

Summer events coming to Selwyn



Over 50 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 ever popular Teddy Bear’s picnic will be returning to Rolleston Reserve on Wednesday 18 January from 11am-1pm. Teddy bears should look their best as there will be a competition for the best dressed bear. Family picnics are planned at Tai Tapu, Springfield, Springston, West Melton, Leeston, Lincoln Burnham 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.

Family movie evenings are also planned during February and March. Kids can take part in summer skate jams at Darfield, Rolleston, Leeston, Tai Tapu, Lincoln, West Melton, Glentunnel and Prebbleton, and pool parties at Darfield and Southbridge, while the Selwyn Aquatic Centre is hosting five events as part of PoolFest. In addition to events organised by the Council, eight community organised events are also part of the Summer in Selwyn programme.

Summer events planned for January are:

- Pool Fest**
Monday 16-Friday 20 January
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 1-3pm
Cool water activities are back this summer! Make a splash with giant inflatables, paddle boats, aquatic volleyball and more

Teddy Bears’ Picnic
Wednesday 18 January, 11am-1pm
Rolleston Community Centre and Reserve
Pack a picnic and dress up your teddy for a fun family day out! With trampolines, Pedalmania, face painting, bouncy castles, toddler gym, House of Bricks, Teddy Bear Parade and more

Tai Tapu Picnic in the Park
Thursday 19 January, 5.30-7.30pm
Rhodes Domain, Old Tai Tapu Road
With live music, bouncy castle, Fun on Wheels trailer, games, Pedalmania, prizes and free sausage sizzle. Bring a picnic and enjoy!

- Darfield Pool Party**
Sunday 22 January, 2-4pm
Darfield Pool, Ross Street
Enjoy games, music, a sausage sizzle, prizes and pool inflatables

Springfield Picnic in the Park
Thursday 26 January, 5.30-7.30pm
Springfield Domain
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

Southbridge Pool Party
Sunday 29 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. Holiday activities for kids are also planned at Selwyn Libraries (see events column).

Reduce fire risk on your property

Rain over springtime has meant there is lots of growth around our district. Conditions are expected to dry out in summer, increasing the fire risk. If you have long grass on your property, now is a good time to either mow it or graze it. If you want to mow the grass, we recommend choosing a cooler day to mow and having a way to extinguish a fire available as sparks can ignite from machinery.

Leaving long grass untrimmed means that if a fire did start on your property it could spread quickly. To reduce the risk of a fire endangering your property, we recommend that you if you live in a rural area you keep a clear space of 30-50 metres around your home, or more if you can. Inside this space, keeping grass short or using surfaces like paving, gravel or non-flammable plant species is recommended. You should also avoid putting anything flammable inside this space, like stacked wood or rubbish. To find out more about reducing the fire risk on your property, visit www.selwyn.govt.nz



Meet Your Councillor - Pat McEvedy

Pat is one of two Councillors in the Ellesmere ward, which covers Leeston, Southbridge, Dunsandel, Doyleston and surrounding areas. He can be contacted on 027 430 3818 or by emailing pat.mcevedy@selwyn.govt.nz.

What is your background?

I come from Southbridge and my background is in farming and business. With my wife and children we have developed an intensive arable farming business. Over time I have been involved in community committees and school governance. I have also had a large involvement in seeking better environmental outcomes for Selwyn and enjoy being hands on, whether it is with the Waihora Ellesmere Trust or Te Ara Kākāriki planting days or supporting Enviro schools.

What do you like about the area you represent?

I enjoy the people in our district you meet constantly who are doing great things for their community and don’t realize how valuable they are and the impact they have. Helping these people access money, resources or just information is very rewarding.

What do you think some of the challenges are Selwyn is facing?

The biggest challenge is Selwyn District Council sticking to the business of getting things done. We need to keep focused, there are a large number of projects – both infrastructure and community – to progress. Being easy to contact and able to respond quickly to help people get on with their lives and businesses is also a challenge to meet, and providing efficient and economic services and facilities for all of our communities into the future is important.



