



# Family water safety programme

Having fun while staying safe in the water is the driver behind a new family programme at Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Two Family Water Safety Programmes will be run at Selwyn Aquatic Centre on Sunday 19 and Sunday 26 May.

It is the first time the Council has run a family-focused water safety programme, Swim School supervisor Sammy Lawson says.

The Council has been working with Coast Guard NZ for a year providing water safety courses, which have been run for children and school groups, but the family programme is more in-depth, she says.

Families will tackle challenges together, both in and out of the pool, with practical tips covering general water safety along with safety on rivers and in the ocean, she says. It's all designed to get families having fun together while learning vital skills.

"It's created to be fun. We teach boat safety—falling in and out and flipping a boat—towing somebody who needs rescuing, throwing ropes, identifying rips, river crossing, hypothermia, help huddles."

For a country surrounded by water, New Zealanders have a poor record when it comes to water safety and the course is also working to reach those most at risk of drowning or near drowning, Mrs Lawson says. Teaching adults alongside children also means parents are better equipped to keep their children safe, by being able to spot rips or other unsafe conditions and in setting and enforcing good habits.

"The research in New Zealand shows it's adults and particularly adult and teenage males that are putting themselves at risk, so we're trying to target that, but it's about keeping all of your family safe."

Completing the session will also see participants receive a NZ Coastguard Safe Boating qualification.

The Family Water Safety Programme will run from 1–4.30pm and costs \$25 per family of four, additional children are \$5 each. Children must be over 5 years. Up to 12 families can take part in each session. Bookings essential by emailing [swimschool@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:swimschool@selwyn.govt.nz).



## On the roads this week

Repairs will be carried out on Old West Coast Road, Waimakariri Gorge Road and Selwyn Road until Friday 10 May. Traffic management will be in place during this time.

Resealing work will be carried out on Marshs Road until Friday 10 May. Traffic management will be in place during this time.

Road works are continuing on Goulds Road between Maltby Drive and East Maddisons Road until Friday 17 May. Detours and traffic management will be in place during this time.

Footpath construction will be continuing on Edward Street from Millstream Drive to Southfield Drive, Tod Place and North Belt from James Street to Kildare Terrace until Friday 10 May.

Sealing has been completed for the footpath through Mahoe Reserve in Lincoln, a popular track linking Lincoln Primary and High schools with the adjoining subdivisions. Storm water improvement and kerb and channel work has been completed on Tosswill Road. Work will continue this week preparing the road pavement, footpaths and residential entranceways. Sealing work on Robinsons Road is due to begin this week depending on the weather.



The newly sealed track in Mahoe Reserve.

## Rolleston town centre upgrade – pedestrian experience

Creating a pedestrian-friendly environment in Rolleston is part of the vision for the town centre upgrade.

The design and layout of the proposed Rolleston town centre roading and public spaces is now available to view, along with the proposed features of the pedestrian walkways.

The design of the carriageway and sidewalk is focused on making a stroll through the town centre a pleasant experience. This means children, the elderly and other pedestrians will be safe to cross the road and travel throughout the town centre.

It's proposed that the pavement will have an interesting design, with street furniture to be placed at regular intervals. Exotic and native trees are also planned to be planted in the main street. Where possible, significantly wider spaces have been proposed to allow a number of people to gather and enjoy the streetscape.

Modern lighting will also ensure the light level is safe for cars and people during the day and night.

Some proposed key features include:

- 4000 plants and 185 trees across the town centre
- five or more seats along the Tennyson Street high street
- a community garden alongside the promenade with edible plants
- modern street lighting to enhance light levels
- water fountains and street furniture
- rubbish bins across the development that will be regularly serviced.

For more information and to complete a feedback form, go to [selwyn.govt.nz/rtc-design](http://selwyn.govt.nz/rtc-design).



## Plant out day at Kirwee Recreation Reserve

The Kirwee community will be bringing a new touch of green to the Kirwee Recreation Reserve this week.

Native plants will be planted around the perimeter of the reserve in two community planting days on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 May.

The aim is to form a "green dot" in Kirwee, establishing ecosystems and native bird life on the reserve, reserve management committee chair Raewyn Feast says.

The first of the plant out days on Friday will see pupils of the Kirwee Model School joining members of the community and will include an educational session on native planting and ecosystems, Mrs Feast says.

"We have a large number of plants to get into the ground and are very happy for members of the community to turn up on either day starting at 9.30am on Tramway Road. This is an exciting opportunity for the community to come together and get involved with what we hope will be a lasting legacy at the Kirwee Recreation Reserve."

The plant out days are the start of further planting at the reserve and the first stages of the concept plan for developing the reserve extension, she says. Te Ara Kakariki Greenway Canterbury Trust has given support and advice on a planting plan.

The concept plan is being developed by the reserve management committee and the Kirwee township committee with support from council staff.



Notices

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH SPORTS TEAMS TO TRAVEL

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Funding is available for Selwyn sports teams who need to travel to local competition games and are comprised of members aged 5–19 years (school competitions in school time are not eligible). This funding round is for winter sports only. Applications close Friday 24 May 2019. For further information and application forms go to [www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding/sport-nz-rural-travel-fund](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding/sport-nz-rural-travel-fund) or contact Stuart Westoby, 03 347 2708, [stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz).

[govt.nz](http://govt.nz).

NEED FUNDING FOR YOUR CREATIVE PROJECT?

Applications are open now for Creative Communities funding. Funding is available to groups or individuals with community-based creative projects that promote arts or culture in Selwyn. The aim of the scheme is to increase participation in the arts at a local level, and increase the range and diversity of arts available to communities. Applications for this funding round close at 5pm, Friday 17 May. Visit [selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding](http://selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding) for more information

and to apply.

