



## Summer programme made Arthur's Pass the place to be at New Year

**The Arthur's Pass community kicked off 2025 with their annual summer series of free events, which has been running for over 50 years and is supported by several local and conservation organisations.**

The Council's contribution through the Selwyn Community Fund helps cover extra costs that continue to enhance the summer programme, supporting the tradition that brings locals and bach holders together over the New Year period to explore the beauty of the Arthur's Pass National Park on their doorstep.

Fi Neale, event organiser for 2025 says the programme is a great chance to remind people of local conservation efforts around our kea, kiwi and back country huts and share local history.

"It also gives people the opportunity to experience the National Park with enthusiastic and knowledgeable locals. The Community Fund is

great because it enables participants to take part in activities with no cost and with quality materials."

She says this year's programme was very successful with lots of events that a wide variety of people could enjoy, from guided walks to crafts and story time.

Over 30 people attended the quiz night which was a great event with lots of laughs and fun prizes donated kindly by locals and from Fire and Emergency NZ and Forest and Bird North Canterbury. Some of the other popular events included the alpine pirate treasure hunt, and the miniature back country hut building.

If you're looking for something to do over the next New Year period, add the Arthur's Pass summer programme to your calendar.

To learn more about the Selwyn Community Fund, please visit [selwyn.govt.nz/funding](https://selwyn.govt.nz/funding)

## Smooth listening at Music in the Park

**Join us in Rolleston for the first ever Music in the Park on Saturday 25 January.**

Don't miss your chance to enjoy music from Jazz Quartet, Kyle George, Shed 24, and Simmer!

Then kick off February with the second Music in the Park event at Leeston Park on Saturday 1 February.

Fill your ears with live music from talented local performers, while you sit back and relax with a picnic or support local food and beverage vendors.

Performers for this event include Bella Newcombe, Conrad Goddard, Kyle George, and Simmer.

For more Summer in Selwyn events, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)



## Lights, sirens, and more!

**Have you ever wanted to see what's inside an emergency services vehicle?**

Do you enjoy learning about what our emergency service heroes get up to and how they keep our communities safe?

Join us on Sunday 26 January from 11am to 3pm, at the Rolleston Community Centre, for our Emergency Services Family Fun Day, where emergency service providers will demonstrate their equipment and skills to the public in a safe, controlled environment. There will be a variety of food vendors on site and lots of fun activities you can take part in, including face painting.

For more information, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)

## Kids returning to school next week

**With over 12,000 Selwyn learners travelling back to school soon, our Road Safety team would like to remind everyone to keep their eyes peeled for our young people on foot and on wheels.**

Parents and whānau are encouraged to remind their children to stay alert and avoid using devices or headphones while en route to and from school.

Motorists are urged to slow down and get into the habit of going 30km/hr past schools and 20km/hr past stationary school buses.

Road safety resources can be organised through your school or Council by emailing [roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz)

## Council and Community Board Meetings

**Malvern Community Board Meeting**

Monday 27 January 2025 at 2pm,  
West Melton Community Centre

**Local Water Done Well Subcommittee Extraordinary Meeting**

Wednesday 29 January 1.30pm,  
Rolleston Council Offices

**Audit and Risk Subcommittee**

Tuesday 4 February 9am,  
Council Chambers, Rolleston

Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

## Events

### Slime Time

Thursday 23 January 9.30-10.30am,  
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

7+ years. \$5 per child.

Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)

### Lunar New Year Crafts — Celebrating the Year of the Snake

Thursday 23 January, 3.30-4.30pm,  
Lincoln Event Centre

All ages welcome.

To find out more, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)

**FREE**

### Scuba Have-a-Go

Wednesday 29 January, 4.30-6.30pm,  
Darfield Pool

10+ years. Must be a competent swimmer.

\$20 per person.

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