



CultureFest bringing the world to Selwyn

CultureFest is back for 2019 bringing the world to Selwyn.

Now in its fourth year, the popular festival will be celebrating the diversity of Selwyn through food, art, sport and performance, and have a go activities.

CultureFest will take place on Sunday 29 September, 10am–4pm, at the Lincoln Domain.

Visitors can enjoy more than 25 different stage performances by groups from 16 different countries ranging from Ireland to Indonesia and here in Aotearoa. There will also be workshops allowing people to experience different cultures from Iran to China and beyond, plus a culinary world tour with food from more than a dozen different countries including Nigeria, Egypt, Ukraine, Spain and Iran.

Council Sport Recreation and Wellbeing manager Dave Tippet says CultureFest is part of the Council’s work to help people from all cultures feel welcome in Selwyn.

“We want to celebrate people from all cultures and ethnicities who have made Selwyn their home because of the positive enriching impact that diversity has on our community. CultureFest is a real celebration of that – it’s an experience for the senses, for people listening to and seeing some amazing performances, arts and crafts, tasting and smelling exceptional, authentic ethnic food and having a go.”

This year Lincoln University Student’s Association (LUSA) has joined the Council and the Christchurch Multicultural Council on the organising committee. Taking part in CultureFest will replace its similar International Night event that was held around the same time, LUSA general manager Fiona Kay says.

Lincoln has the highest proportion of international students for a New Zealand university and students and some staff will be taking part as volunteers, stall holders and performers, she says.

“Our students and staff are very much part of the community, they live in the community, work in the community and some have families with children going to school here. It’s just great engaging with the community and showcasing the diversity of our student population.”

Strong growth in economy continues

Selwyn residents and visitors continue to back the steady economic growth in the district, according to latest economic data.

Quarterly economic monitor figures from analysts Infometrics showed Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Selwyn grew by 4.5% in the year to June 2019, compared to 2.5% growth nationally and 1.7% growth across Canterbury. Selwyn recorded the largest annual growth in GDP of any district in New Zealand.

The figures were supported by continuing growth in tourism spending and in electronic card transactions as a whole across the district.

The amount spent by tourists grew by 10.5% for the year with tourists spending \$117 million in the district compared to a 4.5% increase in spending across the rest of Canterbury. The amount spent in electronic card transactions rose 11.7% to \$90.1 million.

Unemployment dropped slightly to 2.1%, down from 2.2% in the previous quarter and almost half of the national unemployment rate of 4.1%.

House sales remained steady according to the report along with house building, with the Council issuing 334 consents for new houses – almost unchanged from 339 in the previous quarter.

Council Chief Executive David Ward says the figures are an encouraging sign of the continued desirability of the district.

“The diversity of our economy in Selwyn is a strength and the figures show a continued confidence that this is a great district to live and do business in. It’s encouraging to see that backed up by continued tourism growth that shows other people are recognising what a great place this is.”

On the roads this week



Repairs are being carried out on Harper Road. Drainage works are being carried out on Malvern Hills Road and bridge repairs are being carried out at Mt White. Please stop on request at these sites. Zig Zag Road will be closed for maintenance from 6.30am–6pm Monday 2 September until Friday 20 September. A detour will be in place.

Footpath construction is taking place in Darfield on North Terrace, McIlraith Street, Kimberley Road and Holmes Road. These footpaths will be closed during the construction.

Selwyn Civil Defence volunteers needed

We’re recruiting more volunteers to build on the district’s ability to respond to a Civil Defence emergency.

The Selwyn Emergency Management Team is hosting a recruitment evening at the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre on Tuesday 8 October at 7pm. Civil Defence Manager Al Lawn says the Council is looking to fill roles in all three of its volunteer teams including Response Team, Welfare Team and Community Response Team.

“This latest round of volunteer recruitment will complement the strong base of Civil Defence volunteers who live in the district,” Mr Lawn says.

“We’re looking for people to help ensure we can manage a long duration event, such as an earthquake generated by the Alpine Fault, and to help the Selwyn community get through.”

Do you have the skills and time to help your community?

Across Selwyn there are more than 30 Community Response Teams ready to respond in an emergency to support their local area and provide information to the Emergency Operations Centre. Volunteers are required to attend one training session per year.

The Selwyn Response Team, specialised and highly trained in communications, light search and rescue, urban search and rescue, first aid, and cordon control, requires up to another eight members. The response team trains weekly.

The Selwyn Emergency Welfare Team, trained to open and operate a Civil Defence Centre, and support people who have to evacuate their homes, needs another four volunteers. The Welfare Team trains fortnightly.

Volunteer members from each team will be available on the night to answer any questions.

To register your interest in attending the information night please email civildefence@selwyn.govt.nz by 5pm Friday 4 October.




Making waste-free achievable

Tips for reducing the rubbish in your life will be available this month as waste-free expert Kate Meads returns with her popular workshops.

During the two workshops, sponsored by the Council, the Kiwi mum will take people through tips on waste-free parenting and reducing food waste.

The Waste-Free Parenting workshop takes people through inspiring ways to minimise waste, while introducing sustainable products for use in the home. The Food Lovers Masterclass is focusing on ways to reduce food waste when cooking and preparing meals.

The workshops will be held on Thursday 26 September at the Lincoln Event Centre with the Food Lovers Masterclass from 10am–12pm and the Waste-Free Parenting Workshop from 6.30–9pm. Tickets are \$25 each or for a couple. Every ticket comes with a \$100 goodie bag. Bookings are required – to book visit wastefreeparenting.co.nz.