Mobile Library Timetable

The next mobile visits are shown below:

- Monday 9 January**
Burnham Montessori 11-11.30am

Tuesday 10 January
Kirwee 10-10.45am
West Melton Domain 12.15-12.45pm
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm
Cat’s Pyjamas West Melton 1.50-2.20pm

Wednesday 11 January
Arthur’s Pass 11.30am-12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40-2.15pm
Springfield 3-3.30pm

Thursday 12 January
Council Headquarters, Rolleston 12.45-1.15pm
Rakaia Huts 2.30-3pm
Prebbleton Tavern 3.30-5.30pm



On the roads this week

Byron/ Kidman Street intersection closure this week

Part of the intersection of Byron and Kidman Street will be closed from Monday 12 December and reopen on Tuesday 20 December to allow the water race underneath the intersection to be widened so it has more capacity. Traffic travelling along Byron and Kidman Street won’t be able to travel through this intersection and will need to detour on an alternative route (Rolleston Drive or Wordsworth and Tennyson Streets). However traffic travelling through the intersection from Tennyson Street can still pass through the intersection.

Unsealed road repairs are planned for Whitecliffs, Malvern Hills and Bleakhouse Roads, with traffic controls operating. Road reconstruction work continues on Deans Road, with traffic controls operating. Road marking will occur in the Darfield/ Sheffield area, with traffic controls operating. Footpath repairs are planned on Ellesmere Junction Road in Springston and on Homebush Road in Glentunnel.

The intersection of Manse Road and High Street will be closed until 16 December to allow roading and stormwater upgrade work to occur, and motorists will need to detour via Selwyn and Cunningham Streets.

Community Pools this summer

The Council will work with local communities to improve supervision and safety for people using community swimming pools this summer.

The Council recently assessed its swimming facilities to ensure their operations comply with the Health and Safety in Work Act, which came into force in April.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre and the Darfield and Southbridge summer pools, which are supervised by lifeguards, will operate as normal this summer – for opening hours at Darfield and Southbridge visit www.selwyn.govt.nz.

There are also Council-owned community swimming pools at Halkett, Leeston, Prebbleton, Courtenay, Killinchy and Sheffield. Supervision arrangements at these pools are variable, and in some cases there aren't systems in place to prevent unsupervised children from accessing the facilities.

“Community swimming pools are very important to local communities and where possible we want people to be able to use their pool over summer,” says Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton. “However as the owner of these facilities the Council also has a duty of care to people using the pools. Nobody wants a child to be injured or drown at a local pool.”

“This isn't just a Selwyn issue - organisations all over New Zealand are all dealing with the impact of this legislation. We are considering what actions are needed to ensure that pools are safe for people to use,” says the Mayor.

The Council will work with communities in Halkett, Leeston, Prebbleton, Killinchy and Sheffield to enable pools to open for summer. The Council will seek commitment from local pool committees and users to agree to plans which include regular water quality testing, ensuring that unauthorised users can't access pools, secure chemical storage, signage and having first aid resources on site. Active supervision, involving lifeguards, community members or pool users, will also be required when swimmers use the pools.

The community pool at Courtenay will not be able to open unless issues around active supervision and the replacement of ageing plant and equipment are resolved. Last summer around a dozen families used the facility. The Council recommended that the pool committee works with the neighbouring Halkett pool committee so that these families can use this nearby pool. Longer term, the Council will look at whether it is viable to repair this pool, given this will be expensive and there is currently low usage.

Opening dates for community pools will be advised once operating arrangements have been confirmed.



Southbridge Pool

A Christmas Message from the Mayor

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to gather together with family and friends we love. Its a time when life often slows a little and we are able to take stock of the year that has been and look forward to the things to come.

For some of us this Christmas we welcome new members into our family through birth or marriage. For others of us Christmas will be tinged with sadness as we remember those who have been lost to us this year.

