

COUNTRY MUSIC

NZ Gold Guitar Awards

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NZ GOLD GUITAR AWARDS

Ever been to the New Zealand Gold Guitar Awards?

They are the biggest and most prestigious country music event in New Zealand. Patsy Riggir won the first Gold Guitar from 37 other competitors in 1974 at the James Cumming Wing. Today the event is held every Queens Birthday weekend and attracts over 700 competitors. There are a range of competitive events held over the ten days such as Instrumental, Gospel, New Zealand song, Traditional, Country-rock, Yodelling, Group, duet and solo. The sections are divided into senior and junior.

GOLD GUITAR STARS - Then & Now



PATSY RIGGIR

- The first winner in 1974

Patsy entered her first talent quest when she was five. As an adult she joined her local country music club in Putaruru and that same year she won the first Gold Guitar award. six years later she released her first album and her singing and song writing career blossomed, winning awards, hosting her own TV show and singing internationally. She is most famous for her song *Beautiful Lady*. The Gold Guitars have remained special for Patsy, returning to Gore many times.



PETER CAIRNS

- The first local to win the award in 1984

Peter Cairns has made a career out of music here in Gore. Well known in the district as a producer of musical productions, and as a teacher of music and music performance, he has seen students succeed on the national and international stage. He also continues to perform as a duo with Bonnie Turner and in a backing band, The Southerners, who have backed the Gold Guitar Awards for many years as well as other top New Zealand artists. Peter is also skilled in the technical side of music having taken care of the sound at many of our local events.



BRIANNA HEDLEY

- Overall winner of the Junior Section 2014

Brianna is the first local solo junior to win the Junior title. By the end of 2015 her career haul of trophies is 38. She is 11 years old. *"I started singing at the age of five as I was passionate about singing. My inspiration was my Mum, Patrina, as I always sung with her around the house... I started my dream of being a famous singer by going to a few club nights at the Cromwell Country Music Club as my family and I were living there. We moved to Gore and Mum got me into some singing lessons with Peter Cairns and that is where I gained my confidence. ... In 2014 at the age of ten I entered NZ Gold Guitars and gave it my best. I was a finalist in the country rock section. Here was my chance to go out and sing like I owned the stage. I did just that and later in the night was named the NZ Gold Guitar Overall Junior. Exciting."*

FUN FACTS:

1. The easiest way to learn to yodel try singing "little-old-lady-WHO"
2. The Bree family brought the first piano to the Gore district in 1875/6. Locals would assemble in the evenings to listen to Mrs Bree play. *"... it was with great pride that the attention of any visitor was drawn to the fact that we were advancing towards civilisation"*.



LOOK UP THE WORD:

'Prestigious'

Definition = _____

Synonym = _____

Antonym = _____



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Gore District's Sister City

The Gore District has just one sister and her name is Tamworth.

Tamworth is in New South Wales, Australia.

The two places have been 'sisters' since 1992 and the most important aspect of their relationship has been their love of country music. Tamworth has the Tamworth Country Music Festival, Australasia's biggest country music event, in January.

There are various exchanges throughout the year involving school groups, sporting and cultural groups. Councillors and the winner of the Gore District Young Ambassador have the opportunity to visit each other's music festivals every second year.



Write a theme song

Most basic songs are made up of two parts: **CHORUS** and **VERSE**.

The **CHORUS** is the main idea of the song:

- It tells us what the song is about.
- It is exactly the same every time it is repeated, usually after every verse.

The **VERSES** tell the story of the song.

The **LYRICS** are the words in the song.

Now choose one of your favourite songs and rewrite the lyrics to include Gore District and why it is special to you!

Create a musical instrument

Creating music is always fun, but making it with your own homemade musical instrument is much better. Select items from the list below to create your very own musical instrument!

Toilet/paper rolls, drinking straws, bottle caps, cardboard boxes, fizz/milk bottles, plastic bowls, empty cans, egg cartons, water glasses, clothes hangers, hair comb, funnel, water, rice/sand.

Check out this awesome website for more ideas:
www.kinderart.com/teachers/9instruments.shtml



Hands of Fame

The Hands of Fame statue was designed by Gore artist Errol Allison and was unveiled in 2005. It came 20 years after the idea was first discussed by Gore Country Music Club members. The monument features concrete palm prints of famous national & international country music singers and musicians such as; Kenny Rogers, Eddie Low, Patsy Riggir, Suzanne Prentice & the Topp Twins! Some of these handprints were collected long before the statue was approved; the group was so sure their idea would be a success.

