



# April School Holiday Fun

Selwyn District Libraries have lots of fun activities coming up for kids to keep them entertained during the April School holidays. The school holiday activity programme runs from 18- 27 April and has a range of activities for children. Activities include:

- *Create with Craft – Autumn Leaves* – make beautiful art work with autumn leaves. Sessions run from 10.30-11.30am at Leeston on Wednesday 19 April and Darfield on Friday 21 April, and are suitable for children aged 5-14 years. Free.
- *Create with Craft – Arm Knitting* – learn a super-fast knitting technique and create your own scarf in less than 90 minutes. Sessions run from 10-11.30am: at Rolleston on Tuesday 18 April and Lincoln on Thursday 20 April, and are suitable for children aged 10-16 years. Materials supplied, no experience required. Free.
- *Create with Lego®* – build a vehicle that can move a small load over a short distance. Discover how different shapes and weights can affect your vehicle design. Sessions run from 10.30-11.30am: at Springfield Tawera Hall on Tuesday 18 April and Tai Tapu Library on Monday 24 April, and are suitable for children aged 5-10 years. Free.
- *Science Alive: Crazy Contraptions* – discover how simple machines can use different types of energy and forces to help them move and work. Children will use Lego® to build levers, gears and pulleys to design their own wheeled crazy contraption. Sessions are on Wednesday 26 April: from 10-11.30am at Darfield Library and from 1.30-3pm at Rolleston Community Centre, and on Thursday 27 April: from 10-11.30am at Leeston Library and from 1.30-3pm at Lincoln Library. Suitable for children aged 8-16. Cost \$7.

Booking is required for all school holiday sessions – please visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz) to book.

## New hockey turf at Foster Park

A new hockey turf will be officially opened this week at Foster Park in Rolleston. The turf will provide a half sized hockey field with lighting allowing it to be used day and night. It is large enough to host junior competitions and practice and also senior training. Senior hockey matches will be played in Christchurch. Two new hockey turfs are planned at Ngā Puna Wai sports facility in Halswell.

The new field at Foster Park has enabled a new sports club to form for the eastern Selwyn area called Waikirikiri Sports Club. The club will use the turf, and Rolleston College may also use the field in the future.

The official opening of the hockey field will take place on Wednesday 29 March from 4-6pm. Hockey club members will be playing on the fields from 4-5.15pm, with an exhibition match at 5.15 and the official opening at 5.45pm. Everyone is welcome to join this event and see the new field. If you're interested in joining Waikirikiri Sports Club please visit [www.waikirikisport.club](http://www.waikirikisport.club).

## Clean up your back yard!

Two Garden and Scrap Metal Drop-Off Days are coming up in April in Malvern and Ellesmere. The days are on:

- **Saturday 22 April**, 10am-4pm, at Cemetery Pit (Southbridge Leeston Road), and
- **Saturday 29 April**, 10am-4pm, at Hawkins Pit (Entry off Cullens Road, east of Bangor Road).

This is a good chance to clean up your backyard and garden and drop off garden waste and scrap metal to a local collection point.

Garden prunings, tree trimmings, weeds, metals, bicycles, tins, pots, pans, BBQs, small appliances and whiteware will be accepted. Please separate garden waste from metals or other items. General rubbish, flax, cabbage tree leaves, trees or branches over 10cm in diameter, gas bottles, items containing oil or fuel, TVs or tyres won't be accepted. Only household amounts of waste will be accepted (not commercial volumes).

Dropping off scrap metal is free. Garden waste costs \$5 per car, \$10 per ute or single axle trailer, or \$15 for a double axle trailer. Proceeds from the days will be donated to the Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust, and the Malvern Lions Club.



## Either way its 20k around school buses

As a rural district with a young population, school buses are common around Selwyn. School buses take children to schools in both rural areas and townships, with many children also travelling to Christchurch for school.

If you're on the road in the morning or after school, its important to watch out for school buses and also slow down near children waiting for buses or travelling to and from school.

Legally, motorists are required to slow down to 20km per hour on both sides of the road if a bus has a school bus sign and has stopped on the roadside.

Selwyn School Road Safety Coordinator Stephanie Hautler and Constable Rick Groen, School Community Officer, visited Greendale School recently to talk to the school students about bus safety and provide training for older students about bus monitor duties.



## On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned on Minchins and Leaches Roads, with stop/ go traffic controls operating.

Road resurfacing is planned on Telegraph Road (between Courtenay and Bealey Roads and Ross and Cardale Streets), with stop/go traffic controls operating. Rehabilitation work (granular overlay) is being done on Bealey Road (between Warrens and Essendon Roads) with traffic controls operating. Four crossing points for pedestrians are being installed on Brookside Road.

A sewer line to connect Prebbleton to Rolleston is being installed on sections of Hamptons, Shands and Selwyn Road to the intersection of Springton Rolleston Road. There may be a reduction down to one lane on these roads with traffic signals at the work site.

