



# Kiwi musicians plan stop-offs as tour season gets into swing

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Music lovers in the Bay will be spoilt for choice this summer as some of the country's biggest names rock in for their annual holiday tours.

Dave Dobbyn, Gin Wigmore, the feelers, Shapeshifter and The Black Seeds are just some of the acts to play in the area this year.

As the summer holidaymakers flock to the beaches of Mount Maunganui and Papamoa for their annual holiday, the traditional Kiwi summer tours also hit town.

Promoter Brent Eccles said the

summer tour circuit was deliberately aimed at "Kiwi holiday hot spots".

"Publicans transform beer gardens to concert venues, from car parks to marquee areas, and the punters love it.

"But . . . the opportunity is only there for about two weeks, then it's gone, as people go back home or back to work."

Mr Eccles is promoting the Fat Freddy's Drop Summer Shakedown tour, which hits Mount Maunganui on December 27. Music Awards in October.

The summer concerts continue into February when The More FM Winery Tour comes to Tauranga's Wharepai Domain.

The show, on February 28, will feature Tim Finn, Dave Dobbyn, Bic Runga, Boh Runga and Che Fu

Midnight Youth's December 27 show at the Colosseum will be a homecoming for lead singer Jeremy Redmore.

Redmore, a former Tauranga Boys' College pupil, joined the band in 2006. They swept three major Tuis at the New Zealand

## SUMMER CONCERT LINE-UP

**DECEMBER 26:**

The feelers, The Jordan Luck Band and The Earlybirds, Brewers Field, Mount Maunganui.

**DECEMBER 27:**

Midnight Youth, Dane Rumble and Pistol Youth, The Colosseum, Tauranga.

Fat Freddy's Drop, Brewers Bar, Mount Maunganui.

**DECEMBER 29:**

Dave Dobbyn, Gin Wigmore and The Dukes, Brewers Field, Mount Maunganui.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE:**

The Black Seeds, DJ Dust and Sonic Gigolo, Papamoa Tavern

**JANUARY 2:**

Shapeshifter and Tiki Taane, Brewers Bar, Mount Maunganui.

**JANUARY 10:**

The Topp Twins and Don McGlashan, Wharepai Domain, Tauranga.

**FEBRUARY 28:**

More FM Winery Tour: Tim Finn, Bic Runga, Dave Dobbyn, Boh Runga, Che Fu. Wharepai Domain, Tauranga.

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