



Festival takes residents on a trip around the world

CultureFest 2018 is coming – and residents are being invited to join Selwyn District Council and the Christchurch Multi Cultural Council to celebrate Selwyn’s growing diversity.

The event is now in its third year and is growing steadily, with groups from all around the world showcasing their culture through art, performance, sport and food.

CultureFest takes place on Sunday, 30 September, at the Lincoln Domain (Lincoln Event Centre if wet), from 11am to 4pm.

Council Senior Events and Recreation Advisor Dave Tippet says CultureFest is one of the key actions that the Council and partners are undertaking as part of the recently launched 2018 Welcoming Plan.

“The Welcoming Plan provides a focus for how we can include newcomers in community life in Selwyn,” he says. “We recognise our district’s growing diversity and celebrate this with CultureFest.

“It’s also a great way to learn more about the people in your neighbourhood. We encourage everyone to come down and attend this free event.”

Visitors can sit back, relax and enjoy over 20 different stage performances by groups from China, Latin America, Russia, Poland, Iran and many more on the main stage.

Try some new cuisine and take in the tastes and smells of over 15 different culinary delights including Indian, Spanish, Bulgarian, Nigerian, Malaysian, Moroccan, Jordanian, Iranian, Russian, Ukrainian and more.

For the first time ever, there will be an Indian professional sport being demonstrated – Kabaddi. If you haven’t seen or heard of it before, it can be best described as cross between rugby and tag, but without a ball.

You can also experience arts, crafts, as well as activities you can participate in. There is something for the whole family to experience including bouncy castles, Pedalmania, music, games, henna tattoos and much more.

CultureFest is presented by Selwyn District Council, in partnership with the Christchurch Multi Cultural Council.

New signage at Foster Park

The Council has almost completed the installation of wayfinding signage at Foster Park.

Council Land Development Project Manager Phillip Millar says the signage will make finding sports grounds and facilities much easier for not only new visitors to the park, but for regular users who find themselves in an area of the park which they’re not familiar with.

“Foster Park has 27 fields, a hockey turf, a playground as well as a softball/baseball diamond which covers an area of about 30 hectares. Visitors and users of the park are regularly asking for direction to a certain field or facility – these wayfinders are a user-friendly tool for people to refer to and to get to their destination with no fuss,” he says.



Building WOF amnesty begins

The Council has begun a 12-month building warrant of fitness amnesty, encouraging commercial building owners to review their compliance schedules before their building’s annual warrant of fitness is due.

Under the Building Act 2004, owners of commercial, industrial, retail and community buildings have a responsibility to ensure their building is safe for people to enter, occupy or work in. This means all systems must have regular checks to ensure they operate properly for the life of the building.

Council Building Manager Vanessa Mitchell says the amnesty is an opportunity for building owners to declare new or altered systems – such as fire alarms, smoke detectors or automatic doors and windows – so that the Council can work with them to add the systems to their compliance schedules.

“We’ve had significant growth in the commercial sector in the district and the Council has reached a point where regular audits will be carried out to ensure the existing building stock is being maintained,” Mrs Mitchell says.

“The amnesty is part of our customer-focused approach to actively engage with local building owners and build strong working relationships. We want to make it easier for them to keep their compliance schedules up to date, and with minimal stress.”

An annual building warrant of fitness confirms the owner has met all inspection, maintenance and reporting requirements of the compliance schedule issued by the Council.

Building owners will receive a letter from the Council about two months before their building warrant of fitness is due, to advise them of the amnesty period and actions to take.

For more information on building owners’ responsibilities visit: www.selwyn.govt.nz/b-wof.

Hoops to be replaced in safety upgrades

Some local communities may have noticed changes at playgrounds recently, as the Council has been reviewing the safety of play equipment around the district.

The Council wants to provide safe and enjoyable facilities throughout the district, and we’re working to ensure that sport and recreation facilities and play equipment are safe, meet relevant standards and work effectively.