**Road/Rail closures**

Curraghs Road Rail crossing will be closed from Friday 31 March to Wednesday 5 April to allow KiwiRail to complete a crossing upgrade. The road will be closed between Main South Road (SH1) and Jones Road with detours in place.

Stoneleigh Drive is closed until mid-April. A new roundabout is being installed at the intersection of Hoskyns Road and Stoneleigh Drive. The closure is a safety measure to reduce traffic build up on Hoskyns Road. Hoskyns Road will remain open with traffic controls operating.

## Connect your community with a local event

Funding is available to host street or community events to help people in your community get to know each other.

The Christchurch Methodist Mission has Red Cross grants available for communities in Christchurch, Selwyn, Waimakariri, Hurunui and Kaikoura to host community gatherings. Funding ranges from \$300 to \$1,000 depending on whether the event is a street event or something to involve a whole village or community. To be eligible for funding events need to promote community connectedness, be inclusive of everyone who wants to be involved and be free. Funding is being allocated in several rounds – with 2017 closing dates of 31 March, 1 May and 1 September.

For more information about the grants please see 'Community Connections Grants' on Facebook or email [tineke@mmsi.org.nz](mailto:tineke@mmsi.org.nz).

The Council recently allocated small grants to support around a dozen local communities to host their own 'Meet Your Street' events and has also been visiting 20 neighbourhoods across Selwyn over summer as part of the 'Meet Your Street' project to encourage people to get to know their neighbours.



Notices

TEMPORARY LIBRARY CLOSURE

On **Wednesday 29 March**, Selwyn District Libraries and service centres will be closed so library staff can attend professional development training.

While the closure occurs, people can still visit the library website ([www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz)) to access a range of online services. Items can also be returned through the after-hours returns boxes outside libraries. Our Rolleston Headquarters will still be open to provide Council services or you can phone us on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

LEESTON RURAL AND L2 LAND DRAINAGE MEETINGS

A triennial election meeting of the Leeston Rural Land Drainage District Advisory Committee will be held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 13 April** at Osbourne Park Hall.

A triennial election meeting of the L2 Drainage Committee will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 11 April** at Lincoln Event Centre. Contact Barry on 325 2580 for any queries. Residents of both schemes who are interested in becoming involved in the committees are invited to attend.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – GULLIVERS & MCLACHLANS ROADS AND HIGH STREET

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 and 6pm on **Sunday 2 April** for the ‘Taumutu Shingle Sprint.’ High Street (Leeston) from Gallipoli Street to Leeston and Lake Road will be closed between 7am and 5pm on **Saturday 8 April** for the Leeston Fete.

During the road closures, traffic is requested to detour along the nearest alternative route. Any queries can be directed to Joanne on 347 2887.

SISTER CITY MEETING

Selwyn District has Sister Cities cultural and friendship relationships and exchange visits with our Sister Cities in Japan, China, Coventry in Rhode Island USA, and Toraja, Indonesia. A Selwyn District Sister Cities Committee meeting is being held on **Tuesday 4 April** at 6pm at the Council’s Rolleston Headquarters. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Bernadette Ryan 3472 830 or [bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz) for catering purposes.

WHITECLIFFS TOWNSHIP & DOMAIN COMMITTEE

There is a currently a casual vacancy to join the committee. Interested residents can contact the Chairperson Jodie Thompson on 03 551 0121.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

**Wednesday 5 April**  
Rakaia Huts 9.30-10am  
Southbridge School 10.45am-12pm

**Thursday 6 April**  
Prebbleton Tavern 3.30-5.30pm

**Monday 10 April**  
Ako Rolleston 10.30-11am  
Rolleston Christian School 12.15-1.15pm  
Selwyn Kids 1.30-2pm  
Rolly Kids 2-2.30pm

**Tuesday 11 April**  
Glenroy Hall 11.40am-12.10pm  
Windwhistle School 1-1.30pm  
Glentunnel School 1.55-2.55pm  
Glentunnel Hall 3-3.30 pm

DOG MICROCHIPPING

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires them to be microchipped. This free monthly service is available on **Friday 7 April** 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.

For queries please contact Tracey on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

SUMMER POOLS CLOSED – DARFIELD, SOUTHBRIDGE & LEESTON

Darfield, Southbridge and Leeston Learner’s Pools are now closed for the season, with cooler weather approaching. If you have a key to Leeston Learner’s Pool please return this soon to Leeston Library and Service Centre. The Leeston Learner’s Pool Committee would like to thank users for keeping the pool in good condition over summer.

