



## Council leads the way in commitment to accessibility for all

The Council has laid a marker for all Selwyn residents as the first local government authority to produce its own accessibility charter.

Mayor Sam Broughton signed the Te Arataki Taero Kore Accessible Selwyn Charter at a ceremony last week attended by disability groups and organisations.

Anne Hawker, Principal Disability Advisor to the Ministry of Social Development told the audience of around 50 people it was a first for New Zealand.

“You are the first local government authority to sign an accessibility charter,” she told the audience at the signing.

The Charter is based on the Ministry of Social Development’s Accessibility Charter, and along with the associated Accessibility Action Plan is the beginning of an ongoing commitment to all Selwyn residents, Mayor Sam Broughton says.

“It’s a start – we’re not going to be perfect at the very beginning, but by 2025 we want to be well down the road and by 2030 this will look different again. It is a document that has been designed for Selwyn and needs to be flexible to meet the needs of our community. Diversity strengthens our community and this document is part of the Council’s commitment to lead on issues of making Selwyn a great place to live for people of all abilities.”

The Council also values feedback on accessibility issues, Mr Broughton told the representatives from IHC, Selwyn Launch Group, Waitaha School, Rolleston Star Jam, New Zealand Disability Advisory Group, Deaf Aotearoa, Brackenridge, New Zealand Sign Language Interpreters and Aspire Canterbury.

The signing ceremony opened with a performance by Jolt Dance Group – a group supporting opportunities for everyone to dance and find their creative voice.

The charter commits the Council to working in the areas of leadership, education, technical expertise and health and wellbeing. It builds on accessibility work such as equipment and classes at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre to assist people with access to the pool and the Rolleston Town Centre design which was carried out with advice from accessibility groups.

## Consultation opens on new Springs Reserve

The Council is planning a new reserve development for the Springs Ward on Birchs Road, Prebbleton, and we want to hear what you think.

Last year we carried out local community consultation and identified a number of elements that people were looking for, including off-lead dog areas, diverse play experiences, and safe biking and sporting opportunities.

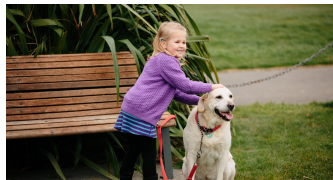
From this consultation, we’ve put together a draft design and now we want more input from the local community. The plan includes pathways, seating and picnic areas, shade trees, a waterway, open grass and play spaces, bike tracks, and an off-leash dog exercise area.

You can have a look through the plan and have your say online at [selwyn.govt.nz/birchsrddpark](http://selwyn.govt.nz/birchsrddpark). We will be sending out a summary document to some of the surround communities in Prebbleton and Lincoln.

We also want to know if you have any ideas on what we can name the new reserve.

This park was initially proposed in the Council’s 2015–2025 Long-Term Plan which was adopted by the Council following public consultation in 2015.

Consultation on this part of the project closes on Friday 13 December.



## Council services on Canterbury Anniversary Day

Council offices, Libraries and Service Centres, Rolleston Community Centre, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre and Lincoln Event Centre will be closed on Canterbury Anniversary Day, Friday 15 November. Rubbish and recycling collection will occur as normal. Selwyn Aquatic Centre is open from 8am–8pm. Pines Resource Recovery Park is open from 9am–4.30pm.

## A passion for diversity

Continuing our series celebrating the Faces of Selwyn. Visit [selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn](http://selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn) for the full story.

Dr Surinder Tandon came to New Zealand to work with textiles and developed a passion for weaving communities together.

Originally from New Delhi, Surinda and his wife Archana moved to New Zealand in 1988. He’d just completed his PhD in textile engineering and landed a job at the Wool Research Organisation of New Zealand (WRONZ) in Lincoln.

“They were doing a lot of interesting work in textile engineering and fabric product development,” he says.

Combined with his love for cricket, he thought it was the perfect opportunity to mix career and sport.

“But of course, New Zealand is far away from India. It was quite new, but it was exciting and challenging.”

Work colleagues helped him settle and connect with other Indian families and he and a group of new migrants from India and formed a “potluck social group” to meet up during the weekends for picnics and other family activities.

In 1998, they formed the Indian Social and Cultural Club (ISCCNZ)—now the major Indian association in Christchurch—and Surinder played an important role in founding Selwyn’s popular CultureFest.

