person, doors open at 6:30pm

OR...

Stop into the Thomas Green Public House & Dining Room and enjoy free music from 5pm with thanks to Green Bird Café Sessions (bookings recommended)



Documentary Premiere

Capital of Country Music: 50 Years of the Gore Country Music Club

The SBS St James Theatre is proud to host the world premiere of Capital of Country Music; a documentary that chronicles five decades of the Gore Country Music Club's journey including the evolution of the NZ Gold Guitar Awards and the ongoing legacy being carried forward by the next generation of country music lovers.

Directed by Gore's own Jenny Mitchell alongside Dunedin filmmakers Wade McClelland and Bradon McCaughey, Capital of Country Music tells an emotive musical story about the power of volunteering and community spirit.

Starring country music legends such as Lynda Topp along with countless Southlanders including Max and Coral McCauley, Kayla Mahon, Peter Cairns and Erica Byars, this premiere is a must-see of the 2024 festival.

Thursday May 30th | 7pm

**SBS St James Theatre
61 Irk Street, Gore**



Admission: \$10 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz

GoreGeous Country Breakfast

Enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast and hear all about the rich history of country music in Gore, as well as entertainment **Max McCauley and Ron & Jenny Mitchell**.

Friday May 31st | 8am

**Table Talk Café
76 Main Street, Gore**



Admission: \$30 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz



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NZ GOLD GUITAR AWARDS 2024



MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards

Join in and celebrate raw country music talent at New Zealand's greatest country music event, the MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards. For almost half a century, hundreds of country musicians of all ages have travelled to Gore, Southland, to compete for the coveted Gold Guitar Award.

Three days of auditions and spectacular finals night events showcase the best in junior/intermediate and senior categories. There's a country music showcase concert that's part of the Classic Final (previously 40+ and 60+ finals), where a stand-out country music contributor is inducted into the Country Music Hands of Fame. This year's inductee is **Jodi Vaughan**.

The Gold Guitar winner receives a comprehensive prize package to set them on the road to country music stardom. This prestigious event - the longest running and largest country music club competition in New Zealand - is why Gore is known as the NZ Capital of Country Music.

Auditions are held consecutively at three Gore locations: Gore RSA, Gore Town & Country Club and the Gore Baptist Church. For more times and categories visit www.goldguitars.co.nz.

3-Day Audition Pass available for all sections (Friday - Sunday):

Door sales only. Ticket allows entry at all audition venues from Friday – Sunday, plus entry into the Classic Finals, MLT Showcase and Hands Of Fame induction.

Adults \$45, Senior Citizens \$32, Children \$5

Auditions - All Sections

Friday May 31st & Saturday June 1st | 8am - 5pm

Gore Town & Country Club Stadium, Gore Baptist Church, Gore District Memorial RSA

Admission: Door sales only. *Ticket allows entry at all venues.*

Adults \$15 | Senior citizens \$10 | Children 17 years and under FREE

Junior and Intermediate Finals

All the intermediate and junior finalists followed by the awards presentation. Featuring guest artists - 2023 winners Dollys and Summer McKenzie.

Saturday June 1st | 6:30pm | Gore Town & Country Club Stadium



Admission: \$40+BF | Children 17 years and under \$10+BF

www.iticket.co.nz

Auditions - Senior Sections only

Sunday June 2nd | 8am - 12pm | Gore Town & Country Club Stadium

Admission: Door sales only. Adults \$20 | Senior citizens \$15 | Children 17 years and under \$5

Ticket allows entry to Sunday auditions and the Classic Finals, MLT Showcase and Hands of Fame Induction on Sunday June 2nd 2024 - see page 37 for information.

Classic Finals

Featuring all the Classic group finalists (previously 40 plus and 60 plus categories), followed by a presentation of the awards. The MLT Showcase will follow and **Jodi Vaughan** will be inducted into the Hands of Fame at this event.

Sunday June 2nd | 1:30pm | Gore Town & Country Club Stadium

Admission: Door sales only. Adults \$20 | Senior citizens \$15 | Children 17 years and under \$5

Senior Finals

The evening features all finalists in the senior award categories, followed by presentation of the awards. Guest artist is 2023 winner Zac Griffith.

Sunday June 2nd | 7pm | Gore Town & Country Club Stadium



Admission: Adult \$47+BF | Children 17 years and under \$10+BF

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Open Mic Afternoon CaveFM Radio

Tune in and listen to some of the musicians in town for Bayleys Tussock Country.

