

Selwyn Libraries Edge Connector service hits the road



A new library service bringing popular programmes and resources to those who don't have easy access to a library had its first outing last week.

Residents of Castle Hill and Arthur's Pass were the first to try out the Council's new Edge Connector service in its specially kitted out vehicle.

The service is designed to bring targeted library resources, programmes and services to communities, schools, pre-schools and community groups not within easy reach of one of the district's four libraries. Its main focus is on communities 15 kilometres from a library.

Community Services and Facilities group manager, Denise Kidd, says the service has been designed to be cost effective, efficient and flexible so it can bring things the whole community want, but would otherwise be difficult to access. "We want to make sure those communities across the district without easy access to a physical library have similar opportunities to others, whether that's through education on our online resources or bringing a specific programme that caters to a group of residents of the particular community."

It is expected regular visits to communities such as Windwhistle, Springfield, Dunsandel, Southbridge, Hororata, Greendale, Glentunnel and Sheffield will begin in the next few weeks. Other visits are being planned as the service assesses the needs and interest levels in particular communities, and continues to work on logistics and opportunities.

The Edge Connector is fitted with wifi, computers, a touch screen online catalogue, printer and scanner. It will bring a selection of books, magazines and DVDs along with tech kits that can include microscopes, telescopes, robotic kits and entry level VR equipment, which can be browsed or borrowed.

It will also be able to carry resources such as a 3D printer and sewing machines to allow for specific programmes.

The newly purchased vehicle has a focus on cost effectiveness and environmental sustainability with the electronics powered by two auxiliary batteries that charge while the van drives, or by a solar panel on the roof. It also has low energy LED lighting and furniture designed to maximise space, with reading spots for children and adults.

Council supports Selwyn students to advance in life

Council is offering scholarships for up to six senior local high school students to pursue their passion and aspirations beyond school.

Applications for the tertiary scholarships have opened for year 12 and 13 students who live and study in Selwyn and are planning to undertake full-time post-secondary school education or training at a recognised New Zealand university, polytechnic or training institution next year.

The scholarships of up to \$3000 will be available for students from Darfield High School, Ellesmere College and Lincoln High School who have achieved outstanding success in academic, sports, cultural, arts, social responsibility or other areas. Those who have overcome barriers or hardships to achieve are also encouraged to apply.

The scholarship provides payment towards fees and costs associated with the purchase of books and equipment required for their study or training.

Council Community Services and Facilities Group Manager Denise Kidd says the scholarships are intended to help local young people pursue their dreams.

"The Council recognises that it benefits all of us when we encourage the outstanding young people we have. These scholarships are not limited to academic achievements, but are open to supporting local senior students who have achieved success in sports, culture, arts pursuits or who have represented us well despite the obstacles in their way."

Applicants can include a statement of support from a teacher, school coach or other person who is relevant to their application such as a regional or national coach.

Applications close at the end of September and shortlisted applicants will be interviewed as part of the selection process. Council will liaise directly with schools before making its final decision. Successful applicants are expected to be announced at the end of year school prize giving awards.

To find out more about the scholarships, including application forms, students can visit selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships.

Community helps shape Kirwee Reserve extension

A community-led project is helping to create an exciting new recreation and sports hub for the Kirwee area.

Working alongside the Council, a community working party has been gathering ideas and input from residents, sports clubs and organisations to plan a major extension to the Kirwee Recreation Reserve.

The project will add 6.5 hectares to the reserve, and provide space for additional sports fields, recreation areas and community facilities.

Proposals include realigning one of the rugby fields, adding a second junior field and providing a second dedicated cricket oval. A new open space area will be set aside for off-leash dog exercise, along with walkways and fitness trails, a BMX/Pump track and informal play areas.

A central community area will be developed with seating, picnic and barbeque areas, playground, a basketball half-court and amenities including public toilets. Additional car parking will be included.

Council property and open space planner Derek Hayes says the proposed extension, guided by community input, aims to provide for both active and passive recreation, and will help meet growing demand for sports and community space.

"The extension will be a huge asset to Kirwee, with additional sports capacity, recreation areas and facilities that will serve the community as a central hub now and into the future."

Residents are invited to view the plans and provide feedback throughout this month. A drop-in session will be held on Saturday 24 August, at the Kirwee Reserve Pavilion. Residents can view the master plan and provide feedback at selwyn.govt.nz/kirweereserve.

Feedback on the reserve extension closes at 5pm on Thursday 29 August.

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Extension

Drop-in session

- Saturday 24 August
- Kirwee Reserve Pavilion
- 9.30–11am approximately
- Anyone welcome



Speed dating leads to opportunities

A round of employment speed dating has helped Selwyn teens with opportunities for work.

The Council organised event at the end of June saw 29 year 12 and 13 school leavers meet with 12 employers in a speed-dating style event, with Council staff matching up those who indicated interest in talking further.

A month on its already opening doors for students and their parents.

McClenaghan Contracting owner Hamish McClenaghan says the company was impressed by the calibre and motivation of the young people and had already given one teen a week's work experience over the school holidays in their landscaping team.

"The team really enjoyed working with him and said he had good aptitude. He sent us an email afterwards thanking us and he will probably be back next holidays for us."

They are hoping to take on two other students from the day for experience and had made an unexpected connection with a parent through the day, he says.

