Get active on the school run this autumn

Selwyn District Council's road safety team are running an ‘Active Autumn’ active transport campaign for schools in Term 2.

‘Active transport’ is using physical activity, such as walking, biking or scootering, to get to and from school, rather than the commute in a car, or bus.

School Road Safety Coordinator Stephanie Hautler says there are many physical and mental benefits to active transport, which are being encouraged with ‘Active Autumn’.

“Children develop increased road safety awareness, decision making and risk assessment skills. It takes practice to develop skills such as being able to judge the speed of a moving vehicle, or how big a gap is needed to cross a busy road safely,” she says.

“Gaining these life skills as a child is an important step towards gaining independence. Children are also better primed for learning, and studies have found that children who are active are not only physically fitter but can concentrate for longer.

“Active transport can be instrumental in increased social connectivity, not only for children, but parents too. Getting to know the neighbourhood and community is important for all of us to feel like we belong and makes for a safer more connected society.

“Skipping the car ride also means less noise, less congestion, less visual pollution and cleaner air. Burning less fuel saves money too!” she says.

During May, local Selwyn schools are being provided with Active Autumn packs to educate families about active transport. One of the activities children can take part in is the Wo.W challenge, where children can get a card stamped each time they walk or wheel to or from school. Completed cards will go in the draw to win an MGP scooter, helmet or backpack cover, plus heaps of other great prizes.

A poster design competition is also being held, with children challenged to create a poster about why walking or wheeling is good for you. The prize is a new helmet, and a day of Pedalmania for the winning student’s school. Entries close Thursday 31 May 2018.

Check out www.selwyn.govt.nz for more information about Active Autumn.

Apply for events funding

Applications for round one of the Selwyn District Events Fund are open during May to fund events happening between 1 July and 31 December 2018.

Events help make Selwyn a great place to live and provide economic benefits by attracting visitors to our district.

The Council’s Events Fund can support a wide variety of events and help cover costs such as equipment, venue hire, promotion, consent and traffic management to ensure your event is a success.

Applications for funding close 5pm, Thursday 31 May 2018.

To find out more and make an application visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/eventsfund or phone 347 2719.

Calling all crafters

Craftermoorn Craft & Chat is a new fortnightly drop-in craft session at Selwyn District Libraries for people who want to craft together. The sessions offer a chance to share and learn new skills, swap tips, improve techniques and be inspired.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own projects, materials and crafting kits. All ages and abilities welcome. No bookings required.

Drop-in sessions take place fortnightly from 2–3pm at all libraries during term time, beginning:

- Darfield Library – Tuesday 8 May
- Lincoln Library – Thursday 10 May
- Leeston Library – Wednesday 9 May
- Rolleston Library – Friday 11 May

Music Month comes to Selwyn

New Zealand Music Month is coming to Selwyn District Libraries this month.

Enjoy free interactive performances for children with ensembles from the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra (CSO), as well as a variety of Ministry of the Mind Music artists brought to libraries in conjunction with the Council’s Arts, Culture & Heritage team.

The CSO ‘Music Trails through the Library’ sessions are a fun and interactive way of introducing young children to live music. These 45-minute interactive performances by CSO ensembles have elements of song, stories and dance, and are a great opportunity for children to see the instruments up close and join in with the musical fun.

The two CSO performances occur on Thursday 3 May at Rolleston Library and Monday 14 May at Lincoln Library, from 10.30–11.15am. A caregiver is required for all children.

Ministry of the Mind features acoustic artists Picking at the Remnants, Alex Hardy (pictured) and Patrick, Moonflower, and Hanna Hogg. These sessions take place each Saturday during May at each Selwyn District Libraries branch (Rolleston, Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln), and run from 11.30am–1pm, including breaks.

All Music Month events in Selwyn are free, with no bookings required, however spaces are limited.

See www.selwynlibraries.co.nz for more details.

Last call for feedback on 10-year plan

Consultation on the Council’s Long-Term Plan 2018–2028 closes on Friday.

Submissions on the plan opened on 4 April, and over the past few weeks hundreds of Selwyn residents have taken the opportunity to share their views on the Council’s proposals.

Many people have completed a quick poll or survey online, while others have made formal submissions on the consultation document, Fast Forward ‘28. Councillors and Mayor Sam Broughton have also been out and about, hearing first-hand from local people at events and locations across the district.

The plan sets out the Council’s priorities and budgets for the next decade – which will see the district’s population grow from around 59,000 now to nearly 80,000 by 2028. Responding to that growth means the Council is planning for new and expanded facilities and services in the coming years. Among the major proposals released for consultation are three new community centres, a new indoor sports hub, extensions to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre and the Council’s Rolleston offices, and a programme of new cycleways and walkways.

The plan also proposes changes to rating for community halls and reserves, and for water races, along with new funding and processes for community grants. The Council has also asked for feedback on what approach it should take to protecting the safety of community water supplies, which may include wider use of chlorination.

