



GABRIELS GULLY GOLDRUSH 150TH



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2011 marks the 150th Anniversary since the discovery of the first payable gold in New Zealand and the beginning of the Otago Goldrush. Gabriel Read made that first gold strike in the gully that is named after him in Lawrence.

The four day celebration to mark this sesquicentennial will be held over Otago Anniversary weekend 18-21 March, with events being held in Gabriel's Gully, the Chinese Miners' Camp and in Lawrence Township.

Below is an overview of the weekend's activities.

Friday 18th March

6.15pm – 8-15pm Drama of the Tuapeka staged in **Gabriel's Gully** followed by entertainment from the Roxburgh band in Lawrence township with cafes and restaurants open for dinner and coffee.

Saturday 19th March

Gabriel's Gully

10.30am – Official welcome and opening including arrival of the Walking Trek and the Horse Trek from Port Chalmers

- Victorian Bicycle Camp with an array of bicycles for everyone to view and try out including Penny Farthings .
- Goldrush Heritage Centre featuring displays of artefacts, pictures and memorabilia from Gabriel's Gully
- Merry Go Round
- Gully Tours
- Gabriel's Gully Gold Panning Competition registrations open at 10am and prize giving at 3.30pm(\$10 entry fee)
- Interpretive Track open for self tours
- Gabriel's Gully Track open for self tours

2pm-4pm-

- Old time family games
- Pioneer Stories

8pm -late

- Swaggers Dance with supper and cash bar

Chinese Camp (off Beaumont Road) Afternoon Activities

Open from 1.30pm

- Lion Dance
- Emersons Chinese Camp Special Brew
- Fire crackers
- Archaeology Site
- Self guided tours
- Guided Tours
- Working Chinese Pig Oven – hot roast pig and hogget
- Gold Panning

Throughout the day in Lawrence Township

- Panning for Art
- All shops and cafes open

Sunday 20th March

Throughout the Day in the Gully

- Victorian Bicycle Camp
- Goldrush Heritage Centre featuring displays of artefacts, pictures and memorabilia from Gabriel's Gully
- Merry Go Round
- Gully Tours
- Festive bands and music performing throughout the day

2pm-4pm

- Old time family games
- Pioneer Stories
- Stars of Orion Book Launch with Brian Miller

8pm –late

- Sesquicentennial Ball with the New Zealand Army Band. Dress to impress black tie Gala Dinner.

Chinese Camp (off Beaumont Road) Afternoon Activities

- Dragon Dance
- Emersons Special Beer
- Fire crackers

- Self guided tours
- Archaeology Site
- Guided Tours

Throughout the Day in Lawrence Township

- Panning for Art
- Historic Church Services
- Historic Tours
- All shops and cafes open

Monday 21st March

From 10- 3pm in the Gully

- Victorian Bicycle Camp
- Goldrush Heritage Centre featuring displays of artefacts, pictures and memorabilia from Gabriel's Gully
- Merry Go Round
- Gully Tours
- Pioneer Stories
- Vintage club display
- Festive bands and music performing throughout the day

2pm- 3pm Lawrence School Production and closing Ceremony

Throughout the Day in Lawrence Township

- Panning for Art
- Cemetery Tours
- Historical Tour

Tickets to the following events will be available from Ticket Direct from February 2011

Drama of the Tuapeka
 Swaggers Dance
 Sesquicentennial Ball

Entry to the event will be by gold coin / 12 yrs and under free