

Visit Indonesia or Japan



Applications are now invited from people interested in joining trips to visit Indonesia and Japan.

As part of a Sister Cities friendship relationship Selwyn District Council's Sister Cities Committee is planning a trip to Toraja in Indonesia in July 2016 and welcomes anyone interested to join the tour. Toraja (pictured above) is a Christian coffee growing area in the highlands that has been supported for ten years by a group of Canterbury farmers. North Toraja has a population of around 215,000 and is a popular tourist destination. A draft tour itinerary will be available soon.

A second trip is planned by Selwyn District Council's Sister Cities Committee and the Malvern Community Board to visit our sister cities Akitakata and Yubetsu in Japan in late September. The group will visit local farms, Hiroshima Peace Park, Miyajima Island, Tokyo and experience Japanese life and culture. The group will join the Darfield High School delegation in Akitakata and can join at Tokyo also. Some homestay accommodation will be provided. The adult group can travel to Yubetsu which is a farming and fishing area in Northern Hokkaido.

Both trips are at your own expense. Applications for the Toraja trip close on **20 April**, and applications for the Japan visit close on **2 May 2016**. Applications are considered by the Sister Cities Committee and Council staff. There are places available to active, fit adults who live or work in Selwyn district. Application forms can be obtained from Bernadette by phoning 347 2830 or emailing bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz.

New law for businesses that sell food

A new law for all businesses that sell food is now in effect.

From 1 March 2016 onwards, anyone who starts a business that involves food must meet the requirements of the Food Act 2014. This includes businesses like restaurants, corner dairies and market stalls. Existing businesses also need to make changes, although they have longer to do so.

The new law applies to a wide range of businesses, and includes any business which makes, sells, grows or transports food commercially. It also includes organisations that serve food as part of their business, such as education providers or care homes. The Ministry for Primary Industries has developed a new online tool to explain how the new rules apply to different types of businesses and organisations – to use this tool visit www.mpi.govt.nz/foodact and select 'Where do I fit?.'

The new rules in the Food Act will apply to existing food businesses at different times over a three year transition period.

One of the main changes in the new legislation is the introduction of Food Control Plans by businesses to guide how food is prepared, handled, served and stored and other hygiene requirements.

In Selwyn, although most businesses are not yet required to have adopted Food Control Plans, around 100 businesses have already registered their plans. The district received government funding to trial a training programme which was open to local businesses on how to develop and implement Food Control Plans.

The Council has also developed an achievement and excellence award for businesses that have demonstrated good performance in developing and implementing food control plans and a number of businesses have received awards over the past year.

The Council also offers a mentoring service to assist businesses to understand and meet the new requirements relating to Food Control Plans. Anyone who would like advice on the new legislation should visit www.mpi.govt.nz/foodact or phone Food and Health Standards (the Council's health contractor) on 03 365 1667.

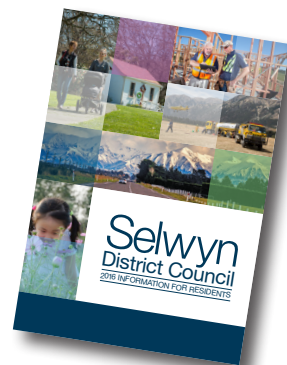


Did you get your guide?

Copies of the Council's information guide for 2016 were recently delivered to Selwyn households.

The 28-page booklet is an A-Z guide of council facilities and services. It includes information on a wide range of services the Council provides to the 54,000 residents living in Selwyn – from libraries, to water and roads, parks, civil defence, rubbish and recycling collection and animal control.

Extra copies are also available at council libraries and service centres, from the West Melton BP Station, Templeton Z, Prebbleton Village Fresh, the Tai Tapu Store or by phoning the Council on 347 2800 or 318 8338 to request to be sent a copy.



Dive into aqua training with your sports team or fitness group

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is offering a new programme called Aqua Training Zone. It is designed to assist local sports teams or a group with eight or more members to develop their fitness through aquatic training.

The new programme is suitable for pre-season and in-season training. Or another option is to get a group together of eight or more friends or family members for a session.

An experienced instructor will design a challenging and rewarding training programme tailored for your team or group requirements. Exercising in water is great for building strength and fitness as water supports your weight, it is an ideal low risk training activity and also helps people stay fit while recovering from injury.

