



Tussock Country

NZ's Country Music Festival

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\$5 movies before 5pm at the St James Theatre, from 29 May - 6 June 27



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Welcome Messages

Chairperson's Welcome

On behalf of the New Zealand Country Music Festival Trust, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the first Tussock Country Music Festival. Tussock Country celebrates all that has been happening in Gore over Queen's Birthday Weekend from the very first MLT Gold Guitar Awards in 1974, to 2021 where we have over 30 events, showcasing the cream of country talent from around New Zealand, and the southern region with all that it has to offer. Whether you are a local or from further afield, we look forward to showing you some southern hospitality, and hope you enjoy your stay. Haere mail!

Jeff Rea

Chairperson, New Zealand Country Music Festival Trust



Mayoral Welcome

With Gore's annual celebration of all things country just around the corner, it gives me great pleasure to extend a warm Southern welcome to performers, contestants, their supporters and visitors to the 2021 Tussock Country Music Festival.

It is hard to believe that a one-day talent quest 46 years ago has turned into one of Southland's most iconic events. There have been many changes over the years as additions to the festival come and, in some cases, go. It's fair to say that as a community we are proud of what has been achieved by the dedicated members of the New Zealand Country Music Festival Trust, the Gore Country Music Club and the wider country music fraternity. Looking to the future, it is great to see these groups working collaboratively and in a positive manner to build an enhanced event to ensure Gore remains the country music capital of New Zealand.

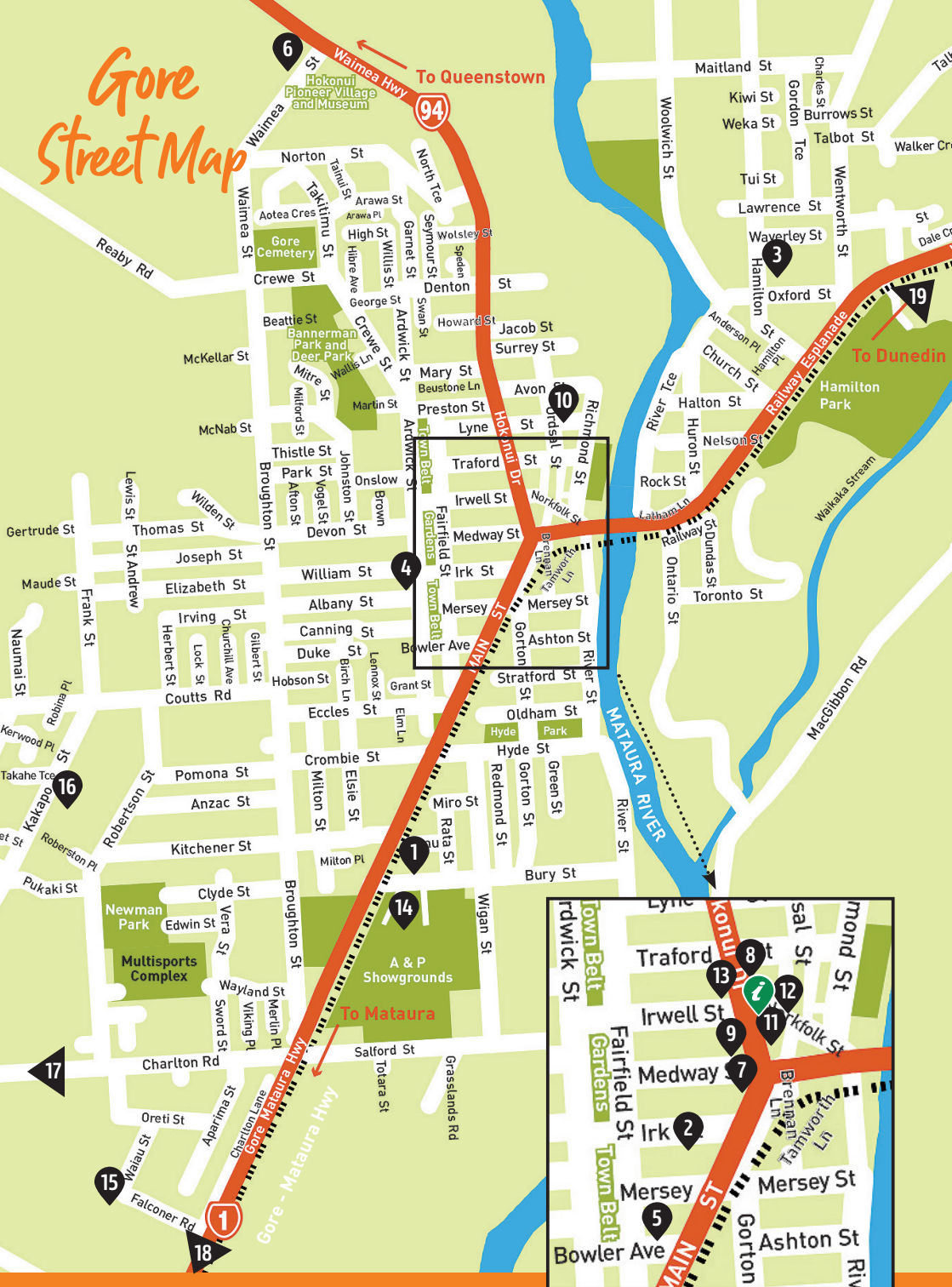
Volunteers, such as those behind the wide range of events during the festival, are the backbone of our community. Successful events benefit everyone, and the Council is pleased to be associated as a major sponsor of the Gold Guitar's Intermediate section, as well as organiser of the Freeze Ya Bits Off Busking. All that's left to say is good luck to everyone participating and competing over the nine days of Tussock Country – may your dreams turn into gold guitars.

