

Over 30 summer events are coming to our district as part of the Council's Summer in Selwyn event programme, running from January to March.

This year the Teddy Bear's picnic will be returning to Rolleston Reserve on Wednesday 13 January from 11am-1pm. Come along and enjoy the bouncy castles, toddler's obstacle course, face painting, House of Bricks and more. Teddy bears should look their best as there will be a competition for the best dressed bear.

The World Buskers' Festival is also coming to Selwyn for the first time on Wednesday 20 January for a Buskers Roadshow in Lincoln. The festival has grown into Australasia's largest street performance event. The roadshow will feature four of the world's best street acts during the day and a variety performance in the evening. The daytime performances will also feature a line-up of Selwyn Talent who will perform as part of the show.

Family picnics are planned at Tai Tapu, Springston, Leeston, Lincoln, Dunsandel and Prebbleton from January to March. Four Music on the Green sessions will take place at Leeston, Lincoln, Darfield and Rolleston. These sessions are a great chance to enjoy summer's balmy evenings while being entertained by great local musicians. Families can also enjoy screenings of drive in movies at Rolleston, Darfield, Lincoln and Leeston during February and March. Kids can take part in summer skate jams at Darfield, Rolleston, Leeston, Tai Tapu, Lincoln and Prebbleton, and pool parties at Darfield, Southbridge and at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre in Rolleston.

In addition to the 25 events organised by Selwyn District Council, seven community organised events are also planned as part of the Summer in Selwyn programme.

Summer events planned for January are:

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Wednesday 13 January, 11am-1pm Rolleston Reserve (by Rolleston Library)

Pack a picnic and dress up your teddy for a fun family day out!

World Buskers Festival

Wednesday 20 January, 12-4pm (daytime) and 6-8pm (Buskers Comedy Club)

Lincoln Event Centre

The World Buskers Festival Roadshow is a mini version of the Christchurch Buskers Festival. Admission is free during the day and by gold coin donation during the evening. Enjoy top international performers, showcasing the best of street performance.

Tai Tapu Picnic in the Park

Thursday 21 January, 5.30-7.30pm

Rhodes Domain, Old Tai Tapu Road

With live music, bouncy castle, the Fun on Wheels trailer, games, Pedalmania, prizes and free sausage sizzle. Bring a picnic and enjoy the summer evening.

Darfield Pool Party

Sunday 24 January, 2-4pm

Darfield Pool, Ross Street

Enjoy games, music, a sausage sizzle, prizes and pool inflatables.

Leeston Music on the Green

Thursday 28 January, 6-9pm

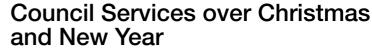
Leeston Park, Holley Street Pack a picnic and be entertained by local musicians.

Southbridge Pool Party

Sunday 31 January, 2-4pm Southbridge Pool, High Street

Enjoy games, music, a sausage sizzle, prizes and pool inflatables.

For a complete list of summer events running until March 2016, please visit www.selwyn. govt.nz/events, or pick up a copy of our 12 page *Summer in Selwyn* guide from local libraries, Rolleston Community Centre and Lincoln Event Centre.



Rubbish and recycling collection won't occur on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Bins normally collected on Christmas Day (Friday) will be collected on Saturday 26 December. Bins normally collected on New Year's Day (Friday) will be collected on Saturday 2 January. Other rubbish and recycling collections will occur as normal. Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but open Boxing Day from 10am-4pm, and open on other days with normal hours.

Selwyn libraries will be closed from 11.30am on Thursday 24 December and will reopen on Tuesday 5 January. The Council's Rolleston Headquarters will be closed from 12noon on Thursday 24 December and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 5 January. The Council's 24/7 phone helpline will continue operating for urgent issue - phone 347 2800 or 318 8338.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The facility is open from 6am-6pm on Thursday 24 December. It is open from 8am-8pm: from 27-31 December, Saturday 2 January and Monday 4 January. Normal opening hours resume from 5 January onwards.

The Rolleston Community Centre and Lincoln Event Centre will be closed from Friday 18 December onwards for maintenance work including resanding and resurfacing of sports floors. Rolleston
Community Centre will reopen with normal hours from Monday 4 January. The Lincoln Event Centre will reopen with normal hours from Monday 11 January.

Spark extends 4G network

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe has welcomed the announcement by Spark New Zealand that it will fast-track its roll-out of fast 4G broadband services across Canterbury by December 2016. 4G aims to offer faster, more reliable mobile broadband internet for devices like smartphones, tablets and laptops.

