



Flavours of the world coming to CultureFest

A twist on a classic brunch dish and a unique traditional dumpling recipe will be part of the flavours highlighting the many different cultures that make up our Selwyn community.

This year's CultureFest at Lincoln Event Centre on Sunday 14 September will feature over 30 different food vendors showcasing the flavours of countries around the world.

Among them, for the first time, will be Bo Metcalf from Bo's Kitchen, bringing a taste Hong Kong to Lincoln.

Bo, who lives in Lincoln, says she got her start when her daughter convinced her to cook the traditional Hong Kong style of dumplings for a school market day six years ago. The dumplings, which are made with a thinner skin and cooked differently to Chinese dumplings, proved hugely popular.

"I hand made 200 and in one or two hours I had sold out. I saw that people loved it and I started creating more different sauces."

From there the cooking turned into a business with Bo's Kitchen.

Representing the uniqueness of Hong Kong culture is very important for Bo, who says the mix of British and Chinese influences has created a unique culture with some special flavours such as the Hong Kong twist on French Toast which she will be sharing at CultureFest.

"It's a very popular food for us for morning or nighttime, sold in lots of cafes. It's like the western French Toast, but we put a sauce in when we fry the bread and another sauce on top. We put things like peanut butter inside the bread when we fry it and then put honey or condensed milk after. They're so yummy. My husband who is a Kiwi he loves it."

CultureFest is a free entry event running from 10am-3pm, with over 20 cultural groups performing, along with market stalls, fair ground rides and have a go sports and dance events. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest.

Restoration of Ellesmere County War Memorial

A special project is beginning this week to protect the memory of those in Ellesmere who gave their lives for their country in war.

Christchurch stonemasons Goldfield Stone are carrying out a two-month project for the Selwyn District Council to restore the Leeston and Ellesmere County War Memorial on High Street, Leeston.

Goldfield Stone General Manager, Glenn Morris says the project will be a complete restoration including replacing the mortar, damaged stones and restoring the marble wreath and pediment stones.

As specialist stonemasons Goldfield Stone has worked on some of New Zealand's most prominent stone masonry jobs including the Bridge of Remembrance, and moving and restoring the Citizens' War Memorial in Cathedral Square in Christchurch.

The war memorial, built in 1924, carries the names of soldiers from Ellesmere who died in the First and Second World Wars, as well as plaques acknowledging service in the South African, Korean, Malaya and Vietnam wars.

Working on war memorials is particularly rewarding, Mr Morris says.

"When you're working on these monuments it makes you think about what these people went through and how they gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and people. There are names there and working in the area they came from brings it all home."

While the work is happening, fences and scaffolding will be in place around the memorial, which will be wrapped so the team can work during most weather conditions.



Finances for Boards and Community Organisations

Wednesday 10 September, 10am-12pm,
Pearce Lounge, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre.

A practical and easy-to-understand workshop, for people involved in running not-for-profit organisations and community groups.

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Council and Community Board Meetings

Councillor Briefing

Wednesday 10 September, 9am,
Council Chamber

Council Meeting

Wednesday 17 September, 10am,
Council Chambers

All livestreamed on the Council's website and YouTube channel.

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Events

Super Mini Gym

5 September, 9.30-11am
Selwyn Sports Centre

Join in on a superhero-themed mini gym class! 1-5 years, \$5.50 per person

Drop-in.

Young Driver Course

Saturday 6 September, 9am-2pm
Airforce Museum, Wigram

Prepare your young driver for years of better, safer driving. \$132 per person, including entry for one parent/guardian

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Father's Day Futsal

Sunday 7 September, 12-4pm
Selwyn Sports Centre

All ages welcome, \$50 per team (5+ people)

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