



Merry Christmas from Mayor Sam

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.

This Christmas Liz's family are joining us in Darfield for a few nights which will be nice. I'm also looking forward to the Boxing Day cricket test, swimming in the Waimakariri and spending time with Liz and Elliott.

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.

I trust whatever your plans are, that you travel safely, that you find peace in the mayhem, and have a wonderful feed.

Merry Christmas.
Sam Broughton, Mayor

Holiday hours at Council facilities

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 customer line (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.

This is the last edition of Council Call for 2018, and we will back in 2019 on 22 January.

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 Peter Daly says drivers can make mistakes, so it's best to be conservative out on the roads. Not everyone is an expert, so it pays to use less speed, as long as you are not holding people up.

"Drivers should allow enough time to get to their destination, drive with patience and avoid taking unnecessary risks," he says.

Holiday driving means sharing the road with a number of other cars, and often spending several hours behind the wheel. Be courteous of other road users and stay alert, particularly around pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.

For more road safety tips visit selwyn.govt.nz. Drive safe these holidays!

Local art students transform Darfield Pool

Year 10 art students at Darfield High School, supported by their teacher Ms Carey, have created this colourful mural for the Darfield Pool. Titled 'My Selwyn Life', this acrylic on ply mural was installed last week, after students spent the last term working on it. Council staff were incredibly proud to see the work come together and the impact it had made on the space, and grateful for the contribution the students had made to their community.



Don't be fooled by the wet weather – prepare for the fire season now

With summer approaching, Selwyn residents can expect hot, dry days and an increasing risk of fire in the months ahead.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand is urging residents to be aware of fire dangers, in spite of recent rain, as conditions can change rapidly during hotter conditions.

Fire and Emergency Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officer Al Hutt says it's very likely there will be fires in the district over the summer period, as we've experienced in previous years.

"Now is the perfect time to start preparing for the coming fire season. There are some really simple things you can do now to reduce the risk of fire at your property," Mr Hutt says.

"When you're working on your property or in the garden, keep machinery well maintained to reduce potential sparks, and mow lawns in cooler conditions.

"You should also assess the risk of fire to your property and get rid of any shrubs, long grass or trees near your home which could burn easily. Having an escape plan for your family and pets is also vital," he says.

To find out how to reduce the risk of fire at your place, visit www.fireandemergency.nz. For information on permits and fire rules, go to Fire and Emergency's Check It's Alright website at www.checkitsalright.nz.

The Council is supporting Fire and Emergency to provide the public with information to stay safe during the summer fire season and provide some resources during fire incidents.

Join Selwyn Gets Ready

Sign up to Selwyn Gets Ready to receive emergency warnings and police messages to your email address as well as urgent messages which are sent straight to your phone for free. Sign up at www.selwyn.getsready.net. For more information, contact getsready@selwyn.govt.nz or phone (03) 347 2800.



Summer swimmers complete 10,000km charity challenge

Selwyn residents swam more than 10,000 kilometres and raised over \$1000 for charity during this year's Swim to Summer challenge.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre challenged locals to swim and aqua jog a combined goal of 10,000km by the beginning of summer.

Aquatics Facilities Manager James Richmond says the main aim of the 15 week challenge was to get more people active in the pool, more often. The challenge was taken up by 132 participants of all ages and abilities.

"People worked together and motivated each other to clock up an impressive total of 10,115km," he says. "It was great to see how competitive the swimmers became and the weekly progress and goals that were achieved. Prizes were awarded to those who swam the most laps in categories for women, men and youth swimmers, as well as most visits to the centre during the swimathon."

The challenge aimed to raise awareness for The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is proud to have fundraised a total amount of \$1172.60 towards a very important charity that hits close to home for many New Zealanders.

For more events and programmes at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre visit facebook.com/SelwynAquaticCentre.



On the roads this week

Maintenance grading will take place in Greendale, Leeston and Springfield.

There will be patch sealing along St John Street on 19 December, motorists may experience some delays.

Drainage work will be getting completed on Springs Road, Coalgate, Rockwood Road, at Malvern Hills and Bealey Road.

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Memorys Trading Limited has applied to renew its on licence; objections are open until 29 January 2019. For more information head to selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN PLAN CHANGE 54

Springfield Rural Outer Plains to Living 2

Selwyn District Council has accepted the Commissioner's Recommendation to approve Plan Change 54 (Ballymena Holdings Ltd).

The full text of these decisions can be read online at www.selwyn.govt.nz or, during working hours at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters, or electronically at any Council service centre or library. From the date of this notice The Selwyn District Plan is amended in accordance with these decisions.

Anyone who made a submission on Plan Change 54 may appeal to the Environment Court against the Council's decisions. Appeals must be in the prescribed form as set out in Form 7 and must reach the Court within 30 working days of receiving notice of the decision

from the Council. A copy of any appeals must also be served on the Council.

For further information, please contact Benjamin Rhodes, Team leader Strategy and Policy on (03) 347 2800 or at P.O. Box 90, Rolleston 7643.

(This notice is given under Clause 10 (3) of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991).

