



# Jam packed Summer in Selwyn begins

Summer in Selwyn is back with more events and ways than ever to enjoy your summer.

The Summer in Selwyn guide was delivered to Selwyn homes over the weekend (rural delivery arriving this week), providing information on more than 90 activity and event options available around the district until March.

For the first time, the Council has included guided walks, along with a list of activities families can do in their own time such as good walking and fishing spots, cycling tracks, playgrounds and picnic places.

“Selwyn has loads of organised activities over summer, but also plenty of natural features locals have been telling us about and we think this guide is a good way to let newer residents know more about the district and encourage people to make the most of them,” Council’s Community Services and Facilities Group Manager, Denise Kidd says.

“We are also really proud of the huge range of organised activities and events that are on offer, with something happening most days – from craft or technology experiences to music and outdoors fun.”

Council events include two outdoor movies and two drive-in movies starting with a sprinkling of Christmas magic with *The Santa Clause* at the Lincoln Green on Sunday 15 December.

The popular Teddy Bears’ Picnic is back, along with Pool Parties in Sheffield, Darfield and Southbridge and a special Pool of Rock party at Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Our Libraries team has joined with Christchurch City Libraries to run a Whānau Fun day with stories, craft, technology and a Faerie Party in Lincoln in January.

There’s also a great line up of community organised events including fêtes, fitness events, picnics, Christmas parades along with Children’s Day activities around the district on 1 March.

For a list of Summer in Selwyn activity and event options, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events) or [facebook.com/selwyndistrictcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/selwyndistrictcouncil).

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## Selwyn Awards – Building a sense of community

*Continuing our series profiling the Selwyn Awards 2018 winners. Stephen Clarke and Lesley Barlow won the Environmental Award.*

In 2002, an opportunity arose for Stephen Clarke and Lesley Barlow to purchase a piece of Council-owned land next to their property. Avid environmentalists, they saw the chance to fulfil a long held dream.

“We wanted to create a ‘green spot’ by planting natives to encourage the return of insects, which would in turn attract local native birdlife and provide a place for them to rest, recuperate and feed as they make their way from Banks Peninsula to the mountains. It really worked and last year we even saw the return of a tui, which we haven’t seen in this area for 20 years,” says Stephen.

Recognition at the Selwyn Awards has helped them connect with people who also want to plant natives, but couldn’t afford the costs to get started, he says.

“We got to the point where we had so many trees that we were able to start donating some for other planting projects.”

When asked if he would encourage others to become involved in the awards Stephen said he absolutely would, “the awards really build a sense of community as it makes people aware of what others are achieving. They give people—particularly volunteers—recognition for their hard work. We really need people who are willing to step up for the community and the awards really recognise and reward this.”



## Don’t fail this summer

Don’t end up with a fail this summer.

The Council is launching its annual anti-drink driving campaign.

Every year in New Zealand more than 400 people are seriously injured or killed from drink driving. Nearly two-thirds of the alcohol-affected drivers in these crashes are males aged 25 years and older.

The Council’s ‘That’s a Fail’ campaign is encouraging people to not run the risk of harming themselves or other people or ending up with a drink driving conviction.

Summer, and particularly Christmas, is a time when people enjoy catching up with friends and attending functions, but a drink driving conviction or causing a crash has lifelong consequences, Council Chief Executive David Ward says.

“This is a time to enjoy and celebrate with the good weather and we’re reminding people to take a moment to think about how you’re getting home. Don’t let a few drinks spoil the celebrations, don’t end up with a fail this summer.”

## Economic growth helps build for future

Population growth, construction and spending confidence continue to fuel the strong performance of the economy in Selwyn.

Quarterly figures from economic analysts Infometrics show Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Selwyn grew by 5.2% in the year to September 2019, compared to a 2.4% growth nationally and 1.9% growth across Canterbury.

The continuing population growth is a key part of the GDP increase, Infometrics say, along with “stellar” growth in consumer and tourist spending.

Statistics New Zealand’s annual estimates show Selwyn’s population has grown by 5.3% in the year to March 2019, well ahead of national growth of 1.6%. Consumer spending was up 9.3%, and tourist spending grew by 8% in the year to September 2019.

The economic growth is also underpinned by the strong construction sector with Council figures showing 312 new residential consents issued in the September quarter, down slightly from the 334 issued in the June quarter, but up by 18% from the same time last year.

House sales also increased by 3.7%, similar to the 3.3% growth across Canterbury and bucking the national trend where sales fell by 0.7%.

The district’s unemployment rate remains at 2.3% compared to 4.2% nationally and 3.2% across Canterbury.

The strong economy was part of a positive picture for a district that is looking to the future, Mayor Sam Broughton says.

“These figures back up what we’re seeing and hearing from people around Selwyn. We’re in an exciting time as we build on the good foundations set by those who have gone before and build for those yet to come.”

**That’s a fail.  
Drinking?  
Don’t drive.**



## Council offices – main entry reopening next week

The first stage of the refurbishment of the Council’s Rolleston offices is nearing completion, with the main public entry set to reopen from next Monday 9 December.

A temporary entrance has been in place at the building on Norman Kirk Drive over recent months, during construction of a new customer services area and an office extension. The customer services area will be partly open to the public from next Monday, and the public entrance will return to the main entry doors off Norman Kirk Drive.

# 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

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 6 December at the following places:

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

- All clinics last for half an hour.
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).

- All others are at libraries
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

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

EDGE CONNECTOR OUT AND ABOUT

Look out for Selwyn Libraries' Edge Connector Vehicle around the district over the next week.

