

## **Thank you for registering for The Waimate Summer Festival**

We expect to have a good number of talented and congenial folk coming and it should be a great weekend. We have a few items to think about in advance

**Please don't arrive before 12pm on Thursday 6/2/25 and we are expected to clear the site by 2pm on 9/2/25**

**If you want to arrive before 6/2 Gunn's Bush may have some sites available contact [gunnsbush@gmail.com](mailto:gunnsbush@gmail.com) at a cost of \$25 per person per night**

Some handy directions to Gunn's Bush:

If traveling north-turn left at The Yellow Shed and follow the road to Waimate, turn right onto Queen Street, left onto Parsonage Road, past Waimate Golf Course following signs for Waimate Hunter Road/Gunn's Bush Camp

If traveling south, turn right at Makikihi and follow signs

If trusting your fate to Google maps, the address is 36 Gunn's Bush Road approx 10km from Waimate

We have some guest artists, but most of the performing will be done by festival attendees

For anyone new to folk festivals, we encourage all comers to participate in:

Black board concerts ( Put your name on a blackboard and come up and perform a maximum of 2 songs)

Blind dates, (Put your name in the box, groups are randomly assigned and you have a day or so to work up a single song or musical performance with your group- always good fun, all are encouraged to take part)

Dress Circle concerts (same process as blackboard concerts)

Comedy Slot for poems or songs

Festival audiences tend to be supportive and attentive to other musicians and we have an excellent sound man who will help you sound your best.

**A piece of festival etiquette is to keep spoken intros to performances short and be ready to take your place on the stage when your turn comes with instruments tuned etc.**

There is a water fight, a tradition borrowed from the much loved Tui Festival. Whether you

consider yourself to be in your first childhood or your second, everybody loves a water fight on a hot day, so anticipating that the young at heart will arm themselves with water weaponry and join in the battle between North and South of the mighty Waitaki river, especially since the weather promises to be very hot

On that theme, we would love a few large fans to place at the back of the hall during day concerts, so would appreciate anyone who can bring one sticking it in the back of the caravan and bringing it along..

## **Waimate Summer Festival 2025 PROGRAMME**

### **Thursday Feb 6**

Arrival–Site available from 12pm

Registration from 1pm See organizers (Rosie and Martin) for allocation of bunk rooms and powered sites Please check with us before parking or plugging in to powered sites as these are always booked in advance

(We will set up a registration desk in main hall if weather allows, but will be under trees near hall if weather is hot)

Informal jamming and catch up afternoon

7.30pm New Zealand Music concert- please send suggestions to Martin and Rosie [waimatesummerfest@gmail.com](mailto:waimatesummerfest@gmail.com) so we can set up a concert run sheet before 2/2/25

### **Friday Feb 7**

9.30am Blackboard/ Dress Circle and Blind date lists open in main hall

1000 Blackboard 1

11am Blue Sea Above concert

12 Lunch

1245 Blind date draw and meet with blind date groups

1.15 pm-2.15 The Barreltones Concert

2.30 to 4pm Dress Circle Concert

Music written for, by or about women

(All gender identities welcome to perform, but need to dress appropriately)

4.30pm Waimate Water Fight- North of Waitaki River vs South of Waitaki

(children of all ages welcome to participate, bring own water weaponry)

5pm Dinner Break

7.30pm Evening Ceilidh

### **Saturday Feb 8**

10.30-12.30 Comedy Spot Humorous songs and poems (original or borrowed)

12.30 Lunch break

1.15 to 2.45 Blackboard Concert 2

3pm Dress Circle Blokes' Response

songs for, by or about men

(All gender persuasions welcome, but must wear gentlemanly attire-anyone wearing budgie smugglers will be escorted from the stage in the interests of public safety)

4.30- 5.30 Blind date concert

7.00 pm Concert

Guests and invited spots

10pm jamming , sessions

### **Sunday Feb 9th**

Pack up, clean up, time to travel home. Please vacuum bunk rooms before you leave and prop mattresses against the wall. **Take all rubbish away with you**

Please clear site by 2pm

**A few general notices:**

There is no formal children's programme as this is a small festival, but we will bring some boxes of craft materials.

If using fridges please make sure you label your food clearly and respect other people's

food. If using cooking, eating or washing up facilities, please leave clean and tidy for others.

There is a total fire ban in place. Gas barbeques on site can be used with your own gas bottles, Again please leave clean for the next folkies.

Permission to bring a dog can be negotiated with camp owners Lisa and Steve

There are some walking tracks in a patch of bush adjacent to the camp and a small swimming hole and stream. These are available to be used but at your own risk, children need to be supervised in these areas