Tracy Hicks

Gore District Mayor



Gore Street Map



Event Locations

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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 in support of rural mental health initiatives. Families and dogs welcome. BYO food and refreshments for post-parade tailgate party. Food & coffee trucks onsite.

Saturday 29 May | 12.30pm - 4.00pm

12.30pm Muster & register at **GWD Toyota, 17 Hokonui Drive, Gore**

1.00pm Ute Parade down **Main Street to Gore A&P Showgrounds, Bury Street**

1.20pm Parade arrives at Showgrounds. Ready dogs, utes and mullets for judging

2.00pm Judging / public viewing / Tailgate Party

3.00pm Presentation and awards ceremony. 4pm finish.

Admission: Gold coin donation per attendee and spectator, all proceeds to rural mental health initiatives in Southland.

Competition Entry Fee: \$5 per category. Download entry form at www.tussockcountry.nz

Enter at your local GWD Toyota – Gore, Invercargill, Queenstown or Alexandra, email completed entry forms to hokonuiutemuster@gmail.com or register on the day.

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Top Paddock

Get ready for the energy and enthusiasm of Top Paddock, New Zealand's flagship event for contemporary country music.

Top Paddock will be the headline event that kicks off the Tussock Country Music Festival, delivering a dynamic line-up of national country music stars. This year's lineup includes Jody Direen, Jenny Mitchell, Cam Scott, Hannah May, Arun O'Connor and Jaydin Shingleton.

The event is credited with creating a new country-pop/rock movement in New Zealand that gives fresh meaning to what 'country' looks and sounds like. Get along to this lively event to hear the sounds of contemporary country music stars.

Saturday 29 May

6.00pm Doors open | **7.00pm - 1.00am** Concert

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



Admission:

Earlybird Tickets - **SOLD OUT**

General Admission \$89 + BF - **SOLD OUT**

VIP \$149 + BF - **SOLD OUT**

from **www.iticket.co.nz**



Kids Gone Country

The Thomas Green 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 acoustic music and watch these talented youngsters shine on stage.

The Thomas Green offers a beautiful setting, with their restaurant and bar. It's the perfect way to spend your Sunday afternoon.

