

Selwyn District Council has partnered with New Zealand's first Children's University programme to support lifelong learning in the district.

Children's University is an award-winning international learning programme that encourages 7 to 18 year olds to engage in learning activities and experiences outside school.

Children on the programme earn stamps in a 'learning passport' for each hour they spend at approved learning destinations. When they have completed 30 hours they can graduate in a graduation ceremony.

Learning destinations can be anything that connects with the Children's University curriculum and a university programme—from visiting a museum, participating in an outdoor activity, art classes, or exploring a farm

Lincoln University and the University of Canterbury partnered to bring Children's University to Canterbury in October and the Council has joined the partnership by offering learning destinations throughout the district.

Destinations are marked in the Term Three Selwyn Activity Programmes sent to every house this month.

Community Services group manager Denise Kidd says supporting Children's University was a great opportunity for the Council to invest in Selwyn's children and future.

"It's important to encourage our children to learn in the world, as well as the classroom, and we know that Selwyn has a lot to offer and is a world worth exploring."

Te Taumutu Rūnanga has also joined the partnership and in a world first it hopes will impact other Children's University programmes the Canterbury programme includes formal recognition of learning that enhances the cultural identity of Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu tamariki and mokonuna

Prebbleton and Ladbrooks Schools in Selwyn are among those taking part in the programme.

Ladbrooks School Children's University coordinator Keryn Wilson says her students have been excited by the programme and the activities that are counted.

"Students have been embracing their passions and looking for ways to reflect on these through a lens of what has been learned. They are keen to talk about what they have been involved in and families are showing their support by using local learning destinations."

#### KidsFest back this weekend

KidsFest is here from Saturday with a packed programme of fun for children throughout the school holidays.

Starting on Saturday, Eye Spy Selwyn will be under way for young people to get out and explore the district any time. The creative MakerStations and Game On! board games events will be available any time at the Selwyn Libraries. From Monday, the Selwyn Aquatic Centre will also have its giant inflatables and paddleboats out on weekdays.

Other events during the week should ensure something for everyone from the popular kids market on Thursday 11 July to the Moviemania showing of Ferdinand the Bull on Tuesday 16 July, Council's Sport, Recreation and Wellbeing manager Dave Tippett says.

"We've got the Navigational Rampage on at Foster Park and Sports Suzie's Silly Circus Show that are looking like being a great time. We've got a lot of stall holders signed up for the kids' market again, so that should have a great range of stuff for sale and we're encouraging people to make time to come in and grab a bargain and support the kids."

Events are happening all over the district, including Map IT! sessions in West Melton, Glentunnel, Tai Tapu and Southbridge, offering an opportunity to create a whole new world and enjoy the art and science of creating maps. For more information see selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest.





# Young people go speed dating for work

It was all about connections as 29 school leavers tried to woo potential employers from 12 businesses at a speed dating style event in West Melton.

The Council-run event last week was organised to help Year 12 and 13 school leavers meet employers and hopefully get a job.

The students had five minutes to meet with each business, with each side marking if they were interested afterwards and Council staff matching up where both student and business were keen to talk more.

The aim was to support young people and keep them in the district, Council Community and Economic Development senior advisor Clare Quirke says.

"We know with young people leaving school, if they don't get into employment or training that can be a time when problems begin. Meeting potential employers is a stressful thing, especially if you're doing it for the first time, so the speed dating idea gives it a bit of fun in a neutral setting."

Sonia Rawson from trucking company Canterbury Bulk Freight says they were keen on the chance to support young people and the day went well.

"We've been quite surprised by the amount of them that are interested. It's an opportunity for them to sit down with an employer they might not normally approach, and whether they go with this industry or just build some confidence because they have spoken to an adult about a job that's good."

Darfield High School careers advisor Jo Ager says the five students she brought had appreciated the chance and had their eyes opened to jobs they didn't know about before.

"These guys were super nervous, but the employers have been impressed with the students that sat in front of them."

The event was run with advice from the Ministry of Education and Otago District Council, which have successfully held similar events.



### Upgrades begin in Prebbleton

The first project to upgrade the Eastern Selwyn sewerage scheme is under way in Prebbleton.

Construction on the new \$2million Prebbleton pump station began last week and is expected to be completed in December, weather permitting.

The pump station is needed to keep up with growth in Prebbleton. It is the first of a series of upgrades to the Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme signaled in the Annual Plan 2019/20 to cater for continuing population growth. The station on Springs Road will work together with the current station to collect Prebbleton wastewater and transfer it though the Council network to the Pines Wastewater Treatment Facility.

It has been designed with a purpose built odour control unit to eliminate any smell from the site and an acoustic engineer also helped with the designs to ensure minimum noise.

Trees will be planted around the site to reduce the visual impact.

The pump station was proposed in the Annual Plan 2016/17 and an independent adviser was engaged to select the best site.

Discussions were held with the neighbouring landowners and the station was designed to take their feedback into account.





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

#### **Notices**

#### **CANDIDATES INFORMATION EVENING**

People thinking of standing for elections are encouraged to attend a candidates information evening on Thursday 4 July, 7pm at Council offices on Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston. Standing for local government is a great way for you to have a meaningful say on issues that affect your community, and to develop leadership skills Nominations for candidates open on 19 July and close on 16 August.

