

Meet your Street fosters new friendships



New friendships have been forming all over Selwyn as a series of 'Meet Your Street' events continue over summer.

Selwyn is New Zealand's fastest growing district and last year around 3,000 new residents moved into the district.

'Meet Your Street' is a fun, informal gathering in a local park with free coffee. It's a chance for people to connect and make new friends, while enjoying some fun games like a giant connect four.

It is being hosted by Selwyn District Council and the Selwyn Youth Council. The Selwyn Youth Council brings their pop up cafe to the events, giving local young people the opportunity to gain experience running their own business and gaining employment skills. The Council helps to organise the sessions.

'Meet Your Street' runs from October 2015 to March 2016 and will visit 40 Selwyn neighbourhoods in total. To date, 27 communities have been visited with around 430 people attending events. 'Meet Your Street' has visited both new subdivisions such as Gainsborough in West Melton, Park Lane in Rolleston, Millbridge in Leeston, Prebbleton Central and Te Whariki in Lincoln, and more established communities in Glentunnel, Darfield, Springfield and Hororata.

"Being involved in the 'Meet Your Street' project is very rewarding and has given me and other youth councillors the chance to bring people together, meet some new faces and of course gain skills in coffee making, event organising and the overall management of these ongoing events," says Selwyn Youth Council member Emily de Rooy.

"Seeing people meet others for the first time that are only just down their street makes it definitely worth it!" she adds.

Jason Flewellen, Selwyn District Council's Neighbourhood Support and Community Resilience Co-ordinator says 'Meet Your Street' has been a fantastic way for communities to come together and there have been some great examples of new friendships forming at local events. An example of this occurred in West Melton where two families who had lived a few houses down from each other for several years met for the first time and enjoyed chatting with each other and then planned another get together afterwards.

'Meet Your Street' is one of the activities being undertaken to support a Newcomers and Migrants Strategy the Council has recently adopted.

"Local 'Meet Your Street' events are a fun way for the Council to encourage new residents to feel part of their community and they help people to settle into a new life in Selwyn. It also helps create safer communities as people know their neighbours," Mr Flewellen says.

When launched in October, the Council invited applications from local communities who wanted to either have the 'Meet Your Street' team visit their communities or host their own 'Meet Your Street' neighbourhood events, and this could be supported with a small grant from the Council. Around 20 small grants were given out to help fund local neighbourhood events. One of the neighbourhoods who received a small grant was Wedgewood Row in Rolleston who hosted a barbeque with games for kids. The street has now formed a neighbourhood contact list.

'Meet Your Street' events are continuing to run until 29 March. If a 'Meet Your Street' event is happening in your area, you'll receive a flyer in your letterbox inviting you to attend which includes a voucher for a coffee or a drink for your family.

Explore Selwyn Cycle Mt White Road

The Mt White Road track is on a flat, shingle road that follows the Waimakariri River. With wide sweeping views up the valley, the track traverses along tussock flats. Nestled in the Southern Alps, it is a picturesque track so take a camera with you or strap a go pro to your helmet.

The wide, flat track is perfect for beginners wanting a longer ride. It starts at the shingle track that veers right and follows the river. Allow two hours to reach Poulter River, before turning around and heading back along the same route you came on.



Time/ Distance: 2 hours one way, 25km

Difficulty: Easy

How to get there: The cycleway starts near the Mt White bridge and is a 60 kilometre drive from Springfield. Stay on State Highway 73, drive by Castle Hill and Lake Pearson, and turn right onto Riversdale Road. Cross the bridge, and you can park opposite the Waimakariri river.

Be part of developing Foster Park

A major children's playground is planned to be built by June 2017 at Foster Park opposite the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. We are inviting people to comment on what facilities they would like at the playground. You can make suggestions by visiting www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay.

The Council also plans to establish a daffodil collection at the park which will bloom each spring for residents and visitors to enjoy. We are looking for volunteers to help plant daffodil bulbs from 9.30am to 12pm on Sunday 10 April or Saturday 16 April.

The work is not heavy or taxing physically as holes have been drilled before planting.

To be part of the planting please visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay or email fosterpark@selwyn.govt.nz. Registration does not commit you to attend and you will be contacted closer to the time to confirm availability.



On the roads this week

Resealing work is planned this week on Goulds (between Dynes and Lowes Road), Hoskyns (between Maddisons and West Melton Roads), Neave, Johnson and Whitewood Roads. Stop and go signals will be used for traffic control.

