



## New citizens welcomed at Waitangi Day ceremony

Waitangi Day 2019 was an extra special celebration for 30 Selwyn residents, who became New Zealand citizens at the first ever citizenship ceremony to be held at Ngāti Moki Marae, Taumutu.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga and the people of Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki hosted the ceremony at the marae, near Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere.

The 30 new citizens represented 12 different nationalities, from near neighbours like Australia and Tonga, and others from as far afield as the Seychelles, India and the Netherlands.

Selwyn mayor Sam Broughton says the event, attended by around 140 people, marks a first for the district. "This is the first time that a citizenship ceremony has been held at Ngāti Moki Marae, and is an example of our close relationship with Te Taumutu Rūnanga," he says.

"The occasion holds extra significance due to being held on Waitangi Day and is an opportunity for those attending to gain a better understanding of local history.

"The 30 people who became citizens have come from countries all over the world to make their home with us in Selwyn, and our growing diversity is great to see."

Ioannis Delikostidis, from Greece, was one of the citizenship recipients, and said he enjoyed the experience of being on the marae. "It was nice to have it here instead of in a formal place," he said.

"I sought citizenship because I have been here many years and feel like I'm already part of the society and the country," he says. "Citizenship is something that helps you feel like you are integrated and part of the whole."

Mr Delikostidis and his wife only recently moved to Selwyn, but says it's a really amazing place to live. "The people are friendly and although it's close to the city, it's still a bit out of the way. It's a nice, safe, quiet, peaceful place with lot of young families."

## Win with 100 Days of Summer

What a great, warm summer we have had!

There are still more hot days forecast so make sure you get out and enjoy it with 100 Days of Summer.

We are just about to select more winners so get out, take some snaps and send them our way. We love seeing you all out there enjoying what Selwyn has to offer.

To enter, simply post a photo of you enjoying one of our 100 Days of Summer activities to your Instagram, tag us @sensationalselwyn and #100daysofsummer, or if you don't have Instagram send us your photos at [competition@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:competition@selwyn.govt.nz).

For more information go to [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).



## Show off your moves at skate and scooter jams

Come along to our series of Summer Skate and Scooter Jams and let us introduce you to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from experienced skaters from Cheapskates Skate Skool.

Enjoy the relaxed environment as you give it a go, cheer friends and family on and ease your way into skating! There is something for all abilities.

This year there is a 'Jam format' where 2-3 skaters at a time have a few minutes to impress the judges with their tricks. Judges check out your style, creativity and technical ability – don't let this scare you! Just get out there and do your stuff!

Check out [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events) for a list of dates and locations.

## Get fit and active in 2019

We have released the term one brochure for all Council-run fitness and recreation classes in Selwyn.

The programmes at Rolleston Community Centre and Lincoln Event Centre have had huge growth over the past few years and following the growth in other communities, the Tai Tapu Community Centre and West Melton Community and Recreation Centre are also running classes.

The centres offer classes for a range of people including fitness and weights classes such as Pump, Spin and HIIT, Yoga classes, activities for young adults like Get Your Skates On and Basketball, sessions to get the toddlers moving such as Mini Gym and classes for more mature residents.

The influx of people into Selwyn over the past few years means we have had to ensure that our new programmes met the needs of our whole community. We aim to make all our programmes affordable to the whole community – from young people to older adults.

If you prefer to exercise in the pool the Selwyn Aquatic Centre is the place for you!

Our Aquafit timetable offers the benefits of aquatic exercise targeting balance, endurance, toning, cardiovascular fitness and more.

This year the programme has nearly doubled in the number of total classes from 7 to 12 per week, adding in extra classes both during the day and in the evening. We also introduced two new intensities: Hydro Health (low intensity, rehab and recovery focused class) and Aqua HIIT (high intensity interval training).

It is the enthusiasm, friendliness and motivation of the instructors that keep our participants coming back week after week, come along and see for yourself.

Pick up a brochure today from your closest centre or check it out online at [selwyn.govt.nz](http://selwyn.govt.nz).



## Get emergency alerts through Selwyn Gets Ready

Did you know you can sign up to receive texts or emails warning you of events like strong winds, uncontrolled fire, snow or messages from local police?

This free service is provided through a website text and email service operated by our Emergency Management team.

The Selwyn Gets Ready website is a database which contains contact information for local residents. This information is used by local community response teams to identify who needs assistance in an emergency and who has skills or resources (like first aid skills or generators) that could help in a disaster.

In a disaster a network of community response teams operates in Selwyn checking on the welfare of their community, identifying what needs to be done in their area and requesting assistance if needed.

Access to household information is restricted to local community response teams and can't be viewed by the public.

To sign up visit [selwyn.getsready.net](http://selwyn.getsready.net).



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