Information about the elections, and candidate requirements, is also available in the Candidate Handbook, which can be downloaded from the Council website at selwyn.govt.nz/

Voting papers will be delivered in late September and voting closes on Saturday 12 October.

#### SUBMISSIONS ON **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Submissions are invited on a proposal to close Malvern Hills Road from Bulls Road to Waianiwaniwa Road on Sunday 28 July 2019.

The purpose of the proposed closure is for conducting a motorsport event. During the road closure, traffic will be requested to detour along the nearest alternative route.

Anyone opposing the proposed road closure may submit a written objection to the Council stating why they oppose it. The

closing date for submissions is 4pm on 8 July 2019. Submissions can be made by emailing transportation@selwyn. govt.nz or posting to Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

#### FOSTER DOG PARK CLOSED

Foster Dog Park will be closed for off-lead dog exercise on 13–14 July from about 7.30am to 4pm for a Selwyn Dog Training Club dog obedience competition. 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.

#### **EXPERIENCED SPORTS PEOPLE WANTED**

Council's Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee is seeking applicants from residents in the Springs, Ellesmere and Selwyn Central Wards to become a member.

The committee meets twice each year to consider applications for funding from clubs seeking assistance with travel costs to local competition matches. The position lasts three years and travel expenses will be reimbursed.

The ideal candidate will have been actively involved in sport and/or sports administration, have an overview of sport/ recreation in Selwyn and will be keen to encourage and promote sport in Selwyn district. Applicants need to be resident in the ward they are applying for.

Applications from those interested must be in writing, including details of sporting/ sporting administration involvement, and be received by 5pm Friday 5 July 2019. Applications may be emailed to stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz

or posted to: SPORT NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee Position

Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

Attn: Stuart Westoby Further information regarding the position may be obtained from Stuart Westoby ph (03) 347 2708.

#### **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. A clinic will be held on Friday 5 July at the following places:

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

Microchipping will not take place if wet. If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800.



#### 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 Rvan 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**

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Tue 2 Jul 2pm Lincoln Event Centre

**Property Committee** Wed 3 July 10am West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 3 Jul 1pm West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Council meeting Wed 10 Jul 1pm West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

#### DISTRICT COMMITTEE **MEETINGS**

**Darfield Township Committee** Thur 18 Jul 7.30pm Darfield Library

**Doyleston Community** Committee

Wed 3 Jul 7.30pm Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

**Glenroy Community** Hall Committee Tue 16 Jul 7.30pm Glenroy Community Hall **Glentunnel Community** 

Centre Committee Tue 16 Jul 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

Kirwee Recreation Reserve

Management Committee

Mon 8 Jul 7.30pm Kirwee Reserve Sports Pavilion

Kirwee Township Committee Mon 15 Jul 7.30pm

Kirwee Community Hall

**Lincoln Community Committee** Mon 8 Jul 7pm, Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre

Southbridge Advisory Committee Mon 8 Jul 7pm Southbridge Hall

**Springston Community** Committee & Springston
Recreation Reserve Committee

Wed 17 Jul 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

**Tawera Memorial Hall Committee** Wed 3 Jul 7pm

Tawera Memorial Hall Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 2 Jul 7.30pm Waihora Bowling Club, Motukarara

## On the roads this week



Surfacing work will be carried out on Kerrs Road and Clintons Road until Friday 5 July. Traffic management will be in place at this time. Footpath construction will be taking place on Forbes Road from Michaels Road to School Road, Michaels Road from Old Tai Tapu Road to Forbes Road, Birchwood Close, Prebblewood Drive from Trents Road to Dewar Lane, Crown Close, and Woodlaw Crescent and Marshs Road from SH1 to Meadowlands Road, until Friday 5 July.

There will be partial road closures on McLaughlins Road and Greendale Road, Darfield from Monday 8 July to Friday 19 July. Roads will be fully open in the evenings and at the weekends. Traffic Management will be in place.

Halswell Junction Road temporary road, between Springs Road and John Paterson Drive will be closed from 8pm-5am for two weeks for work on the Christchurch Southern Motorway extension.

# Selwyn Events

UNTIL

**JULY** 

#### Matariki photography exhibition

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

See some amazing photographs of the night sky from members of the Canterbury Astronomical Society. See

SATURDAY

JULY

## Maintaining stone fruit trees Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens, 10.30–11.30am

Warwick Mottram will demonstrate pruning techniques and discuss how to deal with pests and diseases, seasonal tasks. Gold coin donation. For more information contact Ruth on 021 074 3905.

UNTIL

**JULY** 

#### **Ewe Beauty II** Down by the Liffey Gallery

An exhibition from Southern Felters, a Canterbury-based creative fibre group, who will be exhibiting an array of their felt objects - from wall art and sculptures to jackets and other wearable art. Open Wed-Thur 11.30am-2.30pm and Fri-Sun 10am-4pm.

SUNDAY

JULY

#### **Mahoe Reserve Planting Day**

Mahoe Reserve, 2pm

Join the community for an afternoon of planting and restoring the native environment. For more information see Eventbrite or contact Sue on 021 100 1009 or mahoereserve@gmail.com

SUNDAY

**JULY** 

#### Repair it - Sewing Sunday Lincoln Library, 10.30am-12.30pm

Do you have a growing mending pile and would like to make your own alterations? Come see our common alteration and repair demonstrations and receive expert advice on how to repair your garments.



For events and information visit: selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest

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