Sixteen locations in Selwyn have been identified as locations for 4G reception sites. These are at Arthur's Pass, Aylesbury, Bankside, Burnham, Darfield, Dunsandel, Glentunnel, Hororata, Leeston, Lincoln, Rolleston, Springfield, Southbridge, Tai Tapu, Castle Hill and West Melton.

Spark has made a considerable effort to understand the needs of our farmers and rural communities, and how important fast broadband is for Canterbury's economy," says Mayor Coe.

In August, the Mayoral Forum launched the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy. The strategy is an action plan, with seven work programmes covering transport, digital connectivity, freshwater management, value-added production, education and training for a skilled workforce, newcomer and migrant settlement, and regional visitor strategy.

Mayor Coe says access to better and faster broadband underpins all the other six work programmes and will help improve access to education, health and emergency services in rural areas and will also help local businesses provide better services to customers.

The initiative is a great example of how local government can work together and collaborate with the private sector to get better results for our communities.'

On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned to Ellesmere Junction Road between Selwyn and Bethels Road, with stop and go signs being used by contractors to control traffic. Road repairs are also planned to Rockwood Road and Goulds Road (between Leeston and Chamberlains Roads), which will remain open with traffic controls in place.

This week resealing work is planned along Robinsons, Adams and Wylies Roads. Stop and go signs will be used for traffic control. Maintenance grading work is planned around the Sheffield, Springfield, Southbridge, Greendale and Darfield areas, with roads remaining open. Contractors will also be trimming vegetation on roadsides along Bluff, Hartleys, Whitecliffs, Malvern Hills, Old West Coast, Marshalls and Rhodes Roads, with roads remaining open.

Where work is not completed this week, work will continue next week.

From this week Railway Road between Jones and Kerrs Roads will be closed to allow the installation of a new sewer line. Detours will be in place via either Kerrs and Wards Roads or West Melton and Hoskyns Roads. The road is expected to reopen in March 2016.



SUMMER in SELWYN

Notices

COMMUNITY POOL HOURS

Southbridge Pool will open with new changing facilities on Sunday 20 December at 2pm. The pool's opening hours over the holidays are 2-7pm daily (including weekends).

Darfield Pool is open from 1-7pm daily over the holidays (including weekends). Lane swimming only is also available between 11am-1pm daily except on Mondays when lane swimming is available from 11am-12noon. Parents and toddlers only can also swim between 12noon and 1pm daily. Keys for Leeston and Courtenay Pools which are open for the summer can be purchased now. Keys for the Leeston Pool can be bought at the Leeston Service Centre. Keys for the Courtenay Pool can be obtained by phoning Wendy on 318 1762.



JOIN THE WATER RACE SUBCOMMITTEE

Registrations of interest are sought from users of the Selwyn District Council Water Race Schemes in Ellesmere and Paparua to join the Selwyn Water Race Subcommittee. The subcommittee provides input into the management and operation of Council water

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 (Council), Kate Anderson (Community Boards) or your local committee at least three days before the meeting.

Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details for December or January meetings, email meeting.changes@selwyn. govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday 16 December.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARDS

Unless stated meetings will be at the Rolleston Council Building.

Extraordinary Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 16 Dec 3pm

Malvern Community Board Mon 25 Jan 4pm Darfield Library

Selwyn Central Community Board Wed 27 Jan 4.30pm

race schemes. It has up to 12 members representing water race users, local Community Boards, Selwyn District Council and Christchurch City Council. It is monitored by Selwyn District Council, and supported by Council staff. Meetings are held quarterly, but no meeting fees or mileage is paid. The term of office is three years.

Water race users are invited to register their interest in joining this committee by submitting a resume of their background and interest. For information on applications see www.selwyn. govt.nz, phone 347 2891 or email maree.pycroft@selwyn. govt.nz. Registrations close on 18 December 2015.

WRITERS SURVEY

The Selwyn Arts Trust is currently carrying out a survey to identify how best to support budding or established writers in Selwyn. A short online survey has been developed to gather information on this which they are inviting people to complete. To complete the survey visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/ communities/selwyn-arts-trust. Answers are anonymous.