Browse a selection of items available to borrow, download our new app and see the full

range of eResources you can subscribe to. The vehicle can be kitted out with different resources at different locations, such as our new technology kits, a 3D printer and sewing machines. The Castle Hill and Arthur's Pass sessions include a Virtual Reality taster session.

- Fri 6 Dec, 9.30–11.30am, Rakaia Huts
- Fri 6 Dec, 2–3.30pm, Southbridge Hall
- Wed 11 Dec, 9.30am–11am, Castle Hill
- Wed 11 Dec, 12.30–2.30pm, Arthur's Pass

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 the Council meeting 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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

**Audit & Risk Subcommittee**  
Wed 4 Dec 1pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

**Council**  
Wed 11 Dec 1pm  
Rolleston Offices

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Arthur's Pass Association Inc**  
Tue 3 Dec 6pm  
Yaldhurst Tavern

**Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow**  
Tue 10 Dec 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

**Doyleston Community Committee**

Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm  
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park  
**Dunsandel Community Committee**

Mon 16 Dec 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Community Centre

**Ellesmere Reserve Board – AGM with ordinary meeting to follow**

Tue 17 Dec 7.30pm  
Leeston Library

**Hororata Reserve Management Committee**

Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm  
Hororata Hall

**Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee**

Mon 9 Dec 7.30pm  
Sports Pavilion, Kirwee Recreation Reserve

**Kirwee Township Committee**  
Mon 16 Dec 7.30pm  
Kirwee Community Hall

**Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall Incorporated Society**

Mon 9 Dec 7pm  
Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall

**Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee**

Thu 5 Dec 7pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

**Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow**

Thu 19 Dec 7.30pm  
Sheffield Community Hall

**Sheffield/Waddington Reserve**

**Committee – Triennial meeting**

Wed 11 Dec 7pm  
Sheffield Pavilion

**Springfield Township Committee**

Tue 3 Dec 7.30pm  
Tawera Memorial Hall

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

Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

**Tai Tapu Community Association**

Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm  
Tai Tapu Hotel Function Room

**Waihora Park Reserve Committee**

Tue 3 Dec 7.30pm  
Waihora Bowling Club, 166 Park Road, Motukarara

**Weedons Reserve Committee**

Mon 9 Dec 7.30pm  
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

**Weedons Residents' Association**

Tue 10 Dec 7.30pm  
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

**West Melton Districts Residents' Association**

Wed 11 Dec 7.30pm  
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

**Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee**

Mon 9 Dec 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Hall

Reminder to be prepared for emergencies

Selwyn residents are being reminded to stock up before an emergency hits.

The Selwyn Civil Defence team are reminding people to get ready, to have a plan and an emergency kit of the essentials, particularly food and water.

Council Emergency Management Officer Jason Flewellen says it's important for people to be able to look after themselves for a number of days after an emergency, or when normal services are disrupted.

"Interruption to services like power and water can happen at any time for any number of reasons. Disruptions could last just a few hours due to a mechanical breakdown, or a number of weeks following a large event like an Alpine Fault rupture. We're all responsible for looking after ourselves and our families to ensure we're prepared. We get to decide now how comfortable we'll be during an event by putting a few things together to make sure we have the basics."

For more information on preparing for emergencies go to [getready.govt.nz](http://getready.govt.nz) and sign up to Selwyn Gets Ready at [selwyn.getsready.net](http://selwyn.getsready.net) to receive emergency alerts.



On the roads this week

Leeston High Street will be closed from 5–10.30pm Friday 6 December for the Leeston Christmas Parade. A detour will be in place. Gerald Street, Lincoln, will be closed from 8am–1pm Saturday 14 December for the Lincoln Christmas Parade. From 10.20am there will be a rolling closure along Kildare Terrace, North Belt and West Belt, reopening as the last float passes. A detour will be in place. Any queries can be directed to Joanne Harkerss 3472 887.

Footpath construction will be taking place in Glentunnel on SH77 and in Darfield on South Terrace. These footpaths will be closed during construction.

Selwyn Events

FRIDAY  
6  
DECEMBER

Leeston Santa Parade

High Street, Leeston, from 5pm

Come and enjoy the 'Country Christmas' themed Santa Parade and see the big red man himself. Bring a gold coin to participate in the famous Leeston Santa Run at 5.30pm.

SATURDAY  
7  
DECEMBER

Kids' Christmas Market

Rolleston Community Centre, 1–3pm

Get in some Christmas shopping and find a bargain of pre-loved treasures at the annual Kids' Christmas Market.

SATURDAY  
7  
DECEMBER

Christmas Card Making

All Selwyn Libraries, 1–3pm

Get the family together and join us at any Selwyn library to get creative and add a personal touch to your Christmas cards this year.

SUNDAY  
8  
DECEMBER

Christmas Picnic in the Park

Westview Park, Darfield, 3–6pm

Welcome in the festive season with a community picnic in the park. Something for everyone with entertainment from Pedalmania, games, a visit from Santa Claus and more.

SATURDAY  
14  
DECEMBER

Lincoln Christmas Parade

Gerald Street, Lincoln, from 9am

Enjoy a wide range of entertainment, including bands, clowns, bouncy castles and a decorate your bike competition, along with a Christmas market.

SATURDAY  
14  
DECEMBER

Carols in the Paddock

569 Springston Rolleston Road, Lincoln, from 5.30pm

Join in a family-friendly evening of your favourite Christmas music, along with food, a bouncy castle and lots of fun. Brought to you by Hope Presbyterian Rolleston. Music from 7pm.

For information on listing a community event visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall](http://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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Darfield call free 318 8338  
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