Road repairs will take place along Bealey, Wards, Harper, Algidus, Deans, Springs, Telegraph and Hororata Dunsandel Roads, with traffic controls in place.

Springs Road Resealing

Resealing work is planned on Springs Road (between Blakes and Marshs Roads) on Tuesday 23 February and on Springs Road (between Hamptons and Trents Roads) on Wednesday 24 February. On both days resealing work will start after 9.30am, and is expected to be complete around 6pm. Stop and go traffic controls will be operating, and the road will be down to one lane while resealing work is undertaken. Traffic using this road can expect some delays, especially after 5pm. Vehicles may wish to use an alternative route.

Road closures – Jones Road and Railway Road

Jones Road is closed between Weedons Ross and Hoskyns Roads until 11 March, for the installation of a rail siding by Lyttelton Port Company at MidlandPort. A detour is operating via Weedons Ross, Maddisons and Hoskyns Roads. New water and wastewater pipes and fibre cables to service MidlandPort are also being installed during the closure, as well as an entranceway and right hand turning bay into the site. Vehicles using the detour can expect a short increase in travel times, especially on weekdays from 7.30-9am and 4-6pm.

Railway Road is closed between Jones Road and Kerrs Road until 7 March. A detour is operating via Kerrs Road and Wards Road.

Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive Rolleston
Ph 347 2800 or 318 8338

Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880 or 318 8338

Darfield Library & Service Centre
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2800

Notices

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES FUNDING

The closing date for the Creative NZ – Creative Communities Scheme applications is **Friday 26 February 2016**. For more information contact Stuart on 347 2708 or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

Free dog microchipping is available on **Friday 4 March** at:

- Lincoln from 9-9.30am
- Leeston from 10.15-10.45am
- Darfield from 11.30am-12pm
- Rolleston from 12.45-1.15pm

Please note:

- Clinics last for only 30 minutes.
- The Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive, other locations are outside libraries.
- Sessions won't occur if wet.

Contact Tracey on 347 2800 or 318 8338 for details.

ROAD CLOSURE

Zig Zag Road (from the intersections of Rakaia Gorge Road (SH77) to Coleridge Road) will be closed from 9am-5.30pm on **Sunday 6 March** for the Autosport Club 'Rakaia Zig-Zag Sprint' motorsport event. During the closure, traffic is requested to detour along the nearest alternative route. Queries can be directed to Joanne on 347 2887.

SELWYN SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Selwyn has sister city cultural and friendship relationships and exchange visits with our sister cities in Japan; China; Coventry in Rhode Island, USA; and Toraja, Indonesia. The Committee will meet on **Monday 7 March**, 6pm at Selwyn District Council's Rolleston Headquarters. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP

to Bernadette on 347 2830 or email bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz for catering purposes.

CALL FOR EXHIBITORS – ARTS HEART

The annual art exhibition hosted by ARTS HEART for Selwyn Artists is on 1-3 April 2016 in Rolleston. This is a call for all artists to prepare an entry to one of Selwyn's top exhibitions. Please call Rails Mackey on 347 7229 for entry details.

EARTH HOUR VIDEO COMPETITION

The deadline for entries is **2 March**, for entry details see www.lincolnnvirotown.org.nz. Prizes will be awarded at a presentation evening at 6pm, 18 March at Lincoln Event Centre. For information email projectmanagerlet@gmail.com or phone 03 423 0445.

WATER RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE

Formal mandatory water restrictions remain in place for properties connected to Selwyn District Council water supplies. Rainfall levels in 2015 were much lower than normal and groundwater levels remain low. The water restrictions are helping to sustainably manage demand for water more evenly during the week and we would like to thank Selwyn households for their help with this.

Under the water restrictions:

- Watering of lawns is permitted between *9am-4pm and 9pm-6am on alternate days only*. If your street address number is an even number you may water only on even numbered days; if your street address number is an odd number you may water only on odd numbered days. For example, if your property

number is 2, 34b, or 108 you can water your lawn as needed on the 24, 26, 28 February and so on, during the permitted times. If watering during the day we recommend choosing a cooler day to reduce evaporation

- Garden watering is permitted at any time
- There is a requirement to decrease demand, especially during peak periods. This means you should only water during permitted hours and avoid wasting water.

ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATIONS

The following applications can be viewed at www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices. *Akshan Enterprises* – off licence renewal application, submissions close 14 March. *Foodstuffs South Island Properties Limited* – off licence application, submissions close 7 March.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 17 February
Hororata School 11.30-1pm
Greendale School 1.20-1.50pm

Thursday 18 February
Tai Tapu Playcentre 10-10.30am
Rolleston First Learners 11-11.30am
Paradise for Little Angels 1.30-2pm
Educare Faringdon 2.15-2.45pm

Monday 22 February
Springfield School 12.30-1.30pm
Sheffield Hall 2-2.30pm

Tuesday 23 February
Tai Tapu Monkeys and Munchkins 10-10.30am
Whippersnappers Lincoln 10.45-11.15am
West Melton School 12.45-1.30pm
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm
West Melton Domain 2-2.30pm

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, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARDS

Unless stated meetings are held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Council Meeting
Wed 24 Feb 1pm

Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 24 Feb 3pm

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Tue 1 Mar 1pm, Flock Hill

District Plan Committee meeting
Wed 2 March 9am

Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 2 March 3pm

Industrial Park Project Team
Thurs 3 Mar 3pm
Izone Café Meeting Room

Because of commercial sensitivity, the public may be excluded from part of or all of the meeting. Enquiries to Property and Commercial Manager, Douglas Marshall

Council Meeting
Wed 9 Mar 1pm
Followed by a public citizenship ceremony at 6.30pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Castle Hill Community Association – AGM
Sun 6 Mar 5.30pm by Skype

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Thurs 25 Feb 8pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Coalgate Township Committee
Tue 15 March 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Pool Administration Committee
Wed 24 Feb 7pm, Darfield Pool

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 9 Mar 7.30pm
Osborne Park Pavilion

Dunsandel Community Committee
Wed 24 Feb 7.30pm
Dunsandel Sports Centre

Glenroy Community Hall Committee
Tue 15 March 8pm
Glenroy Community Hall

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee
Tue 14 March 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee
Tue 1 Mar 8pm
Greendale Pavilion

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Mon 14 March 7.30pm
Kirwee Reserve Sports Pavilion

Leeston Community Committee
Mon 7 Mar 7.30pm, Community Room, Leeston Library

Leeston Park Association
Mon 29 Feb 8pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 14 March 7.30pm
Lincoln Events Centre

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.
Mon 14 March 7.30pm
Prebbleton Hall Supper Room

Springfield Township Committee
Tue 1 Mar 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Tawera Memorial Hall
Thurs 25 Feb 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Weedons Reserve Committee
Mon 14 March 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee
Mon 14 March 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY
24
FEBRUARY

Summer Skate Jam
Leeston Skate Park, 4-6pm
With a DJ, free equipment hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool, sausage sizzle & prizes. Free

WEDNESDAY
24
FEBRUARY

Selwyn Writers Network
Lincoln Library, 6.30-8.30pm
Free networking evening with guest writers. Supper provided. To register email arts@selwyn.govt.nz

THURSDAY
25
FEBRUARY

Leeston Picnic in the Park & Music on the Green
Leeston Park, Holley Street, 5.30-8.30pm
Enjoy live music from local artists, bouncy castle, Water Ratz, fun on wheels trailer, games, Pedalmania, prizes & a free sausage sizzle. Bring a picnic. Free

FRIDAY
26
FEBRUARY

Drive in Family Movie
Darfield Domain, 7-9.30pm
Enjoy *Back to the Future 2* on a huge outdoor screen

SUNDAY
28
FEBRUARY

Rolleston Envirotown Walking Trip
10am-3pm
Explore Crater Rim. Email enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz or phone 022 043 99 22 to register

SUNDAY
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FEBRUARY

Hororata Parish Bike/Run/Walk
1160 Coleridge Road, 10am-4pm
Cycle, walk or run tracks ranging from 6-20km. Last start time 2pm. Entry \$15, children under 15 free – cash only, no dogs please. See www.hororataparish.co.nz

MON-THURS
29-3
FEB-MARCH

Selwyn – Te Waihora Plan Change meetings
Briefings on new rules in the Land & Water Regional Plan on nitrogen loss limits, land use & water transfers. 7.30pm at Darfield Rugby Club (29 Feb), Coalgate Tavern (1 Mar), Lincoln Bowling Club (2 Mar), & Southbridge Rugby Club (3 Mar)

FRIDAY
4
MARCH

Darfield Music on the Green
Darfield Domain, North Terrace 6-9pm
Bring a picnic & be entertained by local musical talent. Free

SUNDAY
6
MARCH

Children's Day
Rolleston Community Centre, 12-3pm
Free fun day with bouncy castles, face painting, circus show (1.30pm), skate jam, farm animals, mega slide, army vehicle and sports. To book a \$5 stall site email events@spn.org.nz.