It’s a festival where various ethnic groups can showcase their music, dance and food, he says. “Its culture galore!”

It has become an important vehicle for encouraging social inclusion and equality and helping to prevent cultural and ethnic divisions, he says.

He also went on to represent the Indian community on the Christchurch Multicultural Council, and has been its president for 10 years.

“I grew a lot of passion for serving ethnic communities. Not just Indian communities, but all communities, including migrants and refugees.”

Christchurch has over 180 ethnicities, he says.

“I realised that the needs of all migrants are the same for settlement, such as culture, language barriers, employment challenges and homesickness, of course.”



## Council building team praised

The Council’s building team has been praised for its work following its accreditation assessment to continue issuing building consents.

The Council’s building team was congratulated on its processes during the accreditation assessment by International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) which conducts the review on behalf of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The review is required by law every two years.

The IANZ assessors praised the Council for having the best complaints process for building practitioners it had seen in the country and for its excellent training programme and its ‘continuous improvement’ system which regularly audits the team’s work to make sure it is up to standard and suggest improvements which could be made.

Council building manager Vanessa Mitchell says the assessment was a huge positive for the team managing an extremely high work load averaging 200 consents a month and working in one of the fastest growing districts in the country. “It takes all of the staff doing their work to the highest standards to achieve that compliance level. It shows that we can have confidence in the team and that the procedures in place are ensuring we run like a well-oiled machine.”

The process will be completed once three minor issues are addressed which the team is already working on. The IANZ team found seven general non-compliance issues, four of which were addressed immediately. This is an improvement on its last assessment in 2017 which found 10 non-compliance issues and was alongside some of the best results for Council accreditation assessments this year.



## On the roads this week

Footpath construction will be taking place in Sheffield on Wrights Road and in Waddington on Waddington Road. These footpaths will be closed during construction.

# 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

SPORT NEW ZEALAND  
RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Funding is available for Selwyn sport 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 summer sports only. For further information and application forms go to [selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding/sport-nz-rural-travel-fund](http://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). Applications for this funding round close Friday 29 November 2019.

SPRINGSTON PUBLIC  
CEMETERY

The Council cemetery team would like to contact the families of the following people interred at Springston Public Cemetery. MEEHAN, Kenneth Leslie MEHLHOPT, Allan Reginald ROGERS, Mark Hall WHITTAKER, Ronald Josephus Raynor HUNTER, Carl ROLSTON, James ANDREW, Lawrence James TIPLADY, Albert Charles HALL, Alfred Donald HEWITT, Norman Alfred If you are a family member or

know any family members of the above people, please ask them to contact Leanne Page on 347 2821 or email [Leanne.page@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:Leanne.page@selwyn.govt.nz)

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Townill Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 26 November. Oktoberfest Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 27 November. A & J Rolleston Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 29 November. For more information go to [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

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

**Council**  
Wed 20 Nov 1pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre  
**Malvern Community Board**  
Mon 25 Nov 4pm  
Darfield Library/Service Centre

DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS

**Coalgate Township Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow**  
Tue 26 Nov 7.30pm  
Coalgate Bowling Club  
**Darfield Township Committee**  
Thu 21 Nov 7.30pm  
Darfield Library

**Dunsandel Community Committee – Triennial Meeting with ordinary meeting to follow**  
Mon 18 Nov 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Community Centre  
**Glenroy Community Hall Committee – AGM**  
Tue 19 Nov 7.30pm  
Glenroy Community Hall  
**Glentunnel Community Centre Committee**  
Tue 12 Nov 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre  
**Glentunnel Township Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow**  
Mon 25 Nov 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre  
**Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee**  
Tue 26 Nov 7.30pm  
Greendale Sports Pavilion  
**Hororata Citizens' Committee**  
Tue 26 Nov 7.30pm, Hororata Hall  
**Killinchy Community Centre – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow**  
Wed 27 Nov 7.30pm  
Killinchy Community Centre. *All residents of Killinchy most welcome to attend. Apologies to Sandra Opie 324 3815*  
**Kimberley Reserve & Hall Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow**