Sunday 30 May | 2.00pm - 4.30pm
The Thomas Green,
30 Medway Street, Gore

**FREE
ENTRY**

Admission: Free

Legends Of The Hokonui's

Pipes and drums, rock 'n roll and country music are a special mix at the Legends of the Hokonui's variety concert.

This year's guest line-up features Bryan Townley, Cheryl Anderson, Cindy Mulrooney, Lachie Hayes, Nicola and Maegan Mitchell.

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.

With 25 playing members, the band competes throughout New Zealand, often returning home with trophies.

Cash bar available. Light snacks provided.

Sunday 30 May | 3.00pm
Gore Town & Country Club Stadium,
9 Bury Street, Gore



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

Gore Country Music Queen Gala Crowning

The gala crowning evening for the Gore Country Music Queen title, with live music and a guest speaker. The winner will travel to the Tamworth Country Music Festival in January 2022 as an official representative of the Gore Country Music Club.

Sunday 30 May | 6.30pm
Jessie's - Longford Function Centre,
29 Hamilton Street, Gore



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

Complimentary bubbles on arrival and nibbles included. Cash bar available.

Hokonui Line Dance Social

Come along and give line dancing a go. Suitable for all levels. No partner needed so you can have a go by yourself or with friends.

Monday 31 May | 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Gore District Memorial RSA,
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore

Admission: \$5, door sales only

Golden Oldies

This is a wonderful concert of local artists. Every year it's packed out by our seniors. Come early to get a seat and look forward to a nice afternoon tea after the concert. Take part in a raffle or two. This relaxing, homely concert is great entertainment.

Monday 31 May | 1.30pm
Jessie's - Longford Function Centre,
29 Hamilton Street, Gore

Admission: Gold coin entry



Motorhomers' Potluck Dinner

Gore is a motorhome friendly town and it's popular for campers to park up at the Gore A&P Showgrounds, or the Gore Town & Country Club. It has become tradition for those staying to get together for a potluck dinner during the festival. Musicians are often among them, so it can be quite a social event with a tune or two. All motorhomers are welcome.

A contact for this event will be confirmed soon, so attendees can find out what they can contribute.



Monday 31 May | 6.00pm
Gore A&P Showgrounds,
Bury Street, Gore

**FREE
ENTRY**

Admission: Free



Adam McGrath Bowmar Road House Concert

Join us for an intimate evening of inspirational music with "National Treasure" Adam McGrath.

Adam's work with The Eastern has become legendary across the many bars, lounges, halls and street corners they've graced in their ten year career. He takes to his solo adventures with the same intensity, passion, love and humour that has given his day band a firm foothold into the hearts and minds of New Zealand. Barry Saunders from the iconic Warratahs simply described McGrath as "the truth".

Monday 31 May | 7.00pm
61 Bowmar Road, Gore



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



Gore Country Music Club Open Mic

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 1 June | 1.30pm
Jessie's - Longford Function Centre
29 Hamilton Street, Gore

Admission: Gold coin entry



MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards Walk-Up Concert

Join in the fun! Put your name on the blackboard and wait your turn to perform your favourite song or instrument, or come along for a listen. It's as simple as that at this informal walk-up concert. A full band is available, ready to back anyone who wants to take part in this lively, engaging evening. Please bring 4 copies of chord charts if you are performing with the band.

This event includes a tree-planting ceremony acknowledging Gore's sister city relationship with Tamworth, in Australia.

Tuesday 1 June | 7.00pm
Jessie's - Longford Function Centre
29 Hamilton Street, Gore

Admission: Members \$5,
Non-members \$10,
Children free (17 years and under)
Door sales only, supper included



Old Hokonui - Whiskey & Food Match Event

An early evening event celebrating Southland's quirky and colourful grain spirit tradition – matched with game-based, and Prohibition-era cuisine.

Mataura Licensing Trust representative Bob Vercoe will curate beverages from selected southern New Zealand providers. Featured of course will be Southland's own 'Old Hokonui', but there will also be representatives from other southern distilleries presenting tastings of their new and exciting lines. Finest southern craft beer and Central Otago wine will also feature. For those of more temperate persuasion, a range of specially blended Temperance Teas and traditional soft drinks will be on hand for your enjoyment.