Whatever your plans make sure you remember to cherish those who are gathered with you, to smile and say hello to strangers, to take opportunities to heal past hurts, and to sing a few carols and remember the reason for Christmas.

Liz and I will be enjoying Christmas in Tauranga this year with her family. I trust whatever your plans are that you travel safely, that you find peace in the mayhem and you have a wonderful feed.



Merry Christmas
Sam and Liz Broughton

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) or your local committee at least three days before the meeting.*

Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: *To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL

Extraordinary Council meeting
Wed 14 Dec 9.15am
Council's Rolleston Headquarters

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Darfield Township Committee
Thurs 15 Dec 7.30pm

Darfield Library
Cancelled

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 14 Dec 7.30pm
Osborne Park Pavilion

Glenroy Community Hall Committee
Tue 20 Dec 8pm
Glenroy Community Hall

Kirwee Community Committee
Mon 19 Dec 7.30pm
Kirwee Hall

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee
Thurs 15 Dec 7pm
Lincoln Event Centre
Note change of date

Prebbleton Community Association Inc.
Tue 20 Dec 7.30pm
Prebbleton Cottage

Prebbleton Reserve Committee
Mon 19 Dec 7.30pm
Prebbleton Rugby Football Club

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee
Mon 19 Dec 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee
Thurs 15 Dec 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall
Triennial Election followed by ordinary meeting

Springston Community Committee
Mon 19 Dec 7.30pm
Springston Hall Supper Room

Springston Recreation Reserve Committee
Wed 14 Dec 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion

Weedons Residents Association Inc.
Tue 13 Dec 7.30pm
Weedons Domain

West Melton Residents Association
Wed 14 Dec 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

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DECEMBER

Save Lives, Give Blood
Rolleston Community Centre,
2.30-7pm

'Tis the season for giving - save up to 3 lives in Rolleston. Appointments recommended see www.nzblood.co.nz or phone 0800 448 325

MONDAY

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DECEMBER

Christmas Storytime
Leeston Library, 6-7pm

Join us for stories, songs and fun for kids aged 2-7 & families. Booking required, see www.selwynlibraries.co.nz

FROM

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DECEMBER

Selwyn Summer Reading programme

Selwyn kids can join the programme & win great prizes by reading anything, anywhere to stop reading levels declining over summer. Everyone is invited to join the libraries to Stop, Drop & Read from 2.30-2.45pm every weekday. See www.selwynlibraries.co.nz

TUESDAY

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DECEMBER

Christmas Concert
Rolleston Community Centre,
6.30pm

Hosted by Selwyn District Libraries & Belinda Cullen-Reid featuring Selwyn Community Choir members & 'Learn to Sing Rolleston' participants. Entry by donation of an item of non-perishable food per person to go to Ellesmere Food Bank for those in need

TUESDAY

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DECEMBER

Christmas Twilight Market
Lincoln Green (by Library), 4-7pm

Festive fun with Santa, face painting, hula hoops with Fairy Sophie, craft activities, Christmas songs from Selwyn Community Choir at 6.15 pm. Artisan craft, local produce. See www.facebook.com/lincolnmkt

TUE-THUR

10-26

JANUARY

Summer holiday programmes
Selwyn District Libraries

Join one of 12 fun activities for kids highlighting endangered birds & animals, including MakerSpace: Lego, Makerspace: #The Flock art & craft sessions & workshops with award winner author Maria Gill. See www.selwynlibraries.co.nz for details & bookings

MONDAY

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JANUARY

Treaty of Waitangi workshop
Darfield Library & Service Centre,
7.30-9pm

A free fun, interactive & informative workshop on why & how the Treaty has come to prominence, themes & questions people have & the Treaty as a framework for a multi-cultural country. Relevant to all, whether you have been in NZ for generations or are new. Book at www.selwynlibraries.co.nz

For information on listing a community event visit
www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall

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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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Darfield call free 318 8338
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