CHARGE FOR BREACHING FIRE RESTRICTIONS **INCREASED**

The Council recently voted to increase the fee payable if people breach fire restrictions and light unauthorised fires which require volunteer fire fighters to attend the fire. The charge payable has been

increased from \$575 to \$1150. The money from this fee is given to local volunteer fire brigades. The increased fee recognises there is a significant cost in attending unnecessary fire callouts. The fee also recognises the risk people who light unauthorised fires pose to the wider communities' safety.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

New members welcome - sign up for a library card on the bus. Call our drivers on 021 773 400

Monday 14 December Dunsandel Playcentre 10-10.30am Burnham Montessori 11-11.30am Darfield Primary School 12.15-1.15pm

Tuesday 15 December Kirwee 10-10.45am Kirwee School 10.45-11.30am West Melton Domain 12.15-12.45pm West Melton School 12.45-1.30pm West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm Cats Pyjamas West Melton 1.50-2.20pm

Wednesday 16 December Rakaia Huts 9.30-10am Southbridge School 10.45am-12pm

Thursday 17 Dec Prebbleton Tavern 4-6pm*
* Last mobile stop of 2015 Merry Christmas to all! Mobile library services resume 6 January. Happy reading.

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Arthur's Pass Association Sun 3 Jan 4pm Arthur's Pass Community Centre

Darfield Pool Administration Committee

Wed 20 Jan 7pm, Darfield Pool **Doyleston Community**

Committee Wed 20 Jan 7.30pm Osborne Park Pavillion

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 19 Jan 8pm, Glenroy Hall The Committee is inviting applications for new members to fill a vacancy – phone 318 6876 for enquiries

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee

Tue 12 Jan 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

Darfield Pool Administration Committee

Wed 20 Jan 7pm, Darfield Pool Kirwee Community Committee Mon 21 Dec 7.30pm Kirwee Community Hall

Prebbleton Community Association

Tue 15 Dec 7.30pm Prebbleton Community Cottage

Rolleston Community Centre Committee

Thurs 17 Dec 7pm Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

Mon 21 Dec 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

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Mon 18 Jan 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Residents Association Mon 25 Jan 7.30pm

Rolleston Community Centre **Springston Community** Committee

Mon 21 Dec 7.30pm Springston Hall Supper Room West Melton Reserve Board

Committee

Mon 21 Dec 7pm, West Melton Rugby Football Clubrooms

West Melton Community Centre Tue 26 Jan 7.30pm West Melton Community Centre

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER

Christmas on the Green

Lincoln Green by Lincoln Library, 6-8pm

A Youth Market with stalls, Christmas carols & bouncy castles

WED-THURS

DECEMBER

Darfield Jail Christmas Grotto

The Malvern Community Board welcomes Santa for sessions 3-6pm daily, with a small gift for children. Photos welcome. A mailbox will be available to post letters to Santa from 16-22 December. Also open 3-7.30pm Friday 18 December

SATURDAY DECEMBER

Leeston Market

Co-Operating Church High Street, 9am-12pm

Choose from stalls with baked goodies, preserves, local produce, crafts, gifts and more! New stall holders welcome, contact Brenda on 324 2595.

TUESDAY

DECEMBER

Lincoln Christmas Twilight Market

On the green by Lincoln Library, 4-7pm.

A festive family event with lots of Christmas gifts, fresh produce & baking, live Christmas music, a visit from Santa, face painting & seasonal activities for children. Lincoln Library also open extended hours 8.30am-7pm for event See www.facebook.com/lincolnmarket

FRIDAY

DECEMBER

Christmas Day Community Lunch

530 Birchs Road, 12-3pm

All welcome. Lunch provided at no cost. An alcohol-free event. Please RSVP by 15 December by phoning 325 3396. Transport assistance may be available, & donations of food, time

UNTIL **JANUARY**

Summer exhibition Selwyn Gallery, Darfield

Featuring works for sale by Sarah Deans, Jane Thomas, Fiona Moore and MCAC artist members. Open daily 10am-4pm except Mondays. Closed 24-28 December & 1-4 January

For more events in Selwyn visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/events

Season's Greetings to the Selwyn Central Community

At this time of the year when we spend time with our families it is timely to consider how fortunate we are to live in a caring community, where so many residents are prepared to contribute for the good of

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping make our area such an awesome place to live, work and play. We wish you and your family a happy and relaxing Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year.

Di Chesmar - Chair, Bruce Russell, Nicola Peacock, Alan French and Councillor Peter Hill Selwyn Central Community Board