Food curator Jude Taylor will infuse a wild flavour with matched tapas style food from the wilds of inland and coastal Southland and The Thomas Green Public House & Dining Room will provide a selection of food platters using prime Southland produce and whiskey infused delicacies.

The evening will also feature music from Christchurch's Adam McGrath, frontman of folk/country legends The Eastern.

Tuesday 1 June | 6.00pm

Maruawai Centre, 7 Norfolk Street, Gore (beside Gore Visitor Centre)



Admission: \$80 + BF
from www.iticket.co.nz

Celebrating 40 Years of SA. MATAURA LICENSING TRUST SONGWRITING AWARD Winners 1980-2021

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Celebrating 40 Years of MLT Songwriting Award Winners

This event is celebrating 40 years since the inaugural MLT Songwriting Award. The New Zealand Songwriters' Trust has enjoyed a long relationship with the Mataura Licensing Trust who have supported this award since its inception. This is a night to relax and enjoy good company, while celebrating our past winners while they perform live.

Guest artists include: Jeff Rea, Jenny Mitchell, Mal McCallum, Kaylee Bell, Allan Barron, Peter Cairns and Phil Corfield.

Wednesday 2 June | 7.00pm

Jessie's - Longford Function Centre, 29 Hamilton Street, Gore



Admission: \$20 per person + BF or \$30 for two + BF
from www.iticket.co.nz

Ticket includes complimentary glass of bubbles on arrival, and nibbles. Cash bar available.

Please note - this event differs from previously advertised.



Spit & Polish Finishing School with Peter Cairns

Entertainer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and recording artist Peter Cairns is offering private workshops for people who want to add the finishing touches to their performance before the MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards 2020.

Peter has coached 11 overall Gold Guitar winners from junior through to senior categories. Some of his past students have gone on to establish successful performing careers internationally.

Private 30-minute workshops available on Wednesday 2 June and Thursday 3 June

Cost: \$25 per session

Bookings:

Call Peter on 027 201 4059
or email cairnspeter116@gmail.com

Jammin' at the Razza

A laid back event over two days. The line up is likely to be different each day, so why not come down twice and catch up with old friends.

Wednesday 2 June | 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 3 June | 1.00pm - 3.00pm

**Gore District Memorial RSA,
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore**



Admission: Free

MLT Songwriting Seminar

Proudly presented by the NZ Songwriters' Trust in association with APRA.

This year's line-up includes:

Award winning singer/songwriter **Kaylee Bell** will be presenting at the seminar for the first time. Her experience in NZ, Australia and in Nashville will be worth hearing as she discusses the structure of country songs, melody and hooks and the importance of co-writing.

Jenny Mitchell, an award winning songwriter/storyteller based in Dunedin is also thrilled to be presenting at the seminar for the first time. Her unique writing style paints vivid pictures of landscapes, experiences and people, through the vessel of simple folk/country melodies. Jenny will be sharing her best songwriting tips on how to craft story-centric songs.

Join APRA AMCOS' Head of NZ Operations **Ant Healey** for a relaxed discussion about music rights, copyright, royalties and the business end of songwriting.

Thursday 3 June | 10.00am - 2.30pm

Heartland Hotel Croydon, 100 Waimea Street, Gore

Admission: Adult \$30 | Student \$15

Register to attend at www.nzsongwriterstrust.co.nz

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NZ Country Music Awards

Savour the original melodies and rhythms of New Zealand's emerging song writing talent and finest country music recording artists at the NZ Country Music Awards.

You'll get to walk the red carpet at this gala occasion and join in celebrating New Zealand's brightest country music talent with a feast of performances from award finalists and special guests.

After a glittering evening of entertainment, award winners are announced for the MLT Songwriting Award for best unrecorded song, the APRA Best Country Song award and the award for Recorded Music NZ Best Country Artist.

The NZ Country Music Awards is a wonderful night out with New Zealand's top country talent - not to be missed.