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES FOR JANUARY

Monday 7 January

Kidzfirst West Rolleston 10–10.30am
Burnham Montessori 11–11.30am
Dunsandel Childcare 12–12.30pm
Darfield Preschool and Nursery 1–1.30pm
Glentunnel Hall 3–3.30pm

Tuesday 8 January

Active Explorers Tai Tapu 10–10.30am
Whippersnappers Lincoln 10.45–11.15am
Preston Downs, Corner Prestons/Weedons Ross Rd 12.15–12.45pm
West Melton Domain 12.45–1.30pm
West Melton Learning Centre

1.30–1.50pm
Cat's Pyjamas West Melton 1.50–2.20pm

Wednesday 9 January

Rakaia Huts 9.30–10am
Southbridge 10.30–11.00am
Abbeyfield, Leeston 1–1.30pm

Thursday 10 January

Annabel's West Melton 1–1.30pm
Lincoln University Early Childhood Centre 2–2.30pm
Prebbleton Tavern 3.30–5pm

Monday 14 January

Upper Selwyn Huts 9.30–10am
Giggles and Scribbles Early Learning Centre 10.30–11am
Prebbleton Child Care 12–12.30pm
Ako Rolleston 1–1.30pm
Bright Beginnings Montessori Preschool 1.45–2.15pm
Selwyn Kids 2.15–2.45pm

Wednesday 16 Jan

Arthur's Pass 11.30am–12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40–2.15pm

Thursday 17 January

Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston 10.15–10.45am
Active Explorers Rolleston 11–11.30am
ABC Rolleston 12.45–1.15pm
Paradise for Little Angels 1.30–2pm

Summer in Selwyn and more

There are plenty of events and activities on in Selwyn over the summer break.

Discover your backyard with our 100 Days of Summer guide – see how many activities you can complete over the break and tag us on Instagram @sensationalselwyn.

In January, head along to one of the Selwyn Pool Parties at Southbridge, Darfield or Sheffield. There will be inflatables, games, prizes, a sausage sizzle and DJ playing your favourite songs. Then on 2 February, ease back into the school year at our own Floatchella Pool Party with lilos and local musicians.

The Teddy Bears' Picnic on 16 January will be packed with family fun including Zirka Circus performances, Pedalmania crazy bikes, storytelling, face painting, House of Bricks, bouncy castles and toddlers' gym. The day finishes with the famous teddy parade with great prizes up for grabs.

Join Selwyn Libraries at the Foster Park Playground every Monday and Wednesday in January for fun activities and games. At your local library make and illustrate your own digital or paper book with Think, Create Write or try some of our crafty ideas at PaperPlay. If games are more your thing, bring your friends and family down for our Games Challenges.

Summer Reading BINGO is running until the 25 January, collect your BINGO card from the library. Don't forget you can have 24/7 access to eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines with your library card and PIN.

For more event details visit facebook.com/summerinselwyn or selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Summer in Selwyn brought to you by Selwyn District Council and proudly sponsored by Spectrum Lighting and Sound, Faringdon and New World Rolleston.

Garden waste and scrap metal drop-off days good for our environment

Two community garden waste and scrap metal drop-off days in Malvern and Ellesmere have collected over 36 tonnes of garden waste which will now be composted. More than 7 tonnes of scrap metal, 104 tyres and 54 TVs for recycling were also collected at the drop-off days.

The two days were held near Leeston and Darfield, providing residents with an alternative drop off point for their recyclables. Over the two days, nearly 180 people dropped off their garden waste, scrap metal, tyres and electronic waste (e-waste).

New West Melton Skatepark – have your say in 2019

There's going to be an exciting new skatepark built in West Melton in 2019!

Next year, we'll be asking for Selwyn residents' feedback on the skatepark's location, design and features.

If you're skating or scootering at one of Selwyn's skateparks throughout the Christmas holidays, have a think about what features you would like to have at the future West Melton facility.

We'll be asking for your ideas and feedback in the New Year. Keep an eye on Council's Your Say page and Facebook for more information.

Check out Lincoln skatepark to get your ideas flowing: selwyn.govt.nz/lincolnskatepark.

Selwyn Events

UNTIL

31
JANUARY

Under \$200 exhibition

Selwyn Gallery, Darfield

Selwyn Gallery's 20th Anniversary concludes with a summer exhibition featuring a collection priced at under \$200. The exhibition features works by 2017 and 2018 premier award winners, Louise McHaffie and Henry Turner. It will feature more than 40 works. For more information head to selwyngallery.co.nz

UNTIL

13
JANUARY

'Keeping it Green' The annual members cash and carry exhibition

Down by the Liffey Gallery, Lincoln.

Browse the artworks, buy something that tickles your fancy and take it home immediately. A great variety of well-priced artworks - excellent gift ideas.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

WEDNESDAY

19
DECEMBER

Christmas Pool Party

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 2–4pm

Come along and celebrate the festive season at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. There's lots of fun to be had with big inflatables, a colouring in competition and a visit from Santa Claus himself! Normal pool admissions apply. Activities in the main pool are for competent swimmers 8yrs and older.

THURSDAY

20
DECEMBER

Christmas Twilight Market

Lincoln Green, 4–7pm

Brought to you by the Lincoln Farmers and Craft Market, the Christmas Twilight Market will feature the Selwyn Community Choir, activities, entertainment for the children, and produce and handmade craft stalls to finish off your Christmas shopping.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

SUNDAYS

13, 20, 27
JANUARY

Pool Parties

Sheffield, Darfield and Southbridge Pools, 2–4pm

Head to your local pool for a party! The DJ will be playing your favourite songs, with inflatables, games, prizes, a sausage sizzle and loads of fun. Sheffield Pool Party: Sunday 13 January, Darfield Pool Party: Sunday 20 January, Southbridge Pool Party: Sunday 27 January.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

WEDNESDAY

16
JANUARY

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Rolleston Community Centre and Reserve, 11am–1pm

Dress up your favourite teddy and pack a picnic! The Teddy Bears' Picnic will be jam-packed with family fun. The day will be wrapped up with the famous Teddy parade.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

SATURDAY

2
FEBRUARY

Floatchella Pool Party

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 2–5pm

Ease back into the school year with our first ever Floatchella event! Bring your friends along for some summer fun. Relax on lilos while you listen to your favourite tunes played by a variety of local musicians. Normal pool admissions apply. Activities in the main pool are for competent swimmers only.

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

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Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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