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 10 May at the following places: Rolleston: 9–9.30am Lincoln: 10.15–10.45am Leeston: 11.30am–12pm Darfield: 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 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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

*Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.*  
**Council Meeting**  
Wed 8 May 1pm  
**District Plan Review Committee**  
Wed 22 May 9am  
**Road Safety Committee**  
Thur 23 May 10am

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Darfield Township Committee**  
Thur 16 May 7.30pm  
Darfield Library  
**Dunsandel Community Committee**  
Mon 20 May 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Community Centre  
**Glenroy Community Hall Committee**  
Tue 21 May 7.30pm  
Glenroy Community Hall  
**Glentunnel Community Centre Committee**  
Tue 21 May 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre  
**Kimberley Reserve and Hall Committee**  
Thur 23 May 7.30pm  
Kimberley Hall  
**Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee**  
Mon 13 May 7.30pm  
Kirwee Recreation Reserve  
**Kirwee Township Committee**  
Mon 20 May 7.30pm  
Kirwee Community Hall  
**Ladbrooks Community Hall**

**Committee**  
Fri 24 May 7.45pm  
Ladbrooks Community Hall  
**Lincoln Community Committee**  
Mon 13 May 7pm  
Lincoln Event Centre  
**Southbridge Advisory Committee**  
Mon 13 May 7pm  
Southbridge Hall  
**Springston Recreation Reserve Committee**  
Wed 15 May 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve  
**Tai Tapu Community Association – Special meeting**  
Wed 15 May 7.30pm  
Tai Tapu Hotel Function Room  
**Waihora Park Reserve Committee**  
Tue 7 May 7.30pm  
Waihora Bowling Club  
**Weedons Reserve Committee**  
Mon 13 May 7pm  
Weedons Reserve  
**Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee**  
Mon 13 May 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Hall

Plastic bags get the bin

Change is coming for kerbside recycling collection in Selwyn, with plastic bags given the bin. From Monday 1 July plastic shopping bags will need to go in the red bin – rather than the yellow kerbside recycling bin. Solid Waste Manager Andrew Boyd says the decision is a result of the falling number of bags, following the decision by major supermarkets and the government to phase them out. The number of plastic bags going into bins in Selwyn has been falling since the start of the year, Mr Boyd says, matching the change around the country. Plastics that are marked as compostable or biodegradable also need to be put into the red bin or composted at home. To find out more about what you can put in your green, yellow and red wheelie bin, visit our website [selwyn.govt.nz/rubbish](http://selwyn.govt.nz/rubbish).

BOOST Skate a hit with young riders

The first BOOST event of the year saw about 80 young people bring out their wheels or try out new ones at Rolleston Skate Park and Reserve. Youth Council Chairperson Katelyn Twiss says the event on 26 April was an awesome way to start the BOOST events for the year, which will be held every school holidays. There was plenty for everyone, she says, with a skate competition run by cheapskates, giant games and fun provided by council staff and Pedalmania’s collection of cool and unusual recycled bikes. “Everyone regardless of their ability had the opportunity to get on a skateboard or a bike and give it a go. It was inspiring to see people of all ages trying their best and learning new skills. As a youth council, we enjoyed giving out sports prizes such as vouchers and a basketball to people we believed were trying their hardest and also helping others. We also gave our main prize of the Bluetooth headphones to Joseph Hill because he was encouraging his younger brother and having a great time with his friends.” The event also featured a fundraising sausage sizzle, which raised \$126. This money will be split and donated to the Victim Support Givealittle page set up for the Christchurch mosque attack victims and the MATW (Muslims Around the World) Project.

Selwyn Events

FROM

1–31

MAY

**‘Bring a Mate’ May**  
Selwyn Aquatic Centre  
For the whole of May Selwyn Aquatic Centre is offering the opportunity to bring a friend with you to any of Aqua Fitness Class for free.

WEDNESDAY

8

MAY

**Sustainable Funding**  
Lincoln Event Centre, 5.30–7.30pm  
A practical workshop for not-for-profit and voluntary based organisations, with tips and ideas on securing funding for your community group. Run by training organisation Exult the workshop will cover income streams for community groups, getting more people helping with fundraising and other simple tips and tricks for raising more money, more often.

THURSDAY

9

MAY

**Art for All**  
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 1–2pm  
Running every Thursday for eight weeks, this class is led by local artist Bridget Carr. Sessions aim to encourage memory recall through the process of creating art. Classes will interest those who are keen to share experiences and socialise while stimulating the mind. No experience necessary. All materials provided. \$40 per person for the term (8 sessions). Bookings essential, at [Eventbrite.co.nz](http://Eventbrite.co.nz).

FRIDAY

10

MAY

**Christchurch Symphony Orchestra (CSO) Music Trails**  
Lincoln Library, 10.30–11.30am  
Enjoy this free interactive performance for children as part of NZ Music Month. Designed for children aged two to six, this session is a fun way to introduce children to live music. For more dates and information on Music Month concerts at Selwyn Libraries visit [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz)

UNTIL

12

MAY

**An Ashburton Collection**  
Down by the Liffey Gallery, Lincoln, selected hours Wed–Sun  
Featuring the work of Ngaio McKee, Margaret Digby and Hakatere Ceramics and Pottery. Colour and creativity from a group of artists hailing from south of the Rakaia.

SUNDAY

12

MAY

**Mother’s Day**  
Selwyn Aquatic Centre  
Mums swim for free at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre on Mother’s Day, so give mum a quiet relaxing swim, or celebrate with a family day out.

THURSDAY

16

MAY

**Confident Drivers Course**  
Dunsandel Community Centre, 9am–3pm  
Offering a refresher of the current road rules for over 60s. For more information and to book contact Age Concern on (03) 366 0903.

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  
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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