Thursday 3 June | 7.00pm

St James Theatre, 61 Irk Street, Gore



Admission: Early bird \$35 + BF | General Admission \$45 + BF
from www.iticket.co.nz

Your ticket gives you access to attend the After Party at the Thomas Green.

For more information visit: www.nzcountrymusicawards.co.nz

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FREEZE YA BITS OFF BUSKING



Freeze Ya' Bits Off Busking

Buskers take to the streets for New Zealand's coolest busking competition, lured by two \$1,300 prizes and a total prize pool of more than \$5,000.

Strolling the streets to soak up the buskers' home-grown talents is as entertaining as entering the competition yourself. The event kicks off with a schools' busking competition on Thursday, before buskers of any age strut their stuff in the town centre on Friday and Saturday. It's all part of the 'street party' atmosphere.

If you've *frozen ya' bits off* on the streets of Gore then come *thaw ya' bits out* watching the top acts perform at a Finals event on Saturday afternoon. Prize winners are announced and you get to enjoy the warmth of the open fire and some hearty southern food.

School Competition

Main Street, Gore | Thursday 3 June | 12.00noon – 1.00pm

Auditions (all other categories)

Main Street and Irk Street, Gore

Friday 4 June and Saturday 5 June | 11.00am to 1.00pm

Finals Party



The Thomas Green, Medway Street, Gore

Saturday 5 June | 2.30pm | Admission: free

Entries and information: www.gorenz.com/events



MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards

Join in and celebrate raw country music talent at New Zealand's greatest country music event, the NZ Gold Guitar Awards.

For almost half a century, hundreds of amateur 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 40 plus and 60 plus final, where a stand-out country music contributor is inducted into the Country Music Hands of Fame.

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.'

For more information 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 to 40 and 60 Plus Finals, MLT Showcase and Hands of Fame Induction.*

Adults \$42; Senior citizens \$30; Children 17 years and under FREE

Auditions - all Sections

Friday 4 June and Saturday 5 June | 8.15am - 5.00pm

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

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

Adults \$12; Senior citizens \$8; Children 17 years and under FREE

Junior and Intermediate Finals

Featuring all the intermediate and junior finalists followed by presentation of the Awards. Guest appearance from 2019 Intermediate overall winner Ocean Waitokia.

Saturday 5 June | 6.30pm | Gore Town & Country Club Stadium



Admission: \$38 + BF; Children 17 years and under \$10 + BF

from www.iticket.co.nz

Auditions - Senior Sections only

Sunday 6 June | 8.15am - 12.00noon | Gore Town & Country Club Stadium

Admission: Door sales only. Adults \$18; Senior citizens \$14; Children 17 years and under \$5.

Ticket also allows entry to 40 and 60 Plus Finals, MLT Showcase and Hands of Fame Induction - see page 26 for information.

40 and 60 Plus Finals

Featuring all the 40 Plus and 60 Plus age group finalists, followed by presentation of the Awards. Paddy Long will be inducted into the Hands of Fame at this event.

Sunday 6 June | 1.00pm | Gore Town & Country Club Stadium

Admission: Door sales only. Adults \$18; Senior citizens \$14; Children 17 years and under \$5.

Ticket also allows entry to 40 and 60 Plus Finals, MLT Showcase and Hands of Fame Induction - see pages 26 for information.

Senior Finals

The evening features all finalists in the senior award categories, followed by presentation of the awards. Guest artist is last year's winner Jaydin Shingleton.

Sunday 6 June | 7.00pm | Gore Town & Country Club Stadium



Admission: Adult \$45 + BF; Children 17 years and under \$10 + BF

from www.iticket.co.nz



Uke 'N' Fiddle Workshops with Marian Burns

Acclaimed New Zealand musician Marian Burns wows audiences throughout Australia and New Zealand with her skill and incredible talent. In 2018, she was awarded a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to music.

Take this opportunity to join Marian in one, or both of her fun workshops. Come away being able to strum a few chords, play some songs, pick a few tunes, and gain some cool tips and techniques along the way.



