Join a Library Book Club today!

Are you an avid reader that loves discussing a good book? Selwyn District Libraries offer a range of book clubs for all ages. From children to adults, there's a club for everyone.

Children’s Book Clubs

A great way to encourage your child to experience the fun and joy of reading – our Children’s Book Clubs are immensely popular. They meet once a month to share what they have been reading, see the new books that have arrived at the library, take part in an activity and have afternoon tea as well.

Teen Book Club

Lincoln Library is running a Teen Book Club this year and we would love you to join us. Come along and talk about the books you love, see the latest Young Adult titles, and get some help with your NCEA texts. Drinks and snacks are provided.

Adult Book Groups

Book discussion groups are a fun and popular way to expand your reading subjects, meet people in your area and share your thoughts and ideas about reading. The sessions are organised to be a discussion over a cup of tea and a bikkie, rather than strict literary criticism. The group reads across a variety of genres and this helps extend the reading experience to include things you may not necessarily have chosen before.

For information on when the clubs meet and how to join visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

Ladbrooks and Springston halls get tougher

Ladbrooks and Springston halls have re-opened after a much-needed revamp to meet new building standard (NBS) requirements to withstand future seismic activity. Work began on both halls late last year as part of a seismic strengthening programme, with Ladbrooks Hall being completed in December 2017 and Springston Hall in January 2018. The total cost of the Ladbrooks and Springston Halls seismic strengthening was $850,000.

Ladbrooks and Springston halls were both identified as requiring seismic strengthening by engineering consultants through the detailed engineering evaluation survey process. The Council decided to strengthen both halls to 67% NBS (or more), a target many other councils around the country have set as a benchmark. Other work to ensure building code compliance was undertaken. Both halls had fire, electrical and mechanical, accessibility and thermal improvements to meet the new standards.

Re-opening ceremonies were held for both halls last month. Around 140 people attended the Ladbrooks Hall re-opening including Ladbrooks School students who performed several songs. Councillor Debra Hasson and Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee member, Margaret Bothwell made speeches. Councillor Mark Alexander and City Care contractors were also in attendance.

Springston Hall reopening attracted a crowd of 40 attendees. A number of Selwyn Councillors attended with Councillor Grant Miller speaking at the event. The ribbon was cut by Springston Hall Committee Chairperson Neville Berry.


Get active and go for gold

Selwyn residents have the opportunity to win in their own local Commonwealth Games Challenge this month.

The Lincoln Event Centre, Rolleston Community Centre, and Selwyn Aquatic Centre are holding a Commonwealth Games Challenge to celebrate the 2018 Commonwealth Games and raise awareness of fitness opportunities here in Selwyn.

Selwyn District Council Senior Events and Recreation Advisor Dave Tippett says the Challenge is a chance for existing or new customers to be rewarded for attending fitness classes or swimming at the pool.

“We encourage you to push yourself and participate in the Challenge. If you’ve been thinking about trying something new, this is a great opportunity to jump in to a fitness class or to get back in the pool.”

“You’ll meet new people, discover new classes, challenge yourself, set goals, test your comfort zone — and have fun,” he says.

The Challenge will take place during the Commonwealth Games, from Wednesday 4 to Sunday 15 April.

To take part, collect a Commonwealth Games Challenge card from any of the participating facilities. Attend an exercise class or have a swim to get a podium level on the card signed off by facilities staff. Sign off as many podium levels as possible and enter into either the Gold, Silver or Bronze draw to be in to win.

A variety of fitness-inspired exercise gear and accessories will be up for grabs.

Normal class and pool entry prices apply. For facility timetables go to www.selwyn.govt.nz.
Consultation on 10-year plan under way this week

Public feedback on the Council’s Long-Term Plan Consultation Document, Fast Forward ‘28, opens this week.

Fast Forward ‘28 is our programme to provide the facilities and infrastructure for our growing population needs, so that Selwyn remains a great place to live.

The plan sets out the key projects and activities the Council is planning over the next 10 years and how these will be funded. Average annual rate increases of 4% over the next 10 years, with an average reduction of 5.7% next year, reflecting expenditure on major projects.

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For more information and copies of the consultation document, Fast Forward ‘28, are available from Wednesday at www.selwyn.govt.nz/fastforward28 and from Council offices and libraries. Submissions on the plan close at 5pm on Friday 4 May.