These proposals sit alongside the Council’s ongoing programme of providing quality infrastructure and services, including the development of Rolleston’s town centre, transport connections to the new southern motorway, ongoing upgrades to water services, development of reserves and community facilities, and a huge schedule of roading maintenance and improvements.

More detail about the Long-Term Plan 2018–2028, and the proposed projects for consultation, is available at www.selwyn.govt.nz/fastforward28. Anyone can make a submission online, or complete the quick online survey. Submissions and comments must be received by 5pm on Friday 4 May.
On the roads this week

Digout repairs will be occurring on Waimakariri Gorge Road. Reseals will occur on Harts Road and Lake Road South. Tree removal will occur on Davidson's Road. Please stop on request at these sites. Retaining wall works will occur on Carters Road. Drainage works will be carried out in West Melton and Whitecliffs. Footpath reconstruction will be carried out in Leeston.

Intersection upgrades are underway at Masefield Drive/Rolleston Drive, Jones Carters Road. Drainage works will be carried out in West Melton and Whitecliffs. Tree removal will be carried out on Davidsons Road and Lake Road. Reseals will be carried out on Weedsong Ross Rd/Maddisons Road. Drive with care and expect delays through these areas.

Pavement construction works are underway at the Jones Road/Hoskyns Road intersection. These are being completed under road closures, closing a single leg of the intersection at a time in order to maintain short length detour routes.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Bernadette Ryan or your local committee at least three business days before the meeting.

Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Tue 1 May 7pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Property Committee
Wed 2 May 9am

Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 2 May 3pm

Council Meeting
Wed 9 May 1pm

Citizenship Ceremony
Wed 9 May 6.30pm

Council Water Race Subcommittee
Mon 14 May 1.30pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tue 1 May 7.30pm

Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 2 May 7.30pm

Osborne Park Hall

Glentunnel Community Hall
Tues 15 May 7.30pm

Glentunnel Community Hall

Glentunnel Reserve Committee

Hartree Recreation Reserve Management Group
Mon 14 May 7.30pm

Kawerau Recreation Reserve

Leeston Community Committee
Mon 7 May 7.30pm

Leeston Library Community Room

Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 14 May 7pm

Fitzgerald Room Lincoln Event Centre

Selwyn Launch Group AGM

Tue 1 May, 7pm

Rolleston Community Centre

Supporting young adults with Disabilities and their families in Selwyn. Guest speakers including Hannah Perry from Enabling Good Lives, speaking on the new Systems Transformation program. All welcome including new families to the district.

Tawera Memorial Hall Committee

Wed 2 May 7pm

Tawera Memorial Hall

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Mon 14 May 7pm

Waihora Bowling Club

Weedons Reserve Committee

Mon 14 May 7pm

Weedons Country Club

(Change of venue)

Whitcliffecr Township & Domain Committee

Mon 14 May 7.30pm

Glentunnel Community Centre

SUNDAY 6 MAY

Springston Secret Garden working bee
Ellesmere Junction Road, Springston, 10.30am–12pm
Our community garden desperately needs your help! Weeding, spreading pea straw, cutting back problem ivy and harvesting tomatoes and apples. For more information call Sue on 021 100 1009.

Lincoln Envirotown Mahoe Reserve working bee
Boundary Road, Lincoln, 2pm
Join the community to look after our reserve! Lots of weeds need attention! We will install more plant plaques. Please wear suitable clothing and bring your spades, garden gloves, sunglasses or other eye protection, also a bucket for mulch, if you can. For more information call Sue on 021 100 1009.

My Tale to Tell
Darfield Library

Record your own personal history. Join a writing workshop over six weeks that will help you to prepare your stories to be recorded such as family history, school memories, and major events. Participants will then go to the recording studio and record their oral history. For further information contact Stephanie Frewen at mytaletolinelnz@gmail.com.

Are vegans saving the planet?

Lincoln Event Centre, 7pm
Ronan Phelan will talk about why he and his family decided to become vegan. Does the production of meat and dairy products have a negative impact on our water quality, increase climate change and is it ethical? Followed by the Lincoln Envirotown Meeting.

Southern Celtic Fiddle Orchestra performance

Leeston Library, 2pm
The Southern Celtic Fiddle Orchestra has been playing together for 10 years. Based in Leeston, they play Celtic music from Ireland, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and from Shetland and Orkney Islands.

Oil and Water exhibition

Selwyn Gallery, 17 South Terrace, Tue–Sun 10am–4pm
A love of the natural environment and influence of spontaneously threads our three artists together in our May exhibition, ‘Oil & Water’. While this title suggests two paint media, it has yet another meaning for this show, since it includes two very different kinds of art—painting and pottery.

For information on listing a community event visit

www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall

MONDAY 7 MAY

Selwyn Events