RATES REMINDER

By now you should have received your rates invoice for the first quarter of the 2019/20 rating year.

This invoice covers the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019, and is due for payment by 15 September 2019.

If you have not yet received your invoice, please contact our Rates Department on 347 2776, 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.

Notices

WATER RACE TEMPORARY SHUT DOWNS

Water supply to the Lower Ellesmere Stock Water Race Scheme will be temporarily shut down for scheduled intake maintenance from 9–13 September. The outage will affect all races downstream of intake. Supply to Ellesmere Stock Water Race Scheme will be affected for this time. It may take some days for supply to be fully restored. Glenroy Community Irrigation Co. Ltd is shutting off the Upper Ellesmere Water Race Intake and Scheme to allow

for intake maintenance. From 3–7 September. Races affected include Rakaia Tce, Sharlands, Waikimihia, Rakaia, Selwyn and Illingworth Roads and all offshoots. Flow may take time to reach all downstream users. An affected area map is available at selwyn.govt.nz. Any questions please contact the Surface Water Department (03) 347 2800 or email waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 6 September at the following places:
· Leeston 9–9.30am

- Darfield 10.15–10.45am
 - Rolleston 11.30am–12pm
 - Lincoln 12.45–1.15pm
- 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. Please note:
- 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 wet.

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

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 Therese Davel or Bernadette Ryan if you wish to speak at Council at least five 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 3 Sept 4pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Property Committee

Wed 4 Sept 10am
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 4 Sept 11.30am
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Council

Wed 11 Sept 1pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Road Safety Committee

Thus 19 Sept 9.30am

Venue TBC

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Darfield Township Committee

Thus 19 Sept 7.30pm
Darfield Library

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 4 Sept 7.30pm
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

Dunsandel Community Committee

Mon 16 Sept 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Centre

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 17 Sept 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee

Tue 17 Sept 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 3 Sept 8pm
Greendale Sports Pavilion

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 9 Sept 7.30pm
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Sports Pavilion

Kirwee Township Committee

Mon 16 Sept 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall

Lake Coleridge Community

Committee

Fri 13 Sept 7.30pm
Lake Coleridge Hall

Lincoln Community Committee

Mon 9 Sept 7pm
Fitzgerald Room,
Lincoln Event Centre

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Mon 9 Sept 7pm
Southbridge Hall

Springston Community Committee & Springston Recreation Reserve Committee

Wed 18 Sept 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion,
Springston Reserve

Tawera Memorial Hall Committee

Wed 4 Sept 7pm
Tawera Memorial Hall

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 3 Sept 7.30pm
Waihora Bowling Club

Weedons Reserve Committee

Mon 9 Sept 7pm
Weedons Reserve

Weedons Residents Association

Tue 10 Sept
Weedons Reserve

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Mon 9 Sept 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Celebrating Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori with story time

Nau mai, haere mai, ki te whakanui i Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. He pūrākau kei te haere! (Help us celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori with a storytime!) As part of our Māori Language Week celebrations next week each Selwyn Library will be hosting a special te reo storytime. Join us for waiata (songs) and to hear some of our favourite stories in te reo. Storytimes will be held at:

- Darfield, Monday 9 September 9.30–10am
- Rolleston, Monday 9 September 10.30–11am
- Leeston, Friday 13 September 9.30–10am
- Lincoln, Friday 13 September 10.30–11am



Selwyn Business Directory – register your business now!

Be in to win a team morning tea shout.*
selwyn.govt.nz/directory-register

*Terms and conditions apply

Selwyn Events

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Daddy Daughter Time

Rolleston Library, 1–3pm

A great time for dads and daughters to enjoy together and get creative decorating cupcakes. We have everything you need, just bring along your imaginations. \$10 per family. Bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz

MONDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Farm Recycling Day

Ellesmere

A one-stop-shop to drop off farm waste including chemical containers, silage and bale wrap, fertiliser and feedbags, waste oil and unwanted chemicals for recycling, or safe disposal. Register at agrecovery.co.nz to book a time. Location will be provided to registered attendees, no unregistered attendees will be accepted on the day.

MON-SUN

9–15

SEPTEMBER

Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week

Join hundreds of organisations, businesses and communities around New Zealand in community clean-ups. During the clean-up week all official KNZB rubbish and recycling bags can be taken to the Council's Pines Resource Recovery Park (183 Burnham School Road) free of charge. You can register your interest at knzb.org.nz

WED 11 & TUE 24
SEPTEMBER

Confident Drivers Course

11 September: West Melton, 9.30am–2.30pm, 24 September: Lincoln, 9.30–2.30pm

Are you over 60 years or know someone who is? Mature drivers can attend a free confident driving course run by Age Concern. The course includes a refresher of the road rules and new changes. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

THURSDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Fun with Makeup

Leeston Library, 6.30–9.30pm

Informative, interactive group makeup session by a professional makeup artist. Learn makeup basics as well as techniques, tips and tricks so you can look and feel your best anytime. \$20 per person. Bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz

THURSDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Murder Mystery

Darfield Library, 7–9pm, free

Adults, come along to celebrate Agatha Christie's birthday by solving a murder mystery at Darfield library! Use your best detective skills to solve the crime.

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

Leeston Library & Service Centre
19 Messines Street, Leeston
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2876

(03) 347 2800
Darfield call free 318 8338
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