

MAY 2026

WHAT'S ON IN THE ARTS

ARTS
MURIHIKU

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NIGHT of the ARTS
15 MAY 2026
5—9PM

As always, Night of the Arts (NoTA) brings fringe flair to the heart of Invercargill, transforming Don Street, Dee Street, and Connections Arcade into a hub of live performance, hands-on creativity, and unexpected encounters. From 5–9 pm on Friday, 15 May, the city centre becomes a canvas — and you're invited to explore and discover every corner of it.

From dulcet choir harmonies to quizzical storytelling, from moving art trains to salsa rhythms — NoTA is not just a show, it's an invitation to get up close to creativity as it happens.

Not everything will be signposted — and that's the point. Let your curiosity lead the way and uncover the unexpected.

Make a night of it — grab dinner from one of the many Food Trucks, Mall eateries or local restaurants and cafés keeping their doors open late to feed the fun.

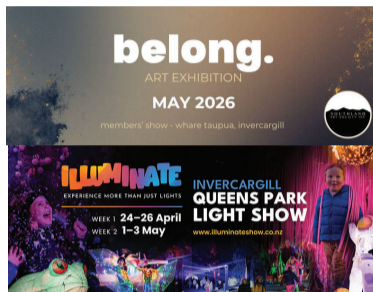
So don your winter woollies, gather your crew, and experience the creative energy of NoTA 2026 — Invercargill's very own street-side celebration of the arts.

Check out our events, drop-in sessions and the full online art calendar of events at <https://artsmurihiku.co.nz/event-calendar/> it is also free to list your own events here too!

ARTS
MURIHIKU

WHARE TAUPUA//
Community Arts Space
34 FORTH STREET, INVERCARGILL
OPENING HOURS:
10AM-4PM TUESDAY-FRIDAY
10AM 2PM SATURDAY | PH 021 027 37315
WWW.ARTSMURIHIKU.CO.NZ

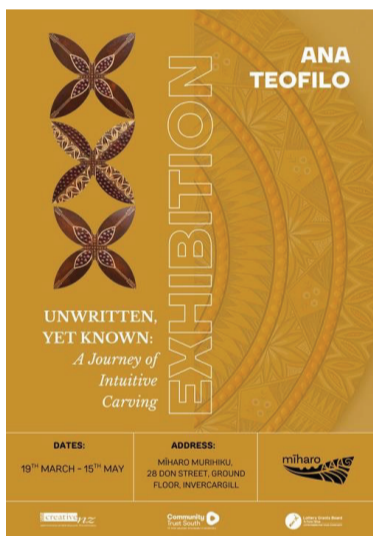
EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS ON ACROSS THE REGION



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ART EXHIBITION
MAY 2026
members' show - whare taupua, invercargill

ILLUMINATE
EXPERIENCE MORE THAN JUST LIGHTS
WEEK 1: 24-26 April
WEEK 2: 1-3 May
www.illuminateinvercargill.co.nz

INVERCARGILL QUEENS PARK LIGHT SHOW



DAVID ELLIOT: WIND AND WAVES & MICHAEL ARMSTRONG: PAINTINGS FROM A RECENT PAST
25 APR – 21 JUN | FREE
EASTERN SOUTHLAND GALLERY GORE

GET FOLKED
FRI 1 | 7PM | \$5
Originals, covers, and traditional favourites — performed by our talented local artists.
SOUTHLAND MUSICIANS CLUB

Community Trust South
TE POU ARATAKI POUNAMU O MURIHIKU

CMNZ – SYMPOSIUM BRASS
SAT 2 | 7.30PM | \$16 - \$61
CIVIC THEATRE

TEEN BOOK CLUB
MON 4 | 3-5PM | FREE
INVERCARGILL PUBLIC LIBRARY



45 Fibre
Deep South Fibre Festival
10am Saturday 2nd May 2026
Gore Town & Country Club
2 Bury Street
Gore, NZ

- * Woolcraft
- * Fibre
- * Displays
- * Traders
- * Food carts
- * Devonshire teas

Family Friendly
People Coming Together



WEST OTAGO TASTE OF ART EXHIBITION
FRI 8 – TUE 12 | 10AM | \$5
Opening Night Friday May 8th 7pm \$20
WEST OTAGO COMMUNITY CENTRE, TAPANUI



SOUTHLAND FESTIVAL OF DANCE
SAT 9 | 9AM | \$6 - \$15
GORE TOWN & COUNTRY

BOOK CHAT
THU 14 | 12-1PM | FREE
Meet like-minded people and share your thoughts on the latest read.
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SEAN KELLY & THE SUPER 8'S
SAT 16 | 7.30PM | \$35
Sean Kelly & Friends present an intimate show of live Irish music played to the backdrop of Super 8 movies taken by Sean's Dad, a renowned Cine enthusiast, in and around Derry and Donegal 1958-1988.
EASTERN SOUTHLAND GALLERY



OPERATUNITY – HOWDOWN SHOWDOWN
MON 18 | 11AM | \$37+
INVERCARGILL CIVIC THEATRE

MAY IS NEW ZEALAND MUSIC MONTH
Showcasing the depth and diversity of Aotearoa's music scene, Tussock Country is a highlight including the MLT NZ Gold Guitar Awards, Country Music Honors and Freeze Ya Bits Off Busing. Jump online and view all 80+ events <https://www.tussockcountry.nz>

THE CELTIC UNLEASHED
SAT 24 | 2PM & 7PM | \$50
ST JAMES THEATRE

ARTS MURIHIKU SMALL SPACE CONCERT - CELEBRATING NZ MUSIC MONTH
FRI 29 | 7PM | FREE
Join us for an evening of tunes by some of Southlands best!
WHARE TAUPUA



VIVALDI'S GLORIA – CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF A CAPELLA SINGERS
SAT 30 | 7PM | \$10 - \$40
FIRST CHURCH INVERCARGILL

RIVERTON RETRO REVIVAL
MAY 31-JUNE 1
Retro and Vintage Market Weekend
PALMERSTON STREET RIVERTON

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Invercargill CITY COUNCIL