Sports teams or group members do not need to be able to swim as aqua belts are available. The programme will run on Tuesdays starting from 12 April, with two session times to choose from: 6.30-7.30pm or 7.30-8.30pm. To find out more or register please email connie.dick@selwyn.govt.nz.

Health and Safety Act briefings

Council staff members will be briefing local committees on the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 which comes into effect from 4 April 2016. Members of the public are also welcome to attend these sessions at:

- Leeston Library on Wednesday 30 March, 4-5pm and 6.30-7.30pm
- Council's Rolleston Headquarters on Thursday 31 March from 4-5pm and 6.30-7.30pm
- Darfield Library on Friday 1 April from 7-8pm
- Glentunnel Community Centre on Friday 1 April from 7-8pm
- Lincoln Event Centre on Monday 4 April from 4-5pm and 6.30-7.30pm

If you would like to attend a session please RSVP with your name and organisation to joy.farrington@selwyn.govt.nz by 2pm, 30 April for the 30 April session and 2pm 31 April for later sessions.

On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned to Rakaia Terrace Road, with stop/go traffic controls being used. Footpath repairs will take place on Bray Street, Torlesse Crescent and Masefield Drive, with roads remaining open. Maintenance grading will take place in the High Country, Dunsandel, Hororata, Burnham and Greendale areas, with no road closures required. Resealing will occur along Rakaia Terrace and Old West Coast Roads, with stop/go traffic controls being used. Where work is not completed this week, work will continue next week.

The section of Jones Road that was closed between Weedons Ross and Hoskyns Road has now reopened again. Railway Road is currently closed between Jones Road and Kerrs Road to allow sewerage pipes and an entranceway to be installed. 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

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 30 March
Arthur's Pass 11.30am-12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40-2.15pm
Springfield 3-3.30pm

Thursday 31 March
Lincoln Montessori 11-11.30am
Council Headquarters, Rolleston 12.45-1.15pm
Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston 1.30-2pm

Monday 4 April
Dunsandel Playcentre 10-10.30am
Burnham Montessori 11-11.30am
Darfield Primary School 12.15-1.15pm

Tuesday 5 April
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

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

McLachlans Road (from the intersection with Leeston Taumutu Road to the intersection with Gullivers Road) and Gullivers Road (from the intersection of McLachlans Road to the intersection with Leeston Taumutu Road) will be closed between 9am-5pm on Sunday 3 April for the Taumutu Shingle Sprint motorsport event. During the closure, traffic is requested to use the nearest alternative route. For queries phone Joanne on 347 2887.

SUBMISSIONS INVITED FROM 4 APRIL

Annual Plan 2016/17 Consultation Document
Copies of the Selwyn District Council Annual Plan 2016/17 Consultation Document will be available from 4 April 2016

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.

Malvern Community Board
Tue 29 Mar 4pm, Darfield Library
Is there an issue affecting your community that you want to bring to your Community Board's attention and find out how we can help? See 'Meetings' for information on our Public Forum.

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Tue 5 Apr 1pm

Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 6 Apr 3pm

Industrial Park Project Team
Thurs 7 Apr 3pm

onwards from Council Service Centres/libraries and at www.selwyn.govt.nz. The plan sets out the Council's plans for the next financial year and how these affect your rates. Please have a read. If you have any comments to make written submissions must reach us by 5pm, Wednesday 4 May 2015. Hearings are on 19 and 20 May. Please say in your submission whether you wish to attend a hearing to speak on your submission. Following hearings, the Council will discuss the ideas submitted and then make final amendments to the plan, which will then be adopted and become operational on 1 July 2016.

WATER RACES AND DRAIN MAINTAINANCE

Council would like to remind property owners that when maintaining frontages where a water race or drain is present, the following good practice should be followed:

- if overhanging vegetation needs trimming, remove trimmings from the channel to prevent blockages
- grass provides stability to channel banks and prevents slumping and collapse. Do not spray vegetation on any bank, use a weed eater if necessary
- spray only the bottom of drains when water is not present
- seek Council approval prior to undertaking any planting on drain or water race banks

For further advice on maintaining frontages near drains and water races please phone 347 2800.

ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATIONS

An application for a club licence renewal from Prebbleton Rugby Football Club Incorporated

is open for submissions until 22 April. An application for an on licence renewal from Ernies Cantina Limited is open for submissions until 7 April. See www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices for details.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 8 April at:

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

Please note:

- All clinics last for half an hour.
- The Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive, other venues are outside libraries.
- Sessions won't occur if wet.

For questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PART OF STOCKWATER RACES

Paparua Scheme
Selwyn District Council, pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002, advises its intention to discontinue the following section of water race: Paparua-closure of 0.8km of race through five properties below State Highway 1 East of Robinsons Road (NZTA). The closure is considered to be of low significance and does not alter the intended level of service of the overall water race scheme. Directly affected ratepayers have agreed the closure. Detailed information including location maps can be viewed at www.selwyn.govt.nz/wrclosure or at the Council Office in Rolleston. For more details or to make a submission, contact Jo Golden, 347 2800 or email waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz by 20 April 2016.

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 13 April 1pm
A public Citizenship Ceremony follows at 6.30pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee

Wed 6 Apr 7.30pm, Broadfield Hall
Darfield Pool Administration Committee

Wed 6 Apr 7pm, Darfield Pool
Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee
Mon 4 Apr 7.30pm
Darfield Recreation Centre

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 13 Apr 7.30pm
Osborne Park Pavilion

Hororata Reserve Management Committee

Wed 6 Apr 7.30pm, Hororata Hall
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Mon 11 Apr 7.30pm
Kirwee Reserve Sports Pavilion
Leeston Community Committee

Mon 4 Apr 7.30pm, Leeston Library
Lincoln Community Committee

Mon 11 Apr 7.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre
Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

Mon 11 Apr 7.30pm
Prebbleton Hall Supper Room

Rolleston Residents Association Inc.

Mon 4 Apr 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

A member of the Council's management team will attend to discuss the Annual Plan

Springfield Township Committee
Tue 5 Apr 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Tai Tapu Community Assoc. Inc.
Wed 6 Apr 7.30pm, Tai Tapu Library

Weedons Reserve Committee
Mon 11 Apr 7pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Weedons Residents Association Inc.

Tue 12 Apr 7.30pm
Weedons Domain

West Melton Residents Association

Wed 13 Apr 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Mon 11 Apr 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Selwyn Events

Maurice Askew Solo Exhibition

Selwyn Gallery, Darfield
Now in his nineties, Maurice Askew has had a brilliant career as a graphic artist for Granada TV, & senior lecturer at the University of Canterbury School of Fine Arts. He has also worked in animated film, as a set & costume designer, & paints. Art works are for sale, with proceeds donated to UNICEF. Gallery open daily (except Mondays) 10am-4pm. An auction of unsold works will be held on 29 April at 7.30 pm

FRI-TUE

1-29
APRIL

Community Garden Waste Day

Cemetery Pit, Southbridge
Leeston Road, 10am-4pm
Get rid of garden prunings, tree trimmings & weeds. General rubbish, soil, flax, cabbage tree leaves, trees or branches over 10cm in diameter can't be accepted. Cost: \$5 per car, \$10 per ute or single axle trailer, \$15 per twin axle trailer. Cash only. Funds donated to Ellesmere Heritage Park

SATURDAY

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APRIL

13th Annual Exhibition of Selwyn Arts & Craft

Rolleston Community Centre, 10am-4pm
Fantastic exhibition presented by Arts Heart - Selwyn Central Arts Council of works for sale. Entry by donation. Contact krms@xtra.co.nz for details

SAT-SUN

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APRIL

Edendale Car Boot sale

Edendale Café, 888 Sandy Knolls Road, 10am-3pm
With entertainment, & a range of goods. Held every Sunday, unless wet. Free public entry, carboot site \$20. See 'Edendale Café and Events' on Facebook

SUNDAY

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APRIL

Stepping UP: Google & the Internet

Leeston Library, 6.30-8.30pm
Free class covering the Internet, how to use Google to search, Google maps & images & inserting images into Word. Book at www.steppingup.nz or phone the library on 347 2871. Open to people aged 13 & over. Maximum 5 per class

TUESDAY

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APRIL

The Rubbish Whisperer

Lincoln & Districts Community Care, 7pm
A free talk hosted by Selwyn Timebank on how to minimise waste going to landfill & recycle your household waste. 2 time credits for Timebank members, new members welcome

THURSDAY

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APRIL

Stepping UP: Facebook

Darfield Library, 10am-12pm
Learn about Facebook, & how you can use it to help you connect & share information with friends & family worldwide. Facebook has over 1 billion users worldwide. Free. Open to people 13 & over. You need an email address to participate. Book at www.steppingup.nz or phone the library on 318 7780. Maximum 5 per class

FRIDAY

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