

Events funding supports summer events



A range of exciting local events will be happening this summer, with support from Selwyn District Council.

- Lake Crichton Triathlon and Duathlon Series (January-March 2016)
- Waitangi Day Country Picnic (February 2016)
- Rakaia River Terrace Run/ walk/ bike event (February 2016)
- A Kim Hill Debate (March 2016)
- Ministry of the Mind Rock Concert (March 2016)
- Give it a go Tri in Selwyn (March 2016)
- Children's Day Celebration (March 2016)
- Selwyn Tough Kid Competition (date to be confirmed)

The Hororata Highland Games also received \$5,000 to help recycle and dispose of waste at the games.

Event funding has also supported the following recent events: the Junior Tour of Selwyn (cycling event), Lincoln Multi Cultural Festival, A Blues in the Night Pop Up Concert in West Melton, Out There Youth Trust's Father's Day Murder Mystery, the Koru Games and the Weedons Spring Stampede. \$34,450 in event funding has been allocated for the above events.

The Council's Event Fund is helping to fund 18 local events. The fund was established in 2013 and is allocated each year. It can help fund some of the costs associated with running major events which benefit our district and local communities.

Events taking place between now and April 2016 which have received Council funding are:

- The Selwyn Book Fair (Dunsandel, 31 October-1 November)
- The Hororata Highland Games (7 November)
- Rolleston Fireworks (7 November)
- Selwyn Running Festival (8 November)

Lincoln Town Centre Plan consultation now open

Consultation on the Lincoln Town Centre Plan is now open. The plan provides a framework to guide future development and help support the town centre to remain a lively and prosperous business area as Lincoln develops. The plan outlines opportunities to coordinate the town centre's development, and aims to ensure that future development is of a high quality, while retaining Lincoln's special village atmosphere.

Lincoln households will be posted more information about the consultation in early November.

Community and business forums

Community and business forums are planned in November where you can share your views and tell us what you think the priorities are for Lincoln town centre. These forums are:

- A forum for property and business owners on Wednesday 4 November (7-8.30pm Lincoln Event Centre)
- A forum for Lincoln residents on Monday 16 November (7-8.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre)
- A forum for Lincoln residents on Saturday 21 November (2-3.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre)

The Draft Lincoln Town Centre Plan and submission forms are available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/lincolntcplan, from Lincoln Library and the Council's Rolleston Headquarters. Consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 30 November 2015.



Fireworks Safety

With Guy Fawkes next week, we would like to remind Selwyn residents to be safe and considerate if using fireworks.

Two public fireworks displays are being held on Saturday 7 November in Selwyn. The Rolleston Reserve Fireworks evening runs from 5-10.30pm and includes stalls, food, games and rides. Entry is \$10 per family, or \$5 per person. Gates open for the Motukarara Fireworks display (held at Waihora Domain, Park road) from 5.30pm. The Motukarara display also includes free hay rides, live music, pony rides, ice cream, a sausage sizzle, bake sale and bouncy castle. Entry is \$20 per car, or \$5 per person for walk-ins. Public displays are a good way to enjoy fireworks displays without the risk of injury or escaped fires occurring.

Vegetation is becoming dry in Selwyn as we have experienced frequent nor'west winds. If you are planning to use fireworks at home you need to be careful not to allow fireworks to come into contact with hedges, garden shrubs or long grass as if fireworks do contact vegetation this can easily ignite a fire.

If you are using fireworks please follow these safety tips:

- Do not light fireworks in windy or hot conditions
- Follow handling instructions on fireworks carefully
- Only ignite fireworks in an open space clear of buildings and anything flammable
- Have a supply of running water at hand, like a garden hose
- If a firework fails to ignite, do not pick it up and try to reignite it as it could injure you
- Only adults should use fireworks. Children should stay a safe distance away. Alcohol and fireworks also do not go together
- Keep pets inside. Horses and cows can be spooked by fireworks and need to be secured
- Let your neighbours know if you are planning to light fireworks and avoid setting fireworks off at an unreasonable time of night

Volunteer Fire Forces are normally very busy around Guy Fawkes time so please follow the advice above to help avoid starting fires. If you see a fire call 111 to report it.

Sky Lanterns, also known as Chinese Lanterns, pose significant fire risk if they allowed fly away with a naked flame. You should only use sky lanterns if they are fixed to a spot so they can't float away. More firework safety advice is available on the New Zealand Fire Service website under 'Home Fire Safety.'

Support for neighbourhood events available

The Council has small grants of up to \$50 available to help communities host local events and activities which help neighbourhoods get to know each other better. You might be interested in hosting a barbeque, picnic, sports activity, an event for children or another activity in your neighbourhood.

Funding applications can be made online at www.selwyn.govt.nz and close on 30 November.

On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned to McCurdys, Robinsons and Harman Roads and Cunningham Street, with stop and go signs being used by contractors to control traffic. Road works will also take place on Leeston Lake Road with traffic controls in place.

Footpath repairs are planned beside Edward Street in Lincoln. Work to remove high shoulders along roadsides will take place along Powells and Days Roads and traffic controls will be in place.

This week resealing work is planned along Feredays, Burts, Tramway, Heslerton, Ridge, Fiddlers and Duck Pond Roads. Stop and go signs will be used for traffic control. Maintenance grading work is planned around the Hororata, Windwhistle, Greendale and Darfield areas, with roads remaining open.

Road works may continue into next week if not completed this week.



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