Friday May 31st | 1pm
106.4FM or online at www.cavefm.co.nz

FREE
ENTRY

Admission: Free



Maplewood String Band

Get ready for a toe-tappin' good time over your Friday night tippie of choice; the Maplewood String Band brings authentic bluegrass, country and Americana music to the RSA. *Open to the general public, all welcome.*

Friday May 31st | 7:30pm

Gore District Memorial RSA
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore

FREE
ENTRY

Admission: Free



Fanny Lumsden

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An all-in affair, where joy and exuberance meet intimate storytelling, delivered with wit, warmth & luscious harmonies. Alongside her band The Prawn Stars, Fanny has established herself as one of the genre's most esteemed performers.

Friday May 31st | 5:30pm

SBS St James Theatre
61 Irk Street, Gore



Admission: \$40 + BF
www.iticket.co.nz



Freeze Ya' Bits Off Busking

Every year at King's Birthday weekend, buskers take to the streets of Gore for literally the coolest busking competition in New Zealand. Freeze Ya Bits Off is one of the key events of Bayleys Tussock Country Music Festival and is set to grow even more. Held over three days, the event kicks off on Friday lunchtime with local schools taking to the streets to showcase all their hard work and singing talent. Saturday's auditions see local and national performers bring their best for the crowds, with such passion and vibrancy that you can't help but get swept away by the electric atmosphere. The grand finale is on Sunday. Finalists go head to head for major cash prizes. Entry is free, so come along to support your favourite artists (and thaw your bits out) at the cosy and warm SBS St James Theatre.

School Competitions

High Schools: Main Street, Gore | Friday May 31st | 11am – 12pm

Primary Schools: Main Street, Gore | Friday May 31st | 12pm – 1pm

Auditions (all other categories)

Main Street and Irk Street, Gore
Saturday June 1st | 10am - 2pm

Finals

St James Theatre, 61 Irk Street, Gore
Sunday June 2nd | 4pm - 6pm

Entries and
information
www.gorenz.com

FREE
ENTRY

Admission: Free



St James Theatre

BAYLEYS

Proud to support *Tussock Country* and host the following events:



MLT Music Roundup

Mataura Licensing Trust bars and restaurants open their doors to lovers of country music on Friday 31 May 2024. Pick your favourite band or venue and settle in for the night, or venue-hop and catch them all. You choose! There is no cover charge for these events.

Friday May 31st | All events are free entry

Piano at the Moon Brendon Burgess

5pm - 7pm | Howl at the Moon Café Bar, Corner of Main & Medway Streets, Gore

Acoustic Blaze Phil & Lana Doublet

5:30pm - 7pm | Blazing Copper Restaurant, Croydon Lodge, 100 Waimea Street, Gore

Zac's Country at Croydon Zac Griffith

7pm - 9pm | Croydon Lodge, 100 Waimea Street, Gore
Family friendly. Buffet-style meals from 5:30pm. Bookings essential.

Round Up Country Miranda Easten

7:30pm | The Thomas Green, 30 Medway Street, Gore

TGIF at the Falls! Dene Allen & Cheryl Anderson

8:30pm til late | The Falls Hotel & Bistro, 151 Main Street, Mataura

Rockin' Sass & Sing Steffany Beck + You're the Voice Karaoke

8:30pm til late | Traffers Bar, 18 Hokonui Drive, Gore





King Rig 2023
Photo: Nicola Wilson

McDonough Contracting Gore Truck Show

For over 40 years truck lovers have rumbled their way to the Gore Truck Show to show off their gleaming pride and joy.

Every year it gets bigger and better with over 130 trucks both big and small taking part in the parade last year, all competing for best truck in their categories and the premier title of King Rig.

An impressive display is held at Transport Repairs Yard where you can get up close, and then watch the parade of gleaming rigs up Gore's Main Street.

Saturday June 1st

Truck Viewing & Judging
Transport Repairs Yard,
Falconer Road, Gore | 9am

Parade
Main Street, Gore | 2pm

Prizegiving
Croydon Lodge | 4:30pm

Buffet dinner and band to follow. Dinner bookings required. Email manager@croydonlodge.co.nz

Driver Entry: \$10 - on the day
Spectator Admission: Free



The Beatgirls

NZ's favourite girl group is coming to Gore!

