



Profiling our Selwyn Awards 2018 winners. Hororata Night Glow Festival took out the 2018 Tourism Award.

What started as a “cool idea”, has grown in just two short years to be the largest event in the Selwyn district.

That “cool idea” combined with hard work and community involvement saw an astounding 14,000 people at the 2019 Hororata Night Glow Festival.

Ballooning Canterbury and the Hororata Community Trust, invite balloonists from all over New Zealand to the festival, putting on a spectacular show of balloons lighting up in unison to music.

Together with live music, children’s entertainment, science demonstrations and street food the festival draws visitors to the district from far and wide.

Hororata Community Trust Executive Officer Cindy Driscoll says winning the Tourism Award at the 2018 Selwyn Awards—just after the first Night Glow—was amazing recognition. “It meant so much to our community and was amazing recognition for all the hard work that the Trust, our volunteers and balloonists put into making this event happen” she says.

“Our aim was to showcase our district, provide a platform for our community groups to promote their various activities and invite people from all over to enjoy an amazing event with us. Winning the tourism award was recognition that we had achieved all of this.”

It was a “no brainer” to enter the 2018 Selwyn Awards as their reputation in the district was growing, Ms Driscoll says. “It’s a great initiative, so it made sense to get involved and enter the Night Glow in the Tourism category. I would encourage anyone to enter. It was a very rewarding experience and is a great celebration of everything the Selwyn district has achieved.”

As for the future of the Night Glow, “it’s only going to get bigger,” she says.

For more information on how you can get involved with the 2020 Selwyn Awards email info@selwynawards.co.nz.

Banned bags offered second life

Businesses in Selwyn are being given a chance to recycle their unused single-use plastic bags with the support of the Selwyn District Council.

With the national ban on businesses distributing single-use plastic bags coming into effect this month, some councils in the Canterbury region have teamed up to offer businesses a second chance with their leftover bags.

The programme will see councils collect the bags for free and send them to a recycling plant for processing, with the aim of preventing large stocks of unused bags being sent to landfills.

All retailers and charity shops in Selwyn that have unused stocks of clean single-use plastic bags will be able to drop them off at the Pines Resource Recovery Centre in Rolleston until Friday 2 August.

Solid Waste manager Andrew Boyd says the Council was keen to join to the programme and provide a positive alternative for businesses left with unused bags.

“We know lots of businesses could have bags left over. The point of the ban is to get these bags out of circulation and stop them ending up in the environment so it would have been unfortunate if it led to bags being dumped, especially before being used.”

The bags must:

- Be new (the recycling company will only accept pre-consumer bags), AND
- Be made of HDPE (supermarket type) or LDPE (usually more durable) plastic, AND
- Have carry handles (including die cut handles),

Degradable, biodegradable or oxo-degradable bags are not included as they cannot currently be recycled. Because only clean and unused bags are being accepted, household plastic bags are also not included in this campaign.

Businesses unsure as to whether their bags are included in the ban can find information on mfe.govt.nz/waste/plastic-bag-ban.

Selwyn achieves best council credit rating in New Zealand

Selwyn District Council has received the highest credit rating of any council in New Zealand after being awarded a AA+ by ratings agency Fitch Ratings

The rating is the same as both the New Zealand sovereign rating and the Local Government Funding Agency for local currency.

The rating is a measure of the Council’s ability to meet its financial commitments and the rating means that the Council is at very low risk of defaulting on its loans.

In its assessment Fitch Ratings took into account of the strength of the Council’s financial management and of the district’s economy, driven by population growth.

It recognised the Council’s prudent financial forecasts and the diversity of the district’s economy including professional, scientific and technological services.

Council chief executive David Ward says the rating shows the financial strength of the district and the Council’s work to set Selwyn up for the future.

“This is a reflection of the growth in the Selwyn district, but also of the good work done by the Council in responding to that growth and planning its economic future well. A lot of hard work has been put in by staff to ensure we’re handling our finances in the best way for Selwyn now and into the future and we’re delighted that is reflected in the rating.”

It is the first time the Council has sought a credit rating. The rating will support the significant capital investment it is making to match the booming growth of the district, and the efforts to do this in a prudent financial manner that sets up the district for the future.



Plasterboard recycling growing in Selwyn

A new programme to recycle plasterboard is proving popular and putting nutrients back into the Canterbury land.

The Council’s Pines Resource Recovery Park in Rolleston is now accepting new plasterboard offcuts for recycling. Previously the board went to landfill. Now these offcuts are turned into soil conditioner to rejuvenate tough soils.

In six weeks almost 15 tonnes has been dropped off by builders and tradespeople or recovered from the general waste by staff. The board costs the same to dispose of as garden waste, which is less than half the cost of general waste.

Used, painted or glued plasterboard is not being accepted because it contaminates the clean product.

Solid Waste manager Andrew Boyd says builders had been asking for a recycling option, and staff are always looking for ways to reduce landfill. The popularity of the scheme so far showed it was clearly meeting a need.

