



Diversity across Selwyn district is continuing to grow

Surinder Tandon (right) and Manish Pandey from the Christchurch Multicultural Council present Mayor Sam Broughton with a certificate of appreciation.

Over the past 12 months 372 new citizens have been welcomed at 12 citizenship ceremonies. The new Selwyn residents, come from 40 different countries across the world.

Over that period the four country's providing the most new arrivals were Britain with 136, South Africa with 45, the Philippines with 33 and India with 25.

While Selwyn district has also welcome news residents from Iraq, Tanzania, Afghanistan, Kenya and Nepal, as well as a range of countries around the world.

Mayor Sam Broughton says it's positive to see the district become home to a wide range of nationalities.

"As a growing district it's fantastic to see people from all over the world wanting to make Selwyn a permanent home.

"Our growing diversity continues to enhance our district, and the vibrancy it has."

Data from the 2013 Census had Selwyn showing significant growth in terms of diversity. It reviewed where people had come from prior to moving to Selwyn.

The data showed new residents had moved from the likes of South Africa, Fiji, India, the Netherlands, China and a range of other countries.

Mayor Sam Broughton is looking forward to the upcoming Census to get a firm idea on how Selwyn is growing, and who is living here.

"With our rapid change over the last five years, the Census will give us a strong idea about the true identity of our district.

"We rely on interim data from Statistics New Zealand, but the true data from the census will help us in key decision making."

Selwyn is part of a two year Welcoming Communities pilot programme involving eight other councils in five regions across New Zealand. It aims to mobilise and involve local residents in welcoming activities.

Previous settlement initiatives have focused primarily on supporting newcomers, the new approach creates bridges between members of the receiving community and newcomers.

One part of the programme is for each council and community to produce a Welcoming Plan that outlines what action is needed to meet the Welcoming Communities Standard, a benchmark for what a successful welcoming community looks like. The Selwyn Welcoming Plan, to be launched in August, should be read alongside the 2015 Newcomer and Migrants Strategy.

The work the Selwyn District Council has already done has been recognised by the Christchurch Multicultural Council, who thanked the Council for initiatives like the CultureFest, and other activities which work to welcome newcomers and migrants.

Council helping to warm homes across the region

Selwyn District Council is working with a local community group to help it supply firewood to those in need around the district, and the Greater Canterbury Region.

The Council leases part of a gravel pit at Broadfield near Prebbleton to the Firewood Mission, which uses the space to split and cut the wood to prepare it for delivery for those in need.

The Firewood Mission, which was set up 17 years ago by Al Fone, delivers firewood to those who can't afford it, to help keep their households warm over winter.

The Council's Acquisitions Disposals and Leasing Manager, Rob Allen, says a resource consent allows the charity to use part of the pit to prepare the wood.

He said it is fantastic for the Council to give back to a charitable organisation working to help those in need.

Last year the Firewood Mission delivered 333 cubic metres of wood to 111 households. Each household receives three cubic metres.

Firewood Mission team leader Al Fone says his team of around 30 volunteers has worked tirelessly felling, splitting, sorting and delivering wood.

He said they are grateful for the help they receive from the likes of the Selwyn District Council and without it the work they do wouldn't be possible.

Fone said they often encounter heart break stories, and was recently told of one woman who was heating her house with the oven, as prior to delivery of the wood it was the only source of heating in her home.

Once a year the Firewood Mission comes into Council to pay its 'peppercorn' rent for the pit usage.

Winter Family Storytime

Selwyn District Libraries will be hosting a special interactive evening Storytime during August. We will be sharing some fabulous interactive stories plus there will be a treasure hunt. Come along in your cosiest PJs and join in the fun. Sessions are aimed at two to seven-year-olds, but all are welcome.

Bookings are essential – book online at www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

- Darfield Tuesday 7 August, 6–7pm
- Leeston Tuesday 14 August, 6–7pm
- Rolleston Monday 20 August, 6–7pm
- Lincoln Thursday 30 August, 6–7pm



On the roads this week

Unsealed road maintenance metalling is continuing on Knyvetts Road and South Two Chain Road.

Footpath repair work is being undertaken in both West Melton and Darfield, there will be footpath closures in both townships.

Work to earthquake strengthen the Rakaia Gorge No1 Bridge on SH77 is now well underway with daytime delays and night time closures. Refer to the NZTA website for more information.

As part of the Christchurch Southern Motorway (CSM2) project, Weedons Ross Road has been closed, as of last week.

This is a part of a phased switch of traffic onto parts of the new State Highway 1 northbound lane, between Rolleston and Robinsons Road.

North-bound access from State Highway 1 to Weedons Ross Road will be moved to the new off-ramp, which is approximately 400m south of the current Weedons Ross Road/Main South Road intersection.

When the remaining part of the roundabout is completed, access northbound to State Highway 1 from Weedons Ross Road will be via the new on-ramp of the interchange.



Notices

SELWYN HERITAGE FUND OPEN

Are you preserving an old building, tree or other structure that has historical or cultural importance?