Catch the irresistible BeatGirls as they take you on a musical journey featuring the sizzling sounds of the 60's, Beatles, Nancy Sinatra, Motown, Andrews Sisters swing, Abba to the 80's and more.

Expect to hear a range of hits from over eight decades, along with a few country classics especially for the occasion, all performed with excellent vocals and harmonies to boot. This is a show not to be missed, so break out your beehives and boots, 'cos they were made were walking - and dancing! *Open to the general public, all welcome.*

Saturday June 1st

Dinner 6pm | Show 7:30pm

Gore District Memorial RSA
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore



Admission:

Dinner & Show \$65 + BF
Includes a two-course buffet

Show Only \$30 + BF

www.iticket.co.nz



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David Gubb - Managing Director Bayleys Southern Group

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Country Gospel Church Service

Various artists performing music beginning 9:40am, gospel service from 10:00am.

All welcome, cup of tea to follow.

Sunday June 2nd | 9:40am

**St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Corner of Devon & Ardwick Streets, Gore**

**FREE
ENTRY**

Admission: Gold coin

MLT Showcase

This event is a variety concert featuring a range of artists that have travelled to Gore to participate in the festival. Expect the unexpected.

During the event an invited country artist will be inducted into the Hands of Fame. 2024's inductee is Jodi Vaughan.

Sunday June 2nd | 3pm

**Gore Town & Country Club Stadium
9 Bury Street, Gore**

Admission: MLT NZ Gold Guitar Award senior sections auditions ticket covers entry to this event (see pages 29-30).

Hands of Fame Induction

As a tribute to honour people who've made a significant contribution to New Zealand country music, a Hands of Fame was established by the Gore Country Music Club in 1992.

Over the years wonderful artists have been honoured with a handprint cast in concrete at the Hands of Fame including Kenny Rogers, Slim Dusty, Patsy Rigger, Garner Wayne, Suzanne Prentice, Ricky Skaggs and Jade Hurley.

This year **Jodi Vaughan** will be inducted into the Hands of Fame.

Sunday June 2nd | 3pm

**Gore Town & Country Club Stadium
9 Bury Street, Gore**

Admission: MLT NZ Gold Guitar Award senior sections auditions ticket covers entry to this event (see pages 29-30).



