



2026 Programme

Location: Gunn's Bush Camp, Waimate

Dates: Thursday 5 – Sunday 8 February 2026

Thursday, February 5 – Arrival and Welcome

From 2:00 PM – Site available for arrival and setup

From 5:00 PM – Registration opens

See organisers **Rosie and Martin** for allocation of bunk rooms and powered sites.

Please check before parking or plugging in, as powered sites are booked in advance.

Registration desk will be in the main hall if weather allows, or under the trees near the hall if hot.

Evening: Informal jamming and catch-up session

Friday, February 6 – Music and Merriment

9:30 AM – Blackboard/Themed concerts and Blind Date lists open in the main hall

10:00 AM – Blackboard Concert 1

11:00 AM – Marcus Turner Tribute Concert

12:00 PM – Lunch

12:45 PM – Blind Date draw and meet with Blind Date groups

1:15–2:15 PM – Guest Artist Concert: **Progeny**

2:45–4:15 PM – **Songs of Woe and Retribution** – a chance to share vengeful, doleful folk or blues songs

4:45 PM – **Waimate Water Fight** – North of Waitaki River vs South of Waitaki

(All ages welcome; bring your own water weaponry)

5:15 PM – Dinner break

7:30 PM – **Evening Ceilidh**

Saturday, February 7 – Fun and Folk

10:30 AM–12:00 PM – Comedy Spot – Humorous songs and poems (original or borrowed)

12:00 PM – Lunch break

12:45–1:45 PM – Blackboard Concert 2

2:00–3:00 PM – Guest Artist Concert: The Port Hillbillies

3:15–4:15 PM – Songs of Joy and Redemption

4:30–5:30 PM – Blind Date Concert

7:00 PM – Evening Concert – Guests and invited spots

10:00 PM onwards – Jamming and sessions

Sunday, February 8 – Farewell and Departure

Pack up, clean up, and prepare for travel home.

Please vacuum bunk rooms before leaving and prop mattresses against the wall. Take all rubbish away.

Site must be cleared by 2:00 PM.

General Notices

- **Fridges:** Label food clearly and respect others' items.
- **Kitchen and Facilities:** Leave cooking, eating, and washing areas clean and tidy.
- **Fire Ban:** Total fire ban in place. Gas barbecues may be used with personal gas bottles. Leave clean for the next users.
- **Dogs:** Only well-behaved dogs allowed, by prior negotiation with camp owners.
- **Extended Stays:** Arriving early or staying extra nights must be arranged and paid directly with Gunn's Bush camp owners.

Enjoy a weekend of music, laughter, and community at the Waimate Summer Festival 2026!