Our Heritage Fund might be able to help. You can apply for a grant to help with heritage protection, maintenance or restoration costs. For information and an application form visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/heritagefund, contact the duty planner on 347 2868 or email heritagefund@selwyn.govt.nz.

Applications are open until Friday 17 August 2018.

MICROCHIPPING CLINIC

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped. This free monthly service is available at the following places. The microchipping will be held on Friday 13 July at

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

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

DOG REGISTRATION

Registration letters would have arrived or be arriving shortly. All dogs older than three months must be registered under the Dog Control Act 1996. Fines can be enforced for unregistered dogs. The 2018/19 fees were due on 1 July, and may be paid throughout the month. If paid by Tuesday 31 July 2018, a discounted fee is available. For further information visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/dogs. If you have changed your email address or postal address recently, please email animalcontrol@selwyn.govt.nz.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 11 July
Rakaia Huts 9.10–9.30am

Thursday 12 July
St John of God, Rolleston 1–1.30pm
Prebbleton Township/Tavern 3.30–5.30pm

Monday 16 July
Upper Selwyn Huts 10–10.45am
Lincoln Childcare and Preschool 11–11.30am

Prebbleton Child Care 1.15–1.45pm

Tuesday 17 July
Dunsandel Childcare 12.20–12.40pm
Paradise for Little Angels 1.30–2pm

Wednesday 18 July
Arthur's Pass 11.30–12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40–2.15pm
Springfield 3–3.30pm

ROLLESTON DOG PARK

The Selwyn Dog Training Club will use the Rolleston Dog Park for an obedience competition over the weekend of 14 and 15 July, from around 7.00am to 4.00pm. The park will be closed for off-lead dog exercise during these times. The club is happy for people to come and watch the competition, but spectators with dogs are asked to keep them on a lead and well away from the competition area.

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

Malvern Community Board
Mon 23 July 4.30pm
Darfield Library/Service Centre

District Plan Review Committee
Wed 25 July 9am

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 24 July 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Township Committee
Thur 19 July 7.30pm
Darfield Library

Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 16 July 7.30pm
Dunsandel Hall

Glenroy Community Hall Committee
Tue 17 July 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee

Tue 17 July 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Hororata Citizens Committee
Tue 24 July 7.30pm
Hororata Hall

Kirwee Township Committee
Mon 16 July 7.30pm
Kirwee Hall

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee
Mon 16 July 7.30pm, Community Cottage, Blakes Road

Rolleston Reserve Management

Committee

Mon 16 July 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre Lounge

Rolleston Residents Association
Mon 22 July 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Springston Community Committee

Mon 16 July 7.30pm
Springston Community Hall

Springston Reserve Committee
Wed 18 July 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

West Melton Reserve Board Committee

Mon 16 July 7.30pm
West Melton Rugby Club

Vintage Village Trust and Abbeyfield Ellesmere LTD – AGM

Thur 9 Aug 7pm, Community room, Leeston Library

Nominations for trustees are being called for. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary: Helen R Crowhen, 7 Leeston/Dunsandel Road Leeston 7632 or email: helenrcrowhen@gmail.com

Selwyn Events

SAT–SAT

7–21
JULY

KidsFest

Multiple events, programmes and activities in Selwyn. Check out the website to see what events are still open to bookings. For more information check out www.kidsfest.co.nz

SUNDAY

22
JULY

Selwyn's Environment – What is our Future?

Lincoln Bowling Club, 1pm

Lincoln Envirotown are holding this event to help generate and discuss ideas on how the community can create a sustainable future for the district. Everybody is invited to attend and tell Lincoln Envirotown what you love about the area, and what you think those living in the district need to do as individuals and as a community to preserve values for future generations. For more information you can email the team at lincolnenvirotown@gmail.com

SATURDAY

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AUGUST

Lincoln Farmers and Craft Market

The Green, beside the Library, Gerald Street – Lincoln, 9.30am–12.30pm

Lose yourself in a book at Lincoln's annual second hand book sale. There will also be quality locally grown vegetables/fruit, plants, flowers, cheeses, wine, confectionery, preserves, baking or find handcrafted gifts. Donate books by bringing them to the market on the day. Proceeds will go to local school libraries. For more information contact lincolnmarket.nz@gmail.com

SATURDAY

4
AUGUST

Selwyn Awards

Lincoln Event Centre, 7pm

Celebrate the outstanding achievements of all the nominees in the 2018 Selwyn Awards at the gala dinner event. The awards are held every two years, rewarding the hard work and achievement of individuals and organisations. You can visit www.selwynawards.co.nz for more information, including how to buy tickets.

MONDAY

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AUGUST

The sustainable house of the future comes to Lincoln

Lincoln Event Centre, 7pm

Dennis Chapman explains the features of his new Lincoln houses. Come along and get involved in making Selwyn a more sustainable community to live in. All welcome. This will be followed by the Lincoln Envirotown meetings. For more information checkout www.letmeetingaugust.eventbrite.co.nz

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

KidsFest CORNER



With another KidsFest underway here's a re-cap of some of the action we have seen happen over the last couple of years.

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19 Messines Street, Leeston
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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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