



Rohit Kumar and his family receiving their citizenship. Photo credit: Kathryn Taylor Photography

Celebrating Selwyn's newest New Zealand citizens

Several newcomers and long-term residents from 93 different nationalities, officially became kiwis on Wednesday night at the Council's recent citizenship ceremony.

A large crowd of family, friends and supporters gathered at the Tai Tapu Community Centre to celebrate each individual as they received their New Zealand citizenship.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga chairperson Liz Brown opened the event with a warm welcome to the new citizens of Waikirikiri Selwyn.

The ceremony was led by Councillor Phil Dean, with assistance from Councillor Grant Miller.

Among those taking an oath, were Rohit Kumar and his family who moved from Fiji to Rolleston.

Rohit says they are proud to call New Zealand their home.

"We are proud and really happy to be a citizen of New Zealand. With wonderful people around and

lots of opportunities to achieve our career goals, we have the privilege now to make dreams come true. Being a citizen gives us a voice to vote for and involve yourself in community activities confidently and proudly."

Also at the ceremony, was Omotosho Aina who chose to relocate to New Zealand 16 years ago from Nigeria.

Omotosho says he is grateful for the opportunities New Zealand has provided their family with and they are proud to now be able to call themselves a Kiwi.

"I felt an overwhelming sense of joy, relief, and accomplishment when I received my New Zealand citizenship. It was a moment I had been working towards for a long time, and it felt amazing to finally achieve it. I am incredibly proud to be a New Zealand citizen. The country's commitment to multiculturalism and its welcoming attitude toward individuals from all walks of life make it a truly special place to call home."

Enjoy live music in Rolleston

Month of Sundays is coming to Rolleston Town Centre and you're in for a treat!

If you missed Month of Sundays Lincoln, you can catch the same talented musicians and performers in Rolleston.

Head down to Rolleston Town Centre (the grass area behind Te Ara Ātea) on Sunday 9 March from 1-4pm, sit back and relax as Al Park and Pals are first to take the stage, a trio performing a mix of cover songs and originals.

They will be followed by rhythmic dancing and tribal music, including some belly dancing from Soul Star Tribe.

The last act of the day will be Moonflower, a popular Selwyn-based soul and retro rock band with powerhouse lead vocalist Bunny Reid.

If the weather is looking good, bring your sunhat, sunglasses and a picnic rug so you can lay back and listen, and enjoy a musical afternoon in the heart of Rolleston.

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Your Water Done Well

Online Session
Wednesday 5 March, 7-8pm,
live on Council Facebook page.

Lincoln Library Drop-In
Thursday 6 March, 6-7pm

Darfield Library Drop-In
Saturday 8 March, 10-11am

Have your say
www.selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater

Council and Community Board Meetings

Local Water Done Well Subcommittee

Wednesday 5 March 9am,
Council Chambers, Rolleston

Economic Development Subcommittee

Wednesday 5 March 11.30am,
Council Chambers, Rolleston

Council Meeting

Wednesday 19 March 1pm,
Council Chambers, Rolleston

Malvern Community Board

Monday 24 March 3.30pm,
Darfield Library Meeting Rooms

Livestreamed on the Council's website and YouTube channel.



Music in the Park Darfield

Tell us
what you think



Complete our five-minute survey on community facilities and go in the draw to win a book voucher, pool pass, or group fitness concession card.

Scan the QR code or complete the survey at:

selwyn.govt.nz/customerurvey



Paddleboarding Have-a-Go

Saturday 8 March, 1.30-4.30pm

Suitable for 7+ years. Adults-only sessions available

\$10 per person.

Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/events

Deep Restore Yoga

Sunday 9 March, 2-4pm

All levels welcome. 16+ years.

\$15 per person.

Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/events

Ko Kāi Tahu me Te Tiriti — Kāi Tahu and the Treaty

Thursday 13 March, 7-8.30pm

Join Co-Manager of the Ngāi Tahu Archive Helen Brown as she shares insights into how events in Te Waipounamu have impacted those at Waitangi (and vice versa) before and since 1840.

For ages 16+.

Bookings required at
selwynlibraries.co.nz/events