As part of this review we’ve engaged an engineer to check the safety of basketball hoops in playgrounds. This is partly in response to an incident in Auckland earlier this year, where a young man was seriously injured after the hoop he slam-dunked failed, and fell on him.

We have now checked around 16 hoops, and found that nine failed to meet the British Standard that we use as a safety guide. In most cases we have been able to repair or upgrade these hoops, but those at Lake Coleridge, Castle Hill and Selwyn Huts are unable to be bought up to an acceptable standard.

Reserves Operations Manager Jonathan Crawford says the safety of users is hugely important for the Council, and the community would expect equipment to be safe for everyone using it.

“After looking into accidents both here and overseas, we felt it would be best to take down the hoops that posed a potential risks to users, while we assess the best options for replacement,” he says.

“These three hoops were more akin to what you’d typically see in a residential backyard, and not suitable for community use. In a residential setting a parent can keep a watchful eye over backyard activities, but we don’t have that ability – so we need to make sure the play equipment on all our reserves meets a high safety standard.”

The equipment will be replaced, and the Council is now talking to local communities to make sure any replacement equipment is the best fit for their residents’ needs – whether that’s another basketball hoop or other equipment that’s suitable for the community.

Selwyn residents have access to nearly 100 Council-provided playgrounds across the district – part of our network of over 330 reserves, covering 93 hectares, and giving everyone the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy a wide variety of recreation activities.



Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2800 or 318 8338

Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

Darfield Library & Service Centre
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

The District Plan Review consultation period is open for another four weeks, and there are plenty of opportunities to learn about potential changes to property rules in our district.

- Thursday 13 September 2018, 3-6pm – Prebbleton Rugby Club
- Monday 17 September 2018, 3-6pm – Rolleston Community Centre (Lounge Room)
- Sunday 30 September 2018, 11am-4pm – CultureFest at Lincoln Event Centre

For more information please head to www.selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Darfield Bowling Club Incorporated has applied to renew its club licence. Objections are open until 21 September.

For more information you can head to www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

SENIOR CHEF COURSE

A free eight-week course is to be held at the Lincoln Event Centre, helping over 60s with cooking. The course is provided by Pegasus Health for those living alone, or with one other person, who want to improve their cooking skills, confidence, or motivation around cooking. Attendees will learn about nutrition, meal planning, budgeting and more. Everything is provided, including the ingredients and recipe book. It will be held every Thursday from 18 October until 6 December, from 10am-1pm. To join Senior Chef call 03 374 1639 or visit seniorchef.co.nz

PROJECT AF8

Are you and your family prepared for an Alpine Fault

earthquake?

The Council's Emergency Management Team has been hosting an Alpine Fault Roadshow throughout the year. This includes a Project Alpine Fault Magnitude 8 (Project AF8) video, which shows the likely consequences of a magnitude 8 earthquake along the South Island's Alpine Fault.

Next screenings:

Lincoln Event Centre on Thursday 20 September, 7-9pm

For more information on the Council's Alpine Fault planning visit: www.selwyn.govt.nz/civildefence.

If you would like a screening in your area, contact the Council on 347 2800.

2018/19 RATES – INSTALMENT ONE

By now you should have received your rates invoice for the first quarter of the 2018/19 rating year.

This invoice covers the period from 1 July to 30 September, and must be paid by 15 September 2018.

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.

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

DOG MICROCHIPPING

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.

- Friday 14 September
- Leeston 9am-9.30

- Darfield 10.15-10.45am
- Rolleston 11.30am-12pm
- Lincoln 12.45-1.15pm
- All clinics last for only half an hour.
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).
- Microchipping will not take place if it is raining.
- If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 12 September
Arthur's Pass 11.30am-12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40-2.15pm
Springfield 3-3.30pm

Thursday 13 September
Giggles and Scribbles Early Learning Centre 10.15-10.45am
Prebbleton Playcentre* 11-11.30am
Council Headquarters 12.45-1.15pm
Bright Beginnings Montessori Preschool 1.30-2pm

Monday 17 September
Dunsandel Playcentre 10-10.30am
Burnham Montessori 11-11.30am
Darfield Playcentre 12-12.30pm
Darfield Primary School 1-1.30pm

Tuesday 18 September
Kirwee 10-10.45am
Kirwee School 10.45-11.30am
Preston Downs, Cnr Prestons/Weedons Ross Rd 12.15-12.45pm
West Melton School 12.45-1.30pm
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm
The Cat's Pyjamas Preschool & Nursery (West Melton) 1.50-2.20pm

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.

