



Foster Park playground is ready for the Christmas holidays!

The brand new playground will be open for Selwyn children and families from midday on Thursday 21 December.

Council Major Projects Property Manager, John Reid, says Selwyn’s first ‘destination playground’ is opening earlier than planned thanks to Council staff and contractors’ passion for the project.

“Everyone, particularly all the contractors led by local company McLenaghan Contracting, has worked extremely hard to have the playground ready for Christmas. This playground is for the whole district and we hope that it becomes a special place for families to enjoy,” Mr Reid says.

“The park features are based on the ideas of local school kids – the kids wanted a mouse wheel, a big slide a fort and a flying fox, so we put those things in.”

Mr Reid expects there will be a lot of interest in the opening of the playground and suggests that if possible, people wait for a day or two before visiting the park.

“We’re expecting a huge number of people to visit the Foster Park playground, and we want to make sure everyone enjoys the experience – so please be mindful and respectful of others and be safe. If the playground looks too busy, we suggest that you choose another time to visit, or wait for the initial rush to subside,” he says.

“There will be small areas of the playground still to be finished and we ask the public to respect and stay off the new garden and lawn areas as they develop and mature.”

From Thursday 21 December to Sunday 24 December, there will be Council and community support staff at the playground to ensure all children enjoy the new playground safely.

Playground design

A key feature of the playground is a large four metre high mound with a slide and flying fox. A fort on top of the mound has a tunnel slide winding to the ground. The playground also features a natural play area and a mouse wheel along with other popular playground equipment.

The playground is designed to be as accessible as possible for all children with a promenade alongside of it, wide paths and a koru-shaped path leading to the top of the mound which allows access for disabled children to the views, large metal slide and flying fox.

A variety of surfaces including artificial turf, rubber soft fall and wood chip will make the playground a safe environment for children of all ages. Decking and picnic areas will have shade sails. There is also native and exotic trees and shrubs around the playground providing shade and a natural feel.

Drive safe on the roads these holidays

It’s a busy time on the roads during the Christmas and summer holiday season and Selwyn District Council’s Road Safety team is reminding drivers to focus on reaching their destination safely.

Selwyn Road Safety Coordinator Ngaire Tinning says drivers should allow enough time to get to their destination, drive with patience and avoid taking unnecessary risks.

“I encourage all road users to share the road, be aware of the dangers of driver fatigue, and make sure everyone is buckled up,” she says.

Holiday driving means sharing the road with a number of other cars, and often spending several hours behind the wheel. Please be patient and courteous of other road users. For more road safety tips go to the Selwyn District Council website. Drive safe these holidays!

On the roads this week

Ford repairs will be occurring on McGregor’s Ford (Selwyn Road), Withell’s Ford (Brookside & Burnham Road) and Essendon Road. Soakhole construction will be carried out on Horndon Street, Te Pirita Road, Miles Road, Manna Place and Bealey Road.

Jones Road, between Hoskyns Road and Weedons Ross Road, will reopen to traffic from Thursday 21 December. The temporary detour through iPort will close when Jones Road reopens.

Let’s use our Water Sense

Help Selwyn get through the dry season with enough water for everyone. Top tips for using your water sense:

Consider letting your lawns go brown, or water overnight (9pm–6am) to avoid evaporation during the day.

Avoid unnecessary water use during peak demand times (6am–9am and 4pm–9pm) to help maintain water pressure for everyone.

Use a watering can or hand-held hose instead of a sprinkler and avoid watering in hot or windy conditions.

Thank you for doing your bit to help conserve the district’s water supply.

Council’s holiday services

Information on Selwyn District Council services and opening hours during the holiday period is available on the Council website or facilities’ Facebook pages.

This includes the Council’s Rolleston Headquarters, Selwyn Aquatic Centre, rubbish and recycling collections schedule, Pines Resource Recovery Park, Selwyn Libraries, Rolleston Community Centre, Lincoln Event Centre and building inspections.

The Council’s helpline (www.selwyn.govt.nz/helpline) will be operating 24 hours a day over the Christmas and New Year period for urgent issues – phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 (Darfield). You can also use the Snap Send Solve app.



Christmas message from Mayor Sam Broughton

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to gather together with family and friends we love. It’s 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.

We 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, Liz and Elliott Broughton



Notices

HONORARY TREASURER
REQUIRED URGENTLY -
ROLLESTON

A space is available for a community minded person required for the important position of honorary treasurer for the Rolleston Resident Association and fireworks committee. Contact Jens Christensen on 027 433 4179 or 347 1600 or email kajens70@gmail.com

ALCOHOL NOTICE

An application for the renewal of an on license has been received from Dunsandel Store Limited. Objections are open until 21 December. For more information please visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Mobile schedule has finished for the year and returns Monday 8 January 2018 with a revised timetable for January. Please see library website for full details.

SPRINGSTON HALL

Springston Hall will be closed until the end of January, for the completion of seismic strengthening works. The community's patience during this project is appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Joanne Nikolaou, Project Manager, on 347 2971.

STOCK WATER RACES

Summer is here and lowering intake river levels and increased evaporation is affecting supply in certain areas.

Extraction from stock water races for uses other than stock water requires Council approval. Unauthorised extraction places pressure on the race system and often supply to downstream users is affected.

If you are experiencing poor supply in the stock water races please phone 347 2800 for service.

Paparua Irrigators please

remember to phone 347 2720 each morning to check whether irrigation restrictions are in place.

NEED FILL MATERIAL?
RING US

From early January 2018, the Council will commence cleaning water races and bank removals. Selwyn District Council appreciates landowners that are willing to accept water race spoil and material from water race bank removal. If you are happy to accept water race material, our water race operators will be in touch to arrange disposal of materials at your paddock during cleaning season.

