



Gansu International Fellowship programme

Selwyn District Council is offering an opportunity to spend a month in China travelling, learning and meeting people from around the world.

Applications have opened for the Gansu Sister Cities Fellowship programme. Each year the Gansu Provincial Government hosts delegates from their sister cities, including Selwyn and Christchurch, with the aim of promoting mutual understanding and fellowship. Based in the city of Lanzhou from 20 August to 20 September, delegates will have the opportunity to travel and to study Chinese history, culture, political system, tourism, technology and economic development, plus agriculture and sister city works.

Applicants must be between 22 and 50 years of age and live or work in Selwyn. The Gansu Fellowship programme pays for international air fares, accommodation and local transport plus an allowance. Delegates pay for their own food, travel insurance, medical expenses and internet.

To apply email Bernadette.Ryan@selwyn.govt.nz. Applications close on Friday 31 May 2019 at 9am. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 4 June.

Citizenship ceremony welcomes newcomers

A love story was at the heart of the journey for some of the country’s newest citizens.

A group of 23 people from eight different nationalities became New Zealand citizens at the citizenship ceremony held at the Council last week. Many of the new citizens spoke about falling in love with New Zealand and three new citizens spoke of joining partners or falling in love here.

Among them was Giovanni Tubo, who moved from the Philippines in 2012 to be closer to his now wife, who moved here in 2007. The pair, who work at Christchurch Hospital, met while studying nursing together in the Philippines and now live in Rolleston.

“We found New Zealand a really good place for welcoming other nationalities. We heard this [Rolleston] was a great place to build and the community is really good and we love the place—it’s a really good place here.”

It was also a special day for Brett and Anna-Jean Gravett, with the ceremony falling on Mr Gravett’s birthday. “When I saw the day I couldn’t believe it,” he says.

Mayor Sam Broughton led the room in singing Happy Birthday as Mr Gravett came up to take the oath of allegiance.

Mrs Gravett said the couple, from South Africa, fell in love with New Zealand on a holiday here. They seized the chance to move when Mr Gravett was offered a job working on the earthquake rebuild and have travelled every corner of the country apart from the Chatham Islands, she says.

For the first time each new citizen was given their own small New Zealand flag to mark the day.



On the roads this week

Repairs will be carried out on Dalethorpe Road, Waimakariri Gorge Road, Selwyn Road and Springs Road until Friday 17 May. Traffic management will be in place during this time.

Footpath construction will be carried out on Courtenay Road between Brooker Place and School Lane until Friday 17 May. Footpath construction is continuing on Edward Street from Millstream Drive to Southfield Drive, Tod Place and North Belt from James Street to Kildare Terrace.

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, kerb and channel work has been completed on Birchs Road and road sealing has been completed on Robinsons Road.

Rolleston town centre upgrade – the promenade

As part of the Rolleston town centre upgrade, a promenade is proposed which will encourage walking and cycling.

A main promenade is proposed to run between the Tennyson Street entrance and the Wordsworth Street extension. A detailed design of the promenade as well as for the rest of the town centre development, is now available for the public to view. For more information and to have your say, go to selwyn.govt.nz rtc-design.

Pedestrians will enjoy a leisurely walk through landscaped gardens, comfortable seating areas, grassy ‘urban islands’, outdoor kids’ educational zones as well as a vegetable garden.

The promenade provides the transition between the town centre/ square and the reserve. This will be an attractive link for pedestrians and cyclists as they travel in to both of these areas. The promenade is intended to be used as a shared-space environment where pedestrians, cyclists and service or emergency motor vehicles can move at slow speed.

Some proposed key features of the promenade include flexible spaces for sitting, playing music, enjoying a coffee or reading. It will have variable width to encourage a wide range of activities. There is a minimum width of 4m throughout, with additional paved zone adjacent to the town square and Te Ara Ātea Library and Community Centre.



Winter’s almost here – how healthy is your home?

With much colder weather on the way, now is an important time to plan how to keep your home dry and healthy over the winter months.

Ventilation is key to preventing moisture building up inside a home during winter. During this time homes are often locked up all day and night, trapping moisture from cooking, showers and from occupants breathing.

Council Building manager Vanessa Mitchell says the best way to ventilate your home is to open up all windows and doors for about half an hour when you get home from work.

“Aim to have cross-ventilation by opening doors and windows on the opposite sides of your home for maximum benefit. While it may seem a bit cold while you do this, the benefits are huge – your home will be drier and warmer and you will be surprised by how any thermal gain stored throughout the day in concrete floors is not lost by doing this,” she says.

As it gets colder, unwanted guests such as insects and rodents may also be looking for somewhere warm to live.

Checking the perimeter of your house to ensure any potential entry points are blocked is important, Mrs Mitchell says. “With brick veneer cladding weep holes in brick work are required for drainage of the cavity, so do not block these. If they appear to be wide enough for a mouse to get in, wire mesh can be formed and secured in the weep hole to prevent vermin entry, while still allowing for ventilation and drainage.”

It’s also a good idea to check weep holes are not blocked and clear out any dirt or debris.

Winter tips:

Did your plumbing pipes freeze last winter? Now is a good time to add additional insulation around and over pipework, particularly in your ceiling space, to ensure your water keeps flowing this winter. Make sure new insulation has at least a 25mm gap between the top of the insulation and the underside of the roofing, to prevent moisture issues from condensation on the underside of the metal roofing.

Do you have a log burner in your home? There is still time to get your chimney cleaned to ensure your burner operates cleanly and efficiently during winter, and to prevent chimney fires. Pellet fires, gas fires, boilers, and multi-fuel burners/fires also need maintenance, so check with the manufacturer to know the specific requirements.

Notices

AGILITY EVENTS AT FOSTER DOG PARK

Selwyn Dog Training Club will be holding agility events at Foster Dog Park on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May. The park will be closed from 9am–3pm on Saturday and 8am–4.30pm on Sunday.



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 on Friday 24 May 2019. For further information and application forms go to selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding or contact Stuart Westoby, 03 347 2708, stuart.westoby@selwyn.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 for more information and to apply.

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

Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Road Safety Committee

Thur 23 May 10am

Malvern Community Board

Mon 27 May 4.30pm
Hororata Hall

Water Race Subcommittee

Mon 27 May 12.30pm

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 28 May 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

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

Glentunnel Township Committee

Mon 27 May 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 28 May 8pm
Greendale Sports Pavilion

Hororata Citizens Committee