

CouncilCall

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Selwyn lifestyle draws the world

A sense of family and a welcoming community helped bring two of the country's newest citizens from Russia to Selwyn.

Vilgelm and Angelika Grenz (pictured above), originally from Russia, officially became New Zealand citizens at the Council's June citizenship ceremony last week.

They were among 92 new Kiwis who received their citizenship at the ceremony held at Tai Tapu Community Centre. The monthly ceremonies have seen 677 people from at least 56 countries, from Argentina to Zimbabwe, become New Zealand citizens in Waikirikir Selwyn this year.

The Grenz family's journey to New Zealand began over seven years ago when Vilgelm visited family here and fell in love with the country.

After completing his studies in Russia, he returned to New Zealand to work as an electrician. Angelika followed soon after and the pair married in New Zealand with the support of a welcoming church community.

As their family grew, they moved to Waikirikir Selwyn for the rural lifestyle and strong community spirit. "Selwyn has a growing, strong community. Everyone is really nice and always willing to help out," he said.

Reflecting on the event, Grenz described it as "the second most important event in my life, after getting my New Zealand passport."

Leeston Park Playground Reopens

Leeston Park playground has reopened after a temporary closure in May as part of the first stage of a planned upgrade.

The upgraded play space features new equipment designed for both preschoolers and primary-aged children. This equipment offers a wider range of activities and encourages active, imaginative play.

In addition to this first phase, an extra play item is scheduled to be installed later in the year.

These works are part of a broader vision outlined in the Leeston Park Master Plan, with further developments to follow as budget becomes available.



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Safer Speeds for Selwyn

Share your views on proposed speed limit reductions to support our growing district.

Consultation is open
from 25 June - 6 August

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Events

Kids Market

Thursday 10 July, 10am-12pm
Lincoln Event Centre

From toys and books to sports gear and so much more, it's the perfect chance to find amazing bargains.

All ages welcome, drop-in.

FREE

Midwinter Christmas Market

Friday 11 July, 4-7.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Join us for a festive celebration filled with handcrafted treasures, delicious treats, and the spirit of Christmas.

FREE

Tennis Have-a-Go

Sunday 13 July, 9.30am-3pm
Selwyn Sports Centre

Gear provided, all ages welcome, \$3 per person

Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/events