Water race spoil can be deposited to land under Environment Canterbury water plan rule 5.79. Spoil can be used to fill in low spots in paddocks, and ideally will be worked into the paddock.

Please ring our Surface Water Engineer on 347 2800 for further information.

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 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
BOARD

Unless stated meetings are held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Malvern Community Board

Mon 22 Jan 5pm
Darfield Library/Service Centre

LOCAL COMMITTEES &
ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve
Management Committee
Tue 23 Jan 8pm
Coalgate Fire Station
Glenroy Community Centre

Committee

Tue 19 Dec 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall
Glentunnel Community Centre
Tue 16 Jan 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre
Hororata Citizens Committee
Tue 23 Jan 7.30pm, Hororata Hall
Prebbleton Community
Association
Tue 19 Dec 7.30pm
Prebbleton Community Cottage
Rolleston Residents Assn Inc.
Mon 22 Jan 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Get your summer recycling sorted!

Selwyn District Council is encouraging residents to help the environment and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by making sure they dispose of holiday-season recyclables responsibly this summer.

Household recycling in Selwyn has been steadily increasing in volume from 4,982 tonnes in the year to June 2016 to 5,385 tonnes in the year to June 2017.

All recyclable items must be loose in your yellow bin so they can be easily separated for recycling. Soft plastics including newspaper wrap and cling film can't be recycled through the kerbside recycling system, only empty supermarket plastic bags are accepted.

Takeaway coffee cups have a thin plastic coating, and for this reason they can't be recycled. Drinking glasses or crockery also can't be recycled. Non-foil Christmas gift wrapping paper can be recycled rather than put into the rubbish.

For a full list of what you can and can't recycle please visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/kerbsideguide, or you can request a free sticker for your recycling bin with this information by contacting the Council on 347 2857 or 318 8338.

Rubbish and recycling collections scheduled on Christmas Day (Monday 25th) will take place the prior Saturday 23 December. Refuse collections scheduled on New Year's Day (Monday 1 January) will take place the prior Saturday 30 December. All other collection days will proceed as normal.

Check www.selwyn.govt.nz/pines for information on Pines Resource Recovery Park opening hours over the holidays.

Libraries events over the summer break

Head to Selwyn District Libraries' Summer in Selwyn events during the school holidays.

Summer Reading BINGO is running until the end of January – pop into your local library and collect your BINGO card. Make and illustrate your own digital or paper book with Think, Create Write!, Love Hello Kitty and Pushkin? Have a go at origami, bookmarks and hand sewing cute cat cushions with Kawaii Crafts. If games are more your thing, make sure you bring your friends and family down to your local library or outreach venue for Games Challenges.

The Mobile Library will be popping up at the new Foster Park playground during January. Get involved in free, fun activities, play games and explore the Mobile Library.

Teddies' Overnight Adventures will be a fun-filled night for your teddy at the library. We'll tell you all about what mischief your teddy got up to when you come to pick it up the next day.

For details on all these events and more see the Summer in Selwyn Facebook page, Selwyn District Libraries website or check out the Summer in Selwyn booklet delivered to your mail box at the end of November.

Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

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DECEMBER

Faringdon Christmas
Pool Party

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 2–4pm

Come along and celebrate the festive season at the pool! Santa has visited us early this year and we have a brand new big inflatable design to be revealed! Normal pool admissions apply.

SATURDAY

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JANUARY

Creative Tech

Selwyn District Libraries, 2–3.30pm

Come and have a go at our Alternate Reality colouring in, and Green Screen Selfie Space. Bookings not required but spaces are limited. BYOD recommended.

THURSDAY

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JANUARY

New World Rolleston Picnic
in the Park – Springfield

Springfield Domain, 5.30–7.30pm

Pop down to Springfield Domain with family and friends for a picnic. Live music, bouncy castles, face painting, Pedalmania, entertainment and much more. Activities for all ages and prizes up for grabs. Free sausage sizzle.

SATURDAY

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JANUARY

New World Rolleston Teddy
Bears' Picnic

Rolleston Community Centre and Rolleston Reserve, 1–3pm

Pack a picnic and dress up your favourite teddy! The Teddy Bears' Picnic will be jam packed with family fun, including teddy bear parade, face painting, bouncy castles, animal farm and more.

SUNDAY

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JANUARY

Faringdon Pool Party –
Darfield

Darfield Pool, 2–4pm

Head to Darfield Pool for a party! The DJ will be playing your favourite songs, with inflatables, games, prizes, a sausage sizzle and loads of fun.

WEDNESDAY

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JANUARY

Faringdon Summer Skate
Jam – Darfield

Darfield Skate Park, 3.30–5.30pm

Head to Darfield Skate Park to show off your moves. Bring your own gear or hire for free. Coaching available with experienced skate instructors. Prizes up for grabs for best tricks.

THURSDAY

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JANUARY

New World Rolleston Picnic
in the Park – Springston

Springston Domain, 5.30–7.30pm

Pop down to Springston Domain with family and friends for a picnic. Live music, bouncy castles, face painting, Pedalmania, entertainment and much more. Activities for all ages and prizes up for grabs. Free sausage sizzle.

SUNDAY

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JANUARY

Faringdon Pool Party –
Southbridge

Southbridge Pool, 2–4pm

Head to Southbridge Pool for a party! The DJ will be playing your favourite songs, with inflatables, games, prizes, a sausage sizzle and loads of fun.

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

Leeston Library & Service Centre
19 Messines Street, Leeston
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2876

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Darfield call free 318 8338
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