

Tussock Country NZ's Country Music Festival

22 - 31 MAY 2026, GORE | ALL iTICKET EVENTS ON SALE NOW!

FRI 22 MAY

Kids Hub Country Disco
Friday 22 May, 6pm
Gore Kids Hub, 13 Wayland St, Gore
Admission: Gold coin

Country Music Honours
Friday 22 May, Doors 7pm, Show 8pm
St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: \$60*

SAT 23 MAY

Songwriters Retreat
Saturday 23 May, 9am - 4pm
Hokonui Rūnanga, Charlton Road, Gore
Admission: Free for successful applicants.

Whitestone Cheese Cheese Roll Workshop
Saturday 23 May, 10am
MacKay Room - Gore Town & Country Club
Admission: \$20*

Capital of Country Music Documentary
Saturday 23 May, 10am
St James Theatre, Gore

Going Local - Networking Session
Saturday 23 May, 12pm - 1pm
Hokonui Rūnanga, Charlton Road, Gore
Admission: Free

St James Sessions - Skin & Bone
Saturday 23 May, 1pm
Small Theatre, St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: \$29*

Hokonui Line Dance Social
Saturday 23 May, 1:30pm
Esplin Room - Gore Town & Country Club
Admission: \$5 + plate for sharing

Ron Mitchell & Friends
Saturday 23 May, Doors 2:30pm, Show 3pm
Waimumu Woolshed, Southern Field Days Site
Admission: \$28*

St James Sessions - Midnight Caravan
Saturday 23 May, 5pm
Small Theatre, St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: \$29*

Tussock Country Late Night
Saturday 23 May, 8pm
Croydon Lodge, Gore
Admission: Earlybird \$45* | GA \$55* | Seating \$69*

SUN 24 MAY

Whole Person Health Workshop
Sunday 24 May, 10am
The Thomas Green, Gore
Admission: Free (RSVP by 23 May)

Kids Gone Country
Sunday 24 May, 11am
Lounge Bar - Gore Town & Country Club
Admission: Free

Tussock Country Ute Muster
Sunday 24 May, 11:30am
Southern Field Days Site, Waimumu
Spectator Admission: Gold coin
Competition Entry: \$15* online, \$20 on the day

Ute Muster After Party - Rusty Pickups
Sunday 24 May, 2pm
Croydon Lodge, Gore
Admission: Free

The Celtic Unleashed - Matinee
Hokonui Celtic Pipeband Fundraiser
Sunday 24 May, 2pm
St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: Adults \$50* | U12 \$15*

SUN 24 MAY CONTINUED

Tom Sainsbury - Comedy in the Country
Supported by Andrew Logie
Sunday 24 May, 5pm
Pioneer Rugby Club, Gore
Admission: Adults \$42*

The Celtic Unleashed - Evening
Hokonui Celtic Pipeband Fundraiser
Sunday 24 May, 7pm
St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: Adults \$50* | U12 \$15*

Bowmar Road House Concert - Barry Saunders
Sunday 24 May, Doors 7pm, Show 7:30pm
61 Bowmar Road, Gore
Admission: \$30*

MON 25 MAY

Capital of Country Music Documentary
Monday 25 May, 10am
St James Theatre, Gore

Melodies & Memories - Kelly Smith
Monday 25 May, 10am
Ribbonwood Home, Tapanui
Admission: Free (residents only)

Golden Oldies
Monday 25 May, 1:30pm
Gore RSA
Admission: \$10

Evening Walk-Up Concert
Monday 25 May, 7:30pm
Gore RSA
Admission: Free

TUE 26 MAY

Afternoon Walk-Up Concert
Tuesday 26 May, 1:30pm
Gore RSA
Admission: Free

Old Hokonui
Whiskey & Food Match Event
Tuesday 26 May, 6pm
Arts & Heritage Precinct, Gore
Admission: \$60*

Trad Session Tuesday
Tuesday 26 May, 7pm
Gore RSA
Admission: Free

Country Variety Dance
Tuesday 26 May, 7:30pm
Esplin Room - Gore Town & Country Club
Admission: \$10 (Door sales only)