Thu 28 Nov 7.30pm  
Kimberley Hall  
**Kirwee Township Committee – Triennial meeting**  
Mon 18 Nov 7.30pm  
Kirwee Community Hall, A&P Showgrounds  
**Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee – AGM**  
Fri 22 Nov 7.45pm  
Ladbrooks Community Hall  
**Leeston Park Committee – AGM**  
Mon 25 November 8pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion  
**Rolleston Residents' Association Inc**  
Mon 25 Nov 7pm  
Rolleston Community Centre  
**Springston Community Committee & Springston Recreation Reserve Committee**  
Wed 20 Nov 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve  
**Springston Hall Committee**  
Thu 28 Nov 7.30pm  
Springston Hall  
**Springston Community Committee & Springston Recreation Reserve Committee & Springston Hall Committee – Triennial meeting**  
Wed 4 Nov 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

A new identity celebrated

Returns and new starts were celebrated at the Council's monthly citizenship ceremony.

A group of 31 people from 10 countries stretching from Canada to Kazakhstan took the oath to become New Zealanders.

For Ganga Ram Chapagai, a refugee from Bhutan, who became a citizen with his wife Kamala Rai and daughter Srijana Chapagai Bhattarai, the ceremony was the end of a 30 year journey.

"For 30 years I was without an identity and the government of New Zealand has been so kind to me to grant me an identity and I'm really proud to become a Kiwi."

For Beatrice Chua, it was a return after her family moved to New Zealand from the Philippines when she was seven and later moved back. She returned to New Zealand for university and work and committed to making the country her home.

Among the others who became New Zealanders were Kulmira Alieva from Kazakhstan, and Englishmen Patrick Holland and Damian Holmes who all married New Zealanders. Mr Holmes was among a number of people in the group who first came to the country on holiday.

"I came here nine years ago and loved it, met a girl and I loved her and now we have got our own house and little Kiwi. It's a great place and that's why I wanted to become a Kiwi."

Daniel Dilkes, originally from Canada echoed the words of many of the new citizens who described finding a sense of home here.

"I came here for a holiday in 1996 and got a job, years later I've lived and worked all over this country. It's a beautiful country, I fell in love with it and it's an absolute honour to become a citizen of this country, because it's my home."



Selwyn Events

SATURDAY

16  
NOVEMBER

Christmas Bazaar Market  
Lincoln Green, 10am–1pm

The Lincoln Farmers' and Craft Market are having their annual Christmas Bazaar Market. Come and visit Santa and the Christmas Fairy, enjoy live music, browse the produce and many craft stalls. Perfect opportunity to shop local this festive season.

SAT 16  
AND  
SUN 17

NOVEMBER

Pool Opening Parties

Southbridge Pool, Saturday,  
Darfield Pool, Sunday, 1–4pm

Grab your friends, family, togs and jandals and celebrate the opening of our outdoor pools. Enjoy a free BBQ, giveaways and awesome spot prizes. Make a splash on the inflatables and hydroslide at Southbridge. Normal pool admission applies.

THU 21  
AND  
SAT 23

NOVEMBER

Using Chalk Paint for  
Beginners

Lincoln Library, Thursday 6–8pm  
Leeston Library, Saturday 1–3pm

Part of the Selwyn Libraries Furniture Refurb Series offering tips for people looking to update old furniture or give it a new life. Learn the basics of chalk paint. Suitable for ages 15 and over. \$15 per person, bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz)

SATURDAY

23  
NOVEMBER

Community Recycling Day  
Hawkins Pit Darfield, 10am–4pm

In time for a spring clean – drop off garden waste, scrap metal, tyres, child car seats, e-waste and recycling. Some charges may apply. General rubbish, gas bottles, items containing oil or fuel, polystyrene or soft plastic can't be accepted. Go to [selwyn.govt.nz/recyclingday](http://selwyn.govt.nz/recyclingday) for more information.

SATURDAY

23  
NOVEMBER

Dads and Kids Time  
Leeston Library, 1–2pm

A special time for kids to spend time with Dads or Grandads. Come along for a fun workshop and bring your imaginations. \$10 per family, bookings essential at [Eventbrite.co.nz](http://Eventbrite.co.nz).

UNTIL

24  
NOVEMBER

'It's In Our Nature'  
Art Exhibition

Down by the Liffey Gallery, Lincoln,  
selected opening hours

An exhibition featuring Ann Wilson, Dot Moulton and Mike Glover. Drawing on years of art making, Ann and Mike present their different styles of distinctive pastel work while Dot gets funky with colour and clay.

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