Fanny Lumsden - Live in Lumsden 2023

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FRI 24 MAY	SAT 25 MAY	SUN 26 MAY	MON 27 MAY	TUE 28 MAY	WED 29 MAY	THU 30 MAY	FRI 31 MAY	SAT 1 JUNE	SUN 2 JUNE
<p>Country Music Honours 7pm Doors 8pm Show St James Theatre, Gore</p>	<p>APRA AMCOS 321 Session 10am Hokonui Rūnanga</p>	<p>Kids Gone Country 11am Lounge Bar, Gore T&C</p>	<p>Melodies & Memories 10am Ribbonwood, Tapanui</p>	<p>Country & Folk Waiata Workshop Mitchell Twins 10am Hokonui Rūnanga</p>	<p>Performance Workshops Peter Cairns Book a time Little Theatre</p>	<p>Performance Workshops Peter Cairns Book a time Little Theatre</p>	<p>MLT Gold Guitars Auditions Day 1 All Sections 8am - 5pm Various Gore venues</p>	<p>MLT Gold Guitars Auditions Day 2 All Sections 8am - 5pm Various Gore venues</p>	<p>MLT Gold Guitars Auditions Day 3 All Sections 8am - 5pm Various Gore venues</p>
<p>Hokonui Line Dance Social 1:30pm Esplin Room, Gore T&C</p>	<p>Tussock Country Ute Muster 11:45am Field Days Site, Waimumu</p>	<p>The Celtic Unleashed 3pm St James Theatre, Gore</p>	<p>Jeff Parsnips Kids Show 10am James Cumming Community Centre</p>	<p>Open Mic Afternoon 1:30pm Lounge Bar, Gore T&C</p>	<p>Ukulele Workshop 9am Mackay Room, Gore T&C</p>	<p>Farm & Mai Mai Tour 9am Croydon Lodge, Gore</p>	<p>GoreGeous Country Breakfast 8am Table Talk Café</p>	<p>Gore Truck Show McDonough Contracting Judging 9am Transport Repairs Yard</p>	<p>Country Gospel Church Service 9:40am St Andrews Presbyterian</p>
<p>APRA AMCOS Panel 4pm Hokonui Rūnanga</p>	<p>Matt & Kerryn Album Launch Tour 6:30pm Little Theatre</p>	<p>Golden Oldies 1:30pm Gore RSA</p>	<p>Line Dancing with Jackie 1pm Esplin Room, Gore T&C</p>	<p>Cinnamon Oyster Masterclass Coral McCauley 6pm St Peters College Kitchen</p>	<p>Yodelling Workshop 10am Mackay Room, Gore T&C</p>	<p>Artist Development Workshop Katie Thompson 10am Thomas Green</p>	<p>FYBO Busking Competition School Comp 11am Main Street, Gore</p>	<p>FYBO Busking Competition 10am Main Street, Gore</p>	<p>MLT Gold Guitars Classic Finals 1:30pm Gore T&C</p>
<p>ODT Tussock Stage Mel Parsons, Kayla Mahon 6pm Doors 6:30pm Show Little Theatre</p>	<p>Bowmar Road House Concert Jed Parsons 7:30pm 61 Bowmar Road, Gore</p>	<p>Old Hokonui Whiskey & Food Matching 6pm Arts & Heritage Precinct</p>	<p>Golden Oldies 1:30pm Gore RSA</p>	<p>Old Hokonui Whiskey & Food Matching 6pm Arts & Heritage Precinct</p>	<p>Line Dancing For Beginners 10:45am Esplin Room, Gore T&C</p>	<p>Jammin' At The Razza 1pm Gore RSA</p>	<p>ODT Tussock Stage Katie Thompson, Dollys 1pm Doors 1:30pm Show Little Theatre</p>	<p>ODT Tussock Stage Liv Cochrane & Maia Pereiha-Fletcher 1pm Doors 1:30pm Show Little Theatre</p>	<p>MLT Showcase 3pm Gore T&C</p>
<p>Southern Country Showcase 7:30pm Gore RSA</p>	<p>Gore Country Music Queen Gala 6:30pm Gore RSA</p>	<p>GG's Performance Workshop Aaron Jury 1:30pm Little Theatre</p>	<p>Gore Truck Show McDonough Contracting Truck Parade 2pm Main Street, Gore</p>	<p>Hands of Fame Jodi Vaughan 3pm Gore T&C</p>	<p>Cheese Roll Workshop 12pm Mackay Room, Gore T&C</p>	<p>GG's Performance Workshop Aaron Jury 1:30pm Little Theatre</p>	<p>Cave FM Open Mic Afternoon 1pm Cave FM 106.4</p>	<p>Gore Truck Show McDonough Contracting Prizegiving 4:30pm Croydon Lodge</p>	<p>FYBO Busking Finals 4pm St James Theatre, Gore</p>
<p>Tussock Country Late Night 8pm Croydon Lodge</p>	<p>Rising Stars of Country 6pm Dinner 7:30pm Show Gore RSA</p>	<p>Greenbird Café Session 5pm Thomas Green</p>	<p>Gore Truck Show McDonough Contracting Prizegiving 4:30pm Croydon Lodge</p>	<p>The Writers Night 6pm Eastern Southland Gallery</p>	<p>Jammin' At The Razza 1pm Gore RSA</p>	<p>Guitar Skills Workshop Phil Doublet 3pm Little Theatre</p>	<p>Fanny Lumsden 5:30pm St James Theatre, Gore</p>	<p>Gore Truck Show McDonough Contracting Prizegiving 4:30pm Croydon Lodge</p>	<p>MLT Gold Guitars Senior Finals 7pm Gore T&C</p>
	<p>Walk-Up Concert 7:30pm Lounge Bar, Gore T&C</p>	<p>Gore Late Night Shopping 5pm - 7pm Participating shops</p>	<p>The Beatgirls 6pm Dinner 7:30pm Show Gore RSA</p>	<p>MLT Gold Guitars Jnr & Intermediate Finals 6:30pm Gore T&C</p>	<p>Rising Stars of Country 6pm Dinner 7:30pm Show Gore RSA</p>	<p>Capital of Country Music Doco Premiere 7pm St James Theatre, Gore</p>	<p>Maplewood String Band 7:30pm Gore RSA</p>	<p>ODT Tussock Stage Sam Bartells, Mitchell Twins 7pm Doors 7:30pm Show Little Theatre</p>	
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