"The mother of one of the students we interviewed now works with us two days a week. She came to talk to us and said from her daughter's conversation we sounded like a great place to work. Her daughter is one we will probably try and get in over the holidays or summer, along with another student from out Darfield way."

Sicon Ltd has also been in touch with two students aiming to provide them with work experience over the summer.

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

WANT TO BE PART OF CULTUREFEST?

Registrations are open for cultural performers, food vendors, craft stalls and activities to be part of CultureFest. CultureFest will be held at Lincoln Domain on Sunday 29 September 10am–4pm.

If you or your organisation is interested in participating please complete our registration form and return it via email to events@selwyn.govt.nz by Friday 16 August.

www.selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest

WEEDONS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

All residents of Weedons are invited to the next meeting.

Come along and meet the new committee. Bring your ideas of what you wish to see your association doing for the community. This will be a fun

and light hearted meeting, yet driven by a committee who want the association to make you proud of being part of our Weedons community. Tuesday 13 August, 7pm. Community Hall, Weedons Reserve.

ROLLESTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 26 August, 7.30pm at the Rolleston Community Centre. If you wish to be become the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer or a Committee Member, the AGM is the place to register your interest.

NEED FUNDING FOR YOUR CREATIVE PROJECT?

Creative Communities Selwyn can help! Funding is available to groups or individuals with community-based creative projects that promote arts or

culture in Selwyn. Applications for this funding round close at 5pm, Friday 30 August. Visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding for more information and to apply.

WATER RACE SHUTDOWN

Glenroy Community Irrigation Co. Ltd are temporarily shutting off the Upper Ellesmere water race intake and scheme to allow for intake maintenance. The intake will be closed from 3–7 September. Races affected include Rakaia Tce, Sharlands, Waikimihia, Rakaia, Selwyn and Illingworth Roads and all off-shoots. Flow may take time to reach all downstream users of the scheme.

An affected area map is available at www.selwyn.govt.nz. Any questions relating to this shutdown can be directed to Council on 03 347 2800 or email waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz.

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

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Council meeting

Wed 14 August 1pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Malvern Community Board

Mon 26 Aug 4.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tue 20 Aug 7.30pm

Coalgate Fire Station

Coalgate Township Committee
Tue 27 Aug 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Township Committee

Thu 15 Aug 7.30pm
Darfield Library

Dunsandel Community Committee

Mon 19 Aug 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Centre

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 20 Aug 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall

Glentunnel Township Committee

Mon 26 Aug 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Kimberley Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Thu 22 Aug 7.30pm
Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Township Committee

Mon 19 Aug 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall,
A&P Showgrounds

Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee

Fri 23 Aug 7.45pm

Ladbrooks Community Hall

Leeston Park Committee

Mon 26 Aug 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee

Thu 29 Aug 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc. AGM

Mon 26 Aug 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee

Thu 15 Aug 7.30pm
Sheffield Fire Station

Springston Community Committee & Springston Recreation Reserve Committee

Wed 21 Aug 7.30pm, Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

West Melton Districts Residents' Association

Wed 14 Aug 7.30pm
West Melton Community & Recreation Centre

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Wed 14 Aug 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Weedons playground

A new playground has been installed at Weedons Reserve and will be open for use this week.

The \$72,000 upgrade includes a new fort, basket swing, regular swing and a toddler swing. New softfall bark chip has also been put down. The playground was due for renewal and when the upgrade was being planned the old equipment was found not to meet new playground safety standards. A safety fence will be installed on the access way side of the playground to make it a safer environment for play.



On the roads this week

Repairs are being carried out on Rowallan Road, Keens Road, Springfield Road and Malvern Hills Road and bridge protection is being carried out at Mt White. Reshaping work is occurring on Zig Zag Road. Please stop on request at these sites.

Footpath construction is taking place in Darfield on North Terrace, Currie Street, McIlraith Street, Kimberley Road, Longdon Road and Holmes Road. These footpaths will be closed during the construction.

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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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Darfield call free 318 8338
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Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

14
AUGUST

What's new in cancer research?

Rolleston College auditorium, 5.30–7pm

Come and find out about the latest in cancer research. Hosted by the Cancer Society this evening will cover everything from banking cancer tissue for future research and immune therapy to breast cancer genetics and Vitamin C in cancer.

THURSDAY

15
AUGUST

Fun with Makeup

Lincoln 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.

SATURDAY

17
AUGUST

Dive in Movie

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 5.30–8pm

Dive in to some mid-winter family fun with the movie Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG 2018) at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. Bring your friends and family along to watch one of your favourites, with a splash! Children under 8 years old require parental supervision. Bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz.

SATURDAY

17 AUG
21 SEP

Understand the Treaty of Waitangi

10am–4pm

17 August: Lincoln Event Centre
21 September: Leeston Library

A one-day workshop held by Sharon Tipene from Treaty Education. This workshop aims to provide an environment that is safe, non-confrontational and participatory for people to discuss the history of Aotearoa, the Treaty and its implications for us now. \$25 per person. Bookings essential, visit selwynlibraries.co.nz.

UNTIL

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SEPTEMBER

The (Quirky) New Enlightenment

Down by the Liffey Gallery, Lincoln, selected hours
Wednesday to Sunday

'The (Quirky) New Enlightenment is a colourful, fun and quirky exhibition by Heather Jonson and Billy Barnes. 'When everything is dark and grey, art can light your way'.

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