WED 27 MAY

Performance Workshops - Peter Cairns
Wednesday 27 May, Book a time
Venue to be advised on booking
Admission: \$35 per session, pay direct

Yodelling Workshop
Wednesday 27 May, 9am
MacKay Room - Gore Town & Country Club
Admission: \$15*

Ukulele Workshop
Wednesday 27 May, 10am
MacKay Room - Gore Town & Country Club
Admission: \$20*

Capital of Country Music Documentary
Wednesday 27 May, 10am
St James Theatre, Gore

Beginners Line Dancing Workshop
Wednesday 27 May, 11am
Esplin Room - Gore Town & Country Club
Admission: \$15*

WED 27 MAY CONTINUED

Jammin' At The Razza
Wednesday 27 May, 2pm - 5pm
Gore RSA
Admission: Free

Greenbird Dining - The Commoners
Wednesday 27 May, 5pm
The Thomas Green, Gore
Admission: Free

The Sparks with Halton Heart
Wednesday 27 May, 6:30pm
Roadhouse Shed, Liverpool Street, Riversdale
Admission: \$10 - \$20*

St James Sessions - Jaydin Shingleton
Wednesday 27 May, 7pm
Small Theatre, St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: \$29*

Musical Jingo
Wednesday 27 May, 7pm
Gore RSA
Admission: \$20 for 4 Jingo cards

THU 28 MAY

Performance Workshops - Peter Cairns
Thursday 28 May, Book a time
Venue to be advised on booking
Admission: \$35 per session, pay direct

Artist Development Mentoring Sessions
with Katie Thompson
Thursday 28 May, One-on-ones, book a time
The Thomas Green, Gore
Admission: \$40

Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking - School Comp
Thursday 28 May, 11am - 1pm
Main Street, Gore
Admission: Free

St James Sessions - Phil Doublet
Thursday 28 May, 1pm
Small Theatre, St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: \$29*

Jammin' At The Razza
Thursday 28 May, 2pm
Gore RSA
Admission: Free

Singers Toolkit Workshop - Hollie Longman
Thursday 28 May, 3pm
MacKay Room - Gore Town & Country Club
Admission: \$20*

Greenbird Dining - Molly Harrison
Thursday 28 May, 5pm
The Thomas Green, Gore
Admission: Free

Blazing Copper Dining - Maddison Connor
Thursday 28 May, 5pm
Croydon Lodge, Gore
Admission: Free

Peter Cairns & Andy Gilmour
Live in the T&C Lounge
Thursday 28 May, 7pm
Lounge Bar - Gore Town & Country Club
Admission: Free

St James Sessions - Humbuckin' Pickups
Thursday 28 May, 7pm
Small Theatre, St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: \$29*

FRI 29 MAY

GoreGeous Country Breakfast
Friday 29 May, 8am
Table Talk Café, Gore
Admission: \$45*

FRI 29 MAY CONTINUED

MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards
Three-Day Auditions Pass
Fri 29 - 31 May, 8am - 5pm approx.
Admission: Door sales. Ticket allows entry at all venues from Friday to Sunday, plus entry into the Classic Finals, MLT Showcase and Hands of Fame induction.
Adult \$80 | Senior Citizen \$60 | U17 \$25

MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards
Auditions Day 1 - All Sections
Friday 29 May, 8am - 5pm approx.
Various Gore venues
Admission: Door sales. Ticket allows entry at all venues.
Day pass: Adult \$28 | Senior Citizen \$22 | U17 \$5

Capital of Country Music Documentary
Friday 29 May, 10am
St James Theatre, Gore

Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking
Auditions Day 1 (all other categories)
Friday 29 May, 11am
Main Street, Gore
Admission: Free

Tussock Stage - Just Janie & Sig Wilder
Friday 29 May, Doors 1pm, Show 1:30pm
Small Theatre, St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: \$29*

Songwriting for Teens
Friday 29 May, 1pm
James Cumming Community Centre, Gore
Admission: \$20*