“This was a good opportunity to benefit the district twice over by both reducing landfill and improving our soil so we’re really pleased to see how well it’s working already.”



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

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Lindsay Family Cellars Limited has applied for a renewal of an off licence. Objections are open until 24 July. For more information go to selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE AGM

Selwyn District Council Sister Cities Committee is holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 1 August 2019 4.30pm at the Darfield Library/Service Centre. Selwyn has Sister Cities cultural and friendship relationships and exchange visits with Sister Cities in Japan;

China; Coventry in Rhode Island, USA; and Toraja, Indonesia.

Residents are welcome to attend this meeting and can RSVP to Bernadette Ryan 347 2800 or bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz

LIBRARIES IT UPGRADE – PUBLIC COMPUTERS AND PRINTING UNAVAILABLE

We are upgrading the IT equipment at our libraries.

Due to this work; public computers and printers will not be available at Selwyn Libraries on the following dates:

- Tuesday 23 July – Rolleston Library
- Wednesday 24 July – Lincoln Library

- Thursday 25 July – Leeston Library
 - Friday 26 July – Darfield Library
- We apologise for the inconvenience. If you still wish to access the wifi, you can do so via your personal device.

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.

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 or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Council meeting

Wed 10 July 1pm, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre
Malvern Community Board

Mon 22 July 4.30pm

Darfield Library/Service Centre

District Plan Review Committee

Wed 24 July 9am, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Road Safety Committee

Thur 25 July 10am
Weedons Pavilion

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 23 July 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Township Committee

Thur 18 July 7.30pm
Darfield Library

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 16 July 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee

Tue 16 July 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Hororata Citizens Committee

Tue 23 July 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Kirwee Township Committee

Mon 15 July 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall, A&P Showgrounds

Rolleston Residents' Association

Mon 22 July 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Springston Community Committee & Springston Recreation Reserve Committee

Wed 17 July 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Springston Hall Committee

Fri 26 July 7.30pm, Springston Hall

New Levi Park playground ready for action

The playground on Stern Crescent in Levi Park has recently reopened following new equipment installations.

The equipment replaces the existing playground, which had to be removed after drainage and slumping issues caused a safety issue for users.

A 4.2 metre high net climber and a spinner bowl are among the new items included in the playground.

The previous equipment is planned to be installed at a different playground in Rolleston where the ground conditions are firmer and more suitable.



Disposing of hot ashes

A warm fire in the fireplace is one of the best things about winter, but without care it can quickly become a hazard. One of the easiest ways fires start is not disposing properly of hot ashes. Ashes can stay hot long after a fire has gone out and they can and do start fires in household rubbish bins. Hot ashes have also started fires in rubbish trucks and transfer stations.

The Council is reminding people to be careful and protect your home and others. Always remember – bucket, bag it and bin it.

- Bucket – put ash in a metal bucket with water for at least five days
- Bag it – place cold ash in a plastic bag
- Bin it – place the bag of ashes in the red rubbish bin

On the roads this week



Surfacing work will be carried out on High Peak Road until Friday 12 July. Traffic management will be in place at this time. Footpath construction will be taking place on North Terrace from Currie Street to McIlraith Street, Currie Street from Horndon Street to North Terrace, McIlraith Street from Horndon Street to North Terrace, Kimberlee Road from Horndon Street to North Terrace, Prebblewood Drive from Trens Road to Dewar Lane, Birchwood Close, Crown Close, Woodlaw Crescent and Marshs Road from State Highway 1 to Meadowlands Road, until Friday 12 July.

There will be partial closures on McLaughlins Road and Greendale Road, Darfield until Sunday 21 July. Roads may be fully open in the evenings. Traffic management will be in place.

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

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

11 & 18

JULY

Discomania

11 July at The Station in Leeston,
18 July at Tai Tapu Community Centre, 6–7.30pm

Come and get your wiggle on at this fun filled disco designed for youngsters. \$2 per child, free for caregivers. Suitable for ages 3 to 13 years.

THURSDAY

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JULY

Fun with Makeup

Rolleston 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

WEDNESDAY

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JULY

Sign Language Classes

Rolleston Library, 3.30–4.30pm

For the first time Rolleston Library is offering classes in New Zealand Sign Language for ages 5–10. These interactive lessons include games and other activities. Each lesson will build upon the last, so a commitment for the term is preferred. Bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz

TUESDAY

23

JULY

Harry Potter Quiz

Rolleston Community Centre, 7–9.30pm

Sending an owl to all adults witch, wizard or muggle. Join us in your robes for a Harry Potter quiz and test your knowledge of the wizarding world. Teams of 3–6, \$5 per person, bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz



Map IT!

Create a map of your world, or invent your own. On in West Melton, Tai Tapu, Glentunnel, Southbridge and your local Selwyn library.



For events and information visit:

selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest

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

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19 Messines Street, Leeston
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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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