

# Levi Park gets smart



New Zealand’s first PGC Smart Playground has opened this week right here in Selwyn, bringing a new kind of fun to Levi Park, Rolleston.

The park has been transformed into a PGC Smart Playground as part of a 90-day trial aimed at bridging the gap between digital and physical play. New Zealand company Playground Centre (PGC) has exclusive rights to the North American Biba technology that powers the play.

At Levi Park six augmented reality markers are now attached to the existing playground equipment which can be easily scanned by parents and children to activate mini-games and unlock new play content aimed at three to nine-year olds.

The games can be downloaded free – search for ‘playbiba’ in the App Store or on Google Play.

To play, the parent holds their phone with a Biba game open, issuing playful instructions based on an imaginary premise (like, ‘you’re a secret agent!’) while the child follows them. The child spends most of their session time playing away from the phone on playground equipment based on game directives. They then return to the phone intermittently to perform a game function, complete a mini game or advance their progress through the game’s imaginary scenario.

The Smart Playground combines digital fun and physical play as a way to help decrease screen time among children and ensure healthy, outdoor play. Head to Levi Park and try it out for yourself!

## Looking for a local wedding venue?

Check out what Lincoln Event Centre has to offer next Sunday 27 August at their exhibition at the With This Ring wedding expo in Christchurch.

If you’re looking for a beautiful contemporary venue at an affordable price, the Lincoln Event Centre at 15 Meijer Drive, Lincoln, is the perfect site to host your big day locally. There are several spaces available to choose from with the flexibility to accommodate any sized wedding, small or large (up to 500 guests). You can accessorise the space any way you like to achieve your perfect dream wedding.

Lincoln Event Centre will be offering a special discount at the expo with 10% off the cost of wedding hire if booked in before 1 November 2017. Say hello to the lovely staff members at the expo to receive more information and a wedding brochure.

The With This Ring wedding expo will showcase over 80 wedding specialists including bridal boutiques, florists, jewellers and photographers.

The expo takes place on Sunday 27 August between 10am–3pm at the Air Force Museum of New Zealand, 45 Harvard Avenue, Christchurch. Tickets can be purchased online at [dashtickets.co.nz](http://dashtickets.co.nz) for \$18.75 (with a complimentary muffin and coffee included), or for \$20 if purchased at the door.

If you would like to learn more about Lincoln Event Centre or book in to take a tour, phone 347 2983 or email [lec.enquiries@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:lec.enquiries@selwyn.govt.nz).



## Stimulating memory through art

A free five-week therapeutic art class is being offered at the Rolleston Community Centre.

Led by local Selwyn artist Bridget Carr, the sessions aim to encourage memory recall through the process of creating art. All are welcome, with no prior experience necessary. All materials will be provided.

The classes will interest those who are keen to relax, enjoy, share experiences and socialise while stimulating the mind through creative expression.

Sessions will take place at the Rolleston Community Centre on Thursdays from 1.30–2.30pm, beginning 31 August, with the final class on 28 September.

Places are limited – we encourage those interested in attending to register by Wednesday 30 August.

To register, contact Bridget Carr on 347 3577 or 021 248 4315.

ON THE  
ROADS

### On the roads this week

Upgrade work at the intersection of Hoskyns Road and Sandy Knolls Road is continuing. Traffic approaching from Sandy Knolls Road will need to stop for Hoskyns Road traffic. Care is needed when driving through the site.

Construction of a right turn bay is continuing at the intersection of Dynes Road and Springston Rolleston Road, with traffic controls in place at this location. Care is needed when driving through the site.

Flooding repairs are occurring on Zig Zag Road, Leaches Road and Hororata Bridge. Unsealed road maintenance is occurring on Curries Road, Gilmours Road and Tramway Road (Sheffield/ Springfield). Traffic controls will be operating at all sites.

Footpath repairs will be occurring on Coaltrack Road (Coalgate), Hoskyns Road (Rolleston) and in West Melton Reserves. These footpaths will be closed.

Culvert work is occurring on Pig Saddle Road and Malvern Hills Road.

Sewer line installation work is continuing on Hamptons Road, Shands Road and Selwyn Road with the berm tidy up to be completed.



### RATES REMINDER

By now Selwyn ratepayers should have received their rates invoice for the first quarter of the 2017/18 rating year.

This invoice covers the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017. The final date for payment before penalty will be applied is 1 September 2017.

If you have not yet received your invoice, please contact our Rates Department on 347 2776 to discuss, or email us at [rates@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:rates@selwyn.govt.nz).

If you have recently moved into a new home in Selwyn, please phone or email us to update your address and contact details.

If you want to spread the cost of your rates across the year, you can set up a direct debit payment online with our Easypay option. This allows you to pay your rates weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly. Nearly half of all Selwyn ratepayers are already using Easypay.

To set this up you need your property valuation number and bank account number. Your valuation number can be found on your rates invoice, or find it online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/propertysearch](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/propertysearch) using your address. Then visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/rateseasypay](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/rateseasypay) and complete the online form – it takes less than two minutes.



Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

An application for an off license has been received from Dipin Kalra. Objections are open until 6 September. For more information please visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices)

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 23 August

Rakaia Huts 9.30–10am  
Southbridge School  
10.45am–12pm

Thursday 24 August

Lincoln Uni Early Childhood  
Centre 2–2.30pm  
Prebbleton Tavern 3.30–5.30pm

Monday 28 August

Tai Tapu Playcentre 9.30–10am  
Ako Rolleston 10.30–11am  
Rolleston Christian School  
12.15–1.15pm  
Selwyn Kids 1.30–2pm

Rolly Kids 2–2.30pm

Tuesday 29 August

Glenroy Hall 11.40am–12.10pm  
Wind whistle School 1–1.30pm  
Glentunnel School 1.55–2.55pm  
Glentunnel Hall 3–3.30 pm

DOG MICROCHIPPING

Free dog microchipping will take place on Friday 1 September at

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

Please note:

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

If you have any questions

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



ARTS PROJECT FUNDING

Selwyn District Council's Creative Communities Scheme is offering funding for arts projects. Application forms and criteria information are available on the Council website [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz). The closing date for the Creative NZ – Creative Communities Scheme funding applications is Friday 25 August 2017.

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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Malvern Community Board

Mon 28 Aug 5pm, Glenroy Hall  
*Is there an issue affecting your community that you want to bring to your Community Board's attention and find out what we can do to help? See 'Meetings' above for information on our Public Forum.*

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tues 5 Sep 2pm  
Lincoln Event Centre

Audit & Risk Sub-committee

Wed 6 Sep 3pm

The District Plan Review Committee Meeting

23 Aug

*This meeting has been cancelled*

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Castle Hill Community Association

Thurs 7 Sep 5.30pm via Skype

Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 22 Aug 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

Mon 4 Sep 7.30pm  
Darfield Recreation Centre

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 6 Sep 7.30pm  
Osborne Park Pavilion

Glentunnel Township Committee

Mon 28 Aug 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Hall

Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 5 Sep 8pm  
Greendale Pavilion

Leeston Community Committee

Mon 4 Sep 7.30pm, Leeston  
Library Community Room

Leeston Park Committee

Mon 28 Aug 7.30pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

Wed 23 Aug 7pm  
Lincoln Event Centre

Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee

Thurs 31 Aug 7pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Residents Association Inc.

Mon 28 Aug 7.30pm  
AGM – all welcome

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Mon 28 Aug 7pm  
Southbridge Hall

Springfield Township Committee

Tue 5 Sep 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Tawera Memorial Hall Committee

Wed 13 Sep 7.30pm  
*Tawera Hall note week later*

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 5 Sep 7.30pm  
Waihora Bowling Club

MISCELLANEOUS

Christchurch – Little River Rail Trail Trust AGM

Monday 28 Aug 7.30pm  
Prebbleton Cottage, corner  
Blakes and Springs Roads

Selwyn Events

eCollections drop-in – Pressreader

Wed 23 Leeston Library 10.30–11.30am; Fri 25 Rolleston Library 1.30–2.30pm; Mon 28 Lincoln Library 10.30–11.30am; Wed 30 Darfield Library 1–2pm

Did you know you have access to thousands of online newspapers and magazines from all over the world. Come along to learn about Pressreader and what it has to offer. Visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz) for more information.

WED-WED

23-30  
AUGUST

Ma Bell & the Miller Bell Quartet

Nut Point Centre, West Melton, 7.30pm

Scottish born singer songwriter Isabella (Izzy) Miller Bell presents a programme of original composition, jazz blues and soul, opening the Great American songbook to pay tribute to the legendary women singers of the past, accompanied by a superb quartet. Book at [www.nutpoint.org](http://www.nutpoint.org) or phone 342 1033.

SATURDAY

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AUGUST

Have A Go Day

Lincoln Event Centre and Domain, 12–3pm

Have a Go Day showcases a variety of indoor and outdoor sport and recreation activities Lincoln and the wider Selwyn district has to offer. In 2016 this event reached over 1,000 people giving sports, activities and games a go!

 Haveagoday

SUNDAY

27  
AUGUST

Selwyn Video Competition

Lincoln Event Centre, 6pm

Attend the awards ceremony and public viewing of all videos made for the Selwyn Video Competition. Last chance to get your videos in! Make a video that will stimulate those who view it into taking action! Do your bit to encourage people to take care of the environment! The competition is open to all, and people are encouraged use any combination of animation, video or slides. Go to [eventbrite.co.nz](http://eventbrite.co.nz) to submit your video by Friday 25 August.

FRIDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Native planting at the Liffey Domain

Liffey Domain, Lincoln, 10am

Do you want to get involved in improving the ecology of our local reserve? Meet by the playing area on the corner of Liffey Place and North Belt. For information contact Ralph on 027 432 6105.

SUNDAY

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SEPTEMBER

For information on listing a community event visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall)

Are you prepared?

With the recent flooding events now is a good time to think about your emergency preparedness.

Are you signed up to Selwyn Gets Ready?

Selwyn Gets Ready is a purpose built online system where residents can securely record their contact details and any special needs, resources and skills they want to share to help their local community look after each other in an emergency. It allows the Council and Civil Defence to share emergency alerts, such as wind, snow, fire warnings, water quality warnings and other messages with members. They arrive as email and/or text. Currently around 7,000 Selwyn households are signed up.

To sign up visit [selwyn.getsready.net](http://selwyn.getsready.net) and follow the prompts.

Remember, in most emergencies it's best to stay in your own home if it is safe to do so. But that may mean being without power and water or any way to get supplies for three days or more.

Ask yourself: Do you have enough food? What about family members who need medication? Do you have enough food for pets to get through too? And remember three key points:

- Light up – Your emergency supplies don't have to be in a kit, but you might have to find them in the dark. Make sure everyone knows where the torches and batteries are.
- Fridge first – If the power goes out, eat the food from your fridge first, then your freezer, before you eat the food in the cupboard or your emergency kit.
- Know your neighbours – Get to know your neighbours. In an emergency they may need your help or you may need their help, and you may be able to band together to get through.

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

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