Tickets from
www.iticket.co.nz

Ukulele Workshop:

Friday 4 June | 10.00am

St Peter's College Chapel, Kakapo St. Gore

Admission: \$30 + BF

No experience needed.

Fiddle Workshop:

Saturday 5 June | 2.00pm

St Peter's College Chapel, Kakapo St. Gore

Admission: \$30 + BF

IMPORTANT: Fiddlers must be either on Book Four of Suzuki or have been learning the violin for at least 4 years.



Green Bird Café Sessions

As the talent and musicians keep rolling into town, the Green Bird Café 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!

Thursday's session will be hosted by Michelle Hendrix and Sunday's host will be Casey Evans.

Thursday 3 June | 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Sunday 6 June | 4.30pm - 6.30pm

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



Admission: Free



The Writer's Night

An exceptional evening, where New Zealand's finest songwriters share their songs and the stories behind them.

The New Zealand Songwriters Trust 'Writers Night' has evolved into one of the most intimate and special nights of the Festival.

It's a night not to be missed - pure, simple, real life in song.

Come along to experience the best of New Zealand's songwriting talent up close over a glass of wine and nibbles.

Friday 4 June | 6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Eastern Southland Gallery,
14 Hokonui Drive, Gore**

Admission: Gold coin entry



MARIAN BURNS + TRIPLE SHOT



MLT Music Roundup **FREE ENTRY**

Mātaura Licensing Trust bars and restaurants open their doors to lovers of country music. Pick your favourite band or venue and settle in, or venue hop and catch them all. You choose!

Friday 4 June | All events are free entry

Guitar Talk: Jackson Larivee

5.30pm - 7.30pm | Howl at the Moon Café Bar, Cnr Main & Medway Streets, Gore

Before The Ride: Allan Barron & Peter Cairns

6.30pm - 7.30pm | Longford Tavern Bar, 29 Hamilton Street, Gore

Bluegrass At Heart: You, Me, Everybody & appearance from Kayla Mahon

7.30pm | Heartland Hotel Croydon, 100 Waimea Street, Gore

Family friendly. Buffet-style meals from 5.30pm. Bookings essential.

Southern Hayride: Reg McTaggart & Friends

7.30pm til late | Jessie's - Longford Function Centre, 29 Hamilton Street, Gore

Beers 'N Boots: Simon Thompson, Jaydin Shingleton, Matt Hantler

8.00pm - 10.30pm | The Thomas Green, 30 Medway Street, Gore

Rock The Country: Idol Frets - Kelvin Cummings & Phil Doublet

8.00pm - 11.00pm | Traffors Bar, 18 Hokonui Drive, Gore

The Falls Night: Friends Of The Possum Pickers

8.00pm - 11.00pm | The Falls Hotel & Bistro, 151 Main Street, Mātaura

Marian Burns and Triple Shot

Acclaimed New Zealand musician Marian Burns takes the world by storm with her exuberance and passion for music.

Marian is a stand-out musician and entertainer, known for her unstoppable energy. Amongst a 'string' of awards, she's won Tamworth's Golden Fiddle Awards three times, including their prestigious 'Lifetime Achievement Award'. She wows audiences throughout Australia and New Zealand with her skill and incredible talent. In 2018, she was awarded a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to music.

Joining Marian for the evening's entertainment is Southland band Triple Shot, comprising of Simon Thompson, Chris 'Crispy' Chilton and Dave 'Bang Bang' O'Connor..

Friday 4 June | 6.00pm Dinner | 7.00pm Show

Gore District Memorial RSA, 12 Bowler Avenue, Gore



Admission:

Dinner & Show \$50 + BF *Ticket includes a 2 course buffet meal.*

Show Only \$20 + BF

from www.iticket.co.nz

For more information visit: www.marianburns.nz



King Rig 2019

McDonough Contracting Truck Show

Popular with children and adults alike, you can get up close to the magnificently spruced-up trucks in the morning, and enjoy a BBQ, market stalls and entertainment from 9.00am. Then head along to Main Street to embrace the energy and noise of the spectacular truck parade before winners are announced and prizes awarded.

