

GOLDEN GOSSIP



GABRIEL'S GULLY
GOLDRUSH 150TH



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Welcome to Golden Gossip: the newsletter that will keep you up to date with the progress of the planning for Gabriel's Gully Goldrush 150th, a four-day golden celebration next March, with drama, music, historical tours, walks and displays.

Verve Consulting Ltd have been appointed as the event managers for the GGG 150th Celebrations. Sam Heeney is Verve's Senior Project Manager and is based in Verve's Dunedin office.

Sam is in Lawrence every two weeks working closely with the committee and the working group to ensure that everything is in place for a fabulous weekend of celebrations. Verve has a wealth of experience in public events from the first Rugby Sevens party in Wellington to the premieres of Lord of the Rings and River Queen amongst many others.

Sam and the Verve team are hard at work securing funding and sponsorship for the event. The finding of the first paying gold in Gabriel's Gully had a significant impact on New Zealand's economy and we are looking forward to including New Zealand as a whole in the Celebrations.

Are you, or someone you know interested in sponsoring part of this event? If so please email sam@verve.co.nz to discuss.



Lawrence Cycling Club C1900. Photo courtesy of Tuapeka Goldfields Museum Incorporated

The weekend's programme is coming together, the official programme will be announced towards the end of the year but here's a snippet of what is being planned (please note that events and days may change as the programme is finalised).

The fun begins on Friday 18th March when Lawrence will be more alive than ever and spirits will be high. Events on Friday will include the reenactment of the Lawrence Goldrush Walk, Horse Trek, Drama of the Tuapeka (evening) followed by the Roxburgh Band taking us into the late evening.

Saturday is sure to be a fun filled day for all the family. All the shops in town will be open and there will be street stalls and entertainment throughout the day. In the Gully, fun will include Victorian Bicycle Camp, Pioneer Stories Soapbox, old time family games for all the family to enjoy, tours of the Gully and old mining stories. In addition to all the activities there will be a Heritage Centre with displays taking us back in time and an opportunity to learn some interesting facts about Gabriel's Gully and the Goldrush.

The Chinese Camp will keep you entertained with lottery raffles, Lion Dances and self guided tours.

To finish the day there will be a Hoedown in the main marquee

in the Gully - so dust off your best jeans and boots and get ready to dance the night away!

On Sunday there will be a number of historical church services in Lawrence along with more fun throughout the day in the township and the Gully. There will be an opportunity to record the day with group photo sessions in the Gully. The evening will be danced away in style to the tunes of the New Zealand Army Band at the Gabriel's Gully Goldrush 150th Ball.

The fun continues on Monday and includes the Vintage Club Display with machinery from the 19th and 20th Century on display in the Gully. The day's fun will include the School production taking us all back in time!

Be sure to put the dates in your diary and let your friends and family know what a great weekend Lawrence has planned.

Do you have any Goldrush Historical Displays or Pioneer Stories to share? If you do we would like to hear from you – email jeanette.paterson@cluthadc.govt.nz

For more information and to keep up to date be sure to visit www.lawrence.co.nz



Grey's Dam, Gabriel's Gully, present day. Photo by Jenni Kini.

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