Audit and Risk Subcommittee
Wed 12 Sept 10.15am

Council Meeting
Wed 12 Sept 1pm

Malvern Community Board
Mon 24 Sept 4.30pm
Darfield Library/Service Centre

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate Township Committee
Tues 25 Sept 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Township Committee
Thur 20 Sept 7.30pm
Darfield Library

Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 17 Sept 7.30pm
Dunsandel Hall

Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust AGM
Thur 20 September 7.30pm
Leeston Library/Service Centre

Glenroy Community Hall Committee
Tues 18 Sept 7.30pm
Glenroy Hall

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee
Tues 18 Sept 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Glentunnel Township Committee
Mon 24 Sept 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Hororata Citizens Committee
Tues 25 Sept 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Kirwee Township Committee
Mon 17 Sept 7.30pm, Kirwee Hall

Leeston Park Committee
Mon 24 Sept 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee
Mon 17 Sept 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre Lounge

Rolleston Residents Assn
Mon 24 Sept 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Springston Reserve Committee
Wed 19 Sept 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

West Melton Reserve Board Committee
Mon 17 Sept 7.30pm
West Melton Rugby Club



On the roads this week

Stabilised seal repairs, patch sealing and rutting work is taking place on Te Pirita Road. Rutting work will also be undertaken on Coal Track Road.

Maintenance metalling will continue on Ardlui Road.

Bridge repairs are taking place on Mt White Road.

Maintenance grading is being undertaken at Hororata, Bankside and Greendale.

Selwyn Events

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Lincoln Farmers' and Craft Market 'Suffrage 125'

22 Gerald Street, 9.30am

Come and celebrate 'Suffrage 125' at the Lincoln Farmers' and Craft Market. Experience a piece of local history during the morning at this Victorian themed market. Lots of great stalls including fresh produce and handmade crafts. For more information contact 027 437 9955.

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Rolleston Board Games Club

Rolleston Library, 1.30-3pm on Saturdays

Love board games? Join the Board Games Club at Rolleston Library to play a variety of exciting games. Suitable for those new to board games, as well as regular players. Recommended for intermediate and high school aged children aged 11-18. Drop in - no booking required. Ask at Rolleston Library for details. www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Creative Cards

Lincoln Library, 10am

Start the spring season with a fun and creative card-making workshop. Learn tricks and techniques to put your ideas into action and be inspired by the ideas of others around you. Create a card for special occasions; Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthday, Friendship, Thank You or Christmas. Cost \$10 all supplies included. Bookings essential: www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

TUE-MON

2-15
OCTOBER

Breeze Walking Festival

Spring has arrived and what better way to enjoy it than walking our beautiful Selwyn trails during the Breeze Walking Festival. Discover and enjoy five fantastic walks throughout Selwyn - from hill hikes to strolls, exploring wildlife or a historical tour through Glentunnel. The five sensational walks include: Harts Creek Sneak, Rakaia Gorge Experience, Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill Treasures, Hogs Back Hike and Historic Glentunnel. To register for these walks go to www.walkingfestival.co.nz. All walks are free.

FRI-FRI

5-12
OCTOBER

BOOST 2018

The Selwyn Youth Council with support from the Selwyn Council, are excited to be offering a new youth event aimed at young people aged 13-18 in Selwyn. BOOST is taking place during the October school holidays and will feature a range of events, activities and workshops that aim to entertain, empower and develop Selwyn's youth.

It will include activities such as 3X3 basketball, parkour, graffiti workshops, yoga, a youth market, hip hop dancing, a horror walk and much more.

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

Leeston Library & Service Centre
19 Messines Street, Leeston
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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2876

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