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

*Unless stated meetings are at Rolleston Council Building.*

**Audit & Risk Subcommittee**  
Wed 5 April 3pm

**Council Meeting**  
Wed 12 Apr 1pm  
Lincoln Event Centre

**Springs Ellesmere Discretionary Fund Committee Meeting**  
Wed 12 Apr  
*After Council Meeting*

**Selwyn Central Discretionary Fund Committee Meeting**  
Wed 12 Apr  
*After Council Meeting*

**Citizenship Ceremony**  
Wed 12 April 6.30pm  
Lincoln Event Centre

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

**Coalgate Township Committee**  
Tue 28 Mar 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

**Doyleston Community Committee**  
Wed 12 Apr 7.30pm  
Osborne Park Pavilion

**Dunsandel Community Committee**  
Mon 3 Apr 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Bowling Club  
*Note change of venue*

**Hororata Citizens Committee**  
Tue 28 Mar 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

**Hororata Reserve Management Committee**  
Wed 5 Apr 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

**Killinchy Community Centre Committee**  
Mon 10 Apr 7.30pm  
Killinchy Community Centre

**Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee**  
Mon 10 Apr 7.30pm  
Kirwee Reserve Sports Pavilion

**Kirwee Township Committee**  
Mon 10 Apr 7.30pm  
Kirwee Community Hall

**Lake Coleridge Community Committee**  
Fri 31 Mar 7.30pm  
Lake Coleridge Hall

**Leeston Community Committee**  
Mon 3 Apr 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room

**Lincoln Community Committee**  
Mon 10 Apr 7pm  
Lincoln Event Centre

**Little Rakaia Huts Community Committee**  
Mon 10 Apr 7.30pm, Little Rakaia Huts Community Centre

**Prebbleton Community Cottage Committee**  
Tue 11 Apr 7.30pm  
Prebbleton Community Cottage

**Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.**  
Mon 10 Apr 7.30pm  
Prebbleton Hall Supper Room

**Springfield Township Committee**  
Tue 4 Apr 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

**Springston Hall Committee**  
Thurs 6 Apr 7.30pm  
Springston Hall

**Tai Tapu Community Association Inc.**  
Wed 5 Apr 7.30pm  
Tai Tapu Library

**Waihora Park Reserve Committee**  
Tue 4 Apr 7.30pm  
Waihora Bowling Club

**Weedons Reserve Committee**  
Mon 10 Apr 7.30pm  
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

**West Melton Residents Association**  
Wed 12 Apr 7.30pm  
West Melton Community Hall

**Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee**  
Mon 10 Apr 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Hall

Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

29 MARCH

**Summer Skate Jam**  
Lincoln Event Centre, 4-6pm  
With free gear hire & coaching from experienced skaters, prizes & competitions. Fun for all ages & abilities

THURSDAY

30 MARCH

**Summer Skate Jam**  
Rolleston Skate Park, 4-6pm  
With free gear hire & coaching from experienced skaters, prizes & competitions. Fun for all ages & abilities

FRIDAY

31 MARCH

**Quiz Night**  
Rolleston School Hall, 7.30pm  
A fun adult night out fundraising for the school. Coin toss, prizes, cash bar & supper included. \$60 per team of up to 6. Doors open 7pm. Contact 027 447 2719 or [sarahy@propertybrokers.co.nz](mailto:sarahy@propertybrokers.co.nz) for tickets, [www.rollestonschoolpta.co.nz](http://www.rollestonschoolpta.co.nz)

SUNDAY

2 APRIL

**West Melton Country Fete**  
West Melton School, 11am  
Autumn fete with preserves, baking, produce & more. Gold coin donation per family. Fundraising for new play areas & seating at the school

MONDAY

3 APRIL

**Lincoln Envirotown Meeting**  
Lincoln Event Centre, 7pm  
All welcome.

TUESDAY

4 APRIL

**Community Energy Action Talk**  
Leeston Library Community Room 10.30am  
A free talk by the Community Energy Action team about easy, affordable ways to make your home warmer, dryer & healthier. Booking not required

WEDNESDAY

5 APRIL

**Summer Skate Jam**  
West Melton School, 4-6pm  
With free gear hire & coaching from experienced skaters, prizes & competitions. Fun for all ages & abilities

WED-WED

5-12 APRIL

**Easter Storytimes**  
Selwyn District Libraries  
Celebrating Easter with stories, songs & fun! Sessions aimed at 2-7 year olds but all welcome. Sessions are at 6-7pm at: Darfield on 5 April, Lincoln on 6 April, Rolleston on 10 April & Leeston on 12 April. Free but booking required, see [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz)

FRI-SAT

7-8 APRIL

**Lincoln Bioblitz**  
Liffey Domain, 3.15pm  
A 24 hour event from 3.15pm on 7 April where scientists & the public find different species in the Domain. Fun, free & educational! Register at [lincolnbioblitz.eventbrite.co.nz](http://lincolnbioblitz.eventbrite.co.nz)

SUNDAY

9 APRIL

**Leeston Music on the Green**  
Anderson Square 2.30-5pm  
Pack a picnic & bring your friends & family to be entertained by outstanding local musicians. Free