MLT Music Roundup
Friday 29 May | 6 MLT Venues | All Free Entry
Piano at the Moon - Trevor Dawe
Howl at the Moon, Gore, 5pm
Acoustic Dining at Blazing Copper - Kelly Smith
The Blazing Copper Restaurant, Gore, 5pm
Thomas Green Friday Dining - Aroha Williams
The Thomas Green, Gore, 5pm
Live Country - Turkey & The Bird and Kayson Road
The Croydon Lodge, 7pm
The Falls Night - Friends of the Possum Pickers
The Falls Hotel & Bistro, Mataura, 8pm
Rock the Bar - Sean Tinker & Josh Keating
Traffers Bar, 9pm

The Gallery Session
Friday 29 May, 6pm
Eastern Southland Gallery, Gore
Admission: Gold Coin

Craig Adams & The Rustlers
Friday 29 May, 7:30pm
Gore RSA
Admission: Free

SAT 30 MAY

MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards
Auditions Day 2 - All sections
Saturday 30 May, 8am - 5pm approx.
Various Gore venues
Admission: Door sales. Ticket allows entry at all venues.
Day pass: Adult \$28 | Senior Citizen \$22 | U17 \$5

McDonough Contracting
Gore Truck Show
Truck Viewing & Judging
Saturday 30 May, 9am
Transport Repairs Yard - Falconer Road, Gore
Truck Parade
2pm, Main Street, Gore
Prizegiving, Dinner & Live Band
4:30pm, Croydon Lodge, Gore
Truck Entry: \$10 (Enter and pay on the day)
Spectator Admission: Free

Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking
Auditions Day 2 (all other categories)
Saturday 30 May, 10am
Main Street, Gore
Admission: Free

SAT 30 MAY CONTINUED

Inside Aussie Country - Linc Phelps
Saturday 30 May, 10am
The Thomas Green, Gore
Admission: Free

Sing Like a Unicorn - Book reading & singalong
Saturday 30 May, 11:30am
Gore District Library
Admission: Koha

Singalongercise - Jeremy Redmore
Saturday 30 May, 12:30am
James Cumming Community Centre, Gore
Admission: \$15*

Tussock Stage: Linc Phelps & Brenny and the Bushwhackers
Saturday 30 May, Doors 1pm, Show 1:30pm
Small Theatre, St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: \$29*

Cooper's Run Dinner & Show
Saturday 30 May, Dinner 6pm, Show 7:30pm
Gore RSA
Admission: Dinner & Show \$70* | Show only \$30*

Midnight Chicken at Amigos
Saturday 30 May, 6pm
Amigos Restaurant, Gore
Admission: \$75*

MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards
Junior & Intermediate Finals
Saturday 30 May, 6:30pm
Gore Town & Country Club Stadium
Admission: Adult \$55* | U17 \$20*

SUN 31 MAY

MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards
Auditions Day 3 - All Sections
Sunday 31 May, 8am - 5pm approx.
Various Gore venues
Admission: Door sales. Ticket allows entry to Sunday auditions, Classic Finals, MLT Showcase & Hands of Fame Induction (31 May 2026).
Adult \$35 | Senior Citizen \$28 | U17 \$15

Country Gospel Church Service
Sunday 31 May, 9:40am
St Andrews Presbyterian Church
Admission: Gold Coin

Capital of Country Music Documentary
Sunday 31 May, 10am
St James Theatre, Gore

MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards
Classic Finals
Sunday 31 May, 1:30pm
Gore Town & Country Club Stadium
Admission: Door sales. Ticket allows MLT Showcase and Hands of Fame entry.
Adult \$35 | Senior Citizen \$28 | U17 \$15

MLT Showcase
Sunday 31 May, 3pm
Gore Town & Country Club Stadium
Admission: MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards Sunday senior section auditions ticket covers entry to this event.

Hands of Fame Induction
Sunday 31 May, 3pm
Gore Town & Country Club Stadium
Admission: MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards Sunday senior section auditions ticket covers entry to this event.

Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking Finals
Sunday 31 May, 4:30pm
St James Theatre, Gore
Admission: Free

MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards
Senior Finals
Sunday 31 May, 7pm
Gore Town & Country Club Stadium
Admission: Adult \$60* | U17 \$20*