Saturday 5 June

Truck Viewing & Judging

**Transport Repairs Yard,
Falconer Road, Gore | from 9.00am**

Parade

Main Street, Gore | 2.00pm

Prizegiving

Traffers Bar, Gore | 4.00pm

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

**FREE
ENTRY**

Live Music At The Gore Town & Country Club

Join us at the Gore Town & Country Club for an evening of live music. Artists to be confirmed closer to the festival.

Friday 4 June | 7.00pm

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

**FREE
ENTRY**

Admission: Free

Live Music At The Gore RSA

Join us at the RSA for an evening of live music. Artists to be confirmed closer to the festival.

Saturday 5 June | 7.00pm

**Gore District Memorial RSA,
12 Bowler Avenue, Gore**

**FREE
ENTRY**

Admission: Free

Festival Movie Deal

The St James Theatre is offering a Tussock Country movie deal. All movies before 5pm will be \$5 per person per movie.

Saturday 29 May - Sunday 6 June

**All movie screenings before 5pm
St James Theatre, 61 Irk Street, Gore**

Admission: \$5 per screening

Bookings: www.sbsstjamestheatre.co.nz



Jackie Bristow

The festival is thrilled to have Americana Country Folk singer-songwriter Jackie Bristow joining the festival lineup. Bristow is spending time in Queenstown and Southland until she feels it is safe, with Covid-19 under control, to travel back to her home Nashville.

She has played alongside big name musicians including Boz Scaggs, Bonnie Raitt, Steve Miller Band, Chris Isaak, Foreigner, Art Garfunkel and Tommy Emmanuel.

American Songwriter described Bristow as "Crafting some of the most beautiful compelling Americana today".

Saturday 5 June

**7.00pm Doors Open | 8.00pm Show
Eastern Southland Gallery, Gore**



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



Tea At Three with Jenny

Treat yourself to an exclusive afternoon with award-winning songwriter Jenny Mitchell, followed by a selection of delicious teas and sweet treats.

With songs wrapped in wisdom and wit, this show will take you on a journey of songs and stories from Gore's very own travel-loving troubadour.

Tea at Three is a concept born from Jenny's love of storytelling and her passion for a good cup of tea.

Sunday 6 June | 2.30pm

Hawthorn Den, 141 Waikaka Rd, Gore



Admission:

Adult \$30 + BF

Children/student \$20 + BF

from **www.iticket.co.nz**

Ticket includes high tea following the performance.



MLT Showcase and Hands of Fame Induction

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

The MLT NZ Gold Guitar Award senior sections auditions ticket covers entry to this event.

Hands of Fame: 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.

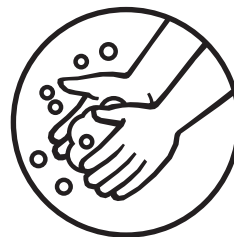
This year **Paddy Long** will be inducted into the Hands of Fame.

Sunday 6 June | 3.00pm

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 page 20).

Protect yourself and others from COVID-19



Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds). Then dry.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.



Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.



Stay home if you feel unwell.

For updates and more information on keeping yourself safe, visit [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

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THINGS TO DO

GO RURAL
DISTRICT CITY
RE LIVING

GO STAY

Accommodation during the festival fills up quickly. For help finding somewhere to stay, contact the Gore Visitor Centre. Phone 03 203 9288



GO EAT

Gore's eateries cater for all palates and budgets. Some of them will have live music.



GO DO

Sample 'Old Hokonui' whiskey at the Hokonui Moonshine Museum, swim or skate at the Gore Multisports Complex, or take a tiger moth flight in Mandeville.



GO SEE

The Eastern Southland Gallery is home of the internationally significant John Money Collection, Ralph Hotere Gallery and a diverse programme of exhibitions.



COME BACK

Other major events include the Hokonui Fashion Design Awards on 23-24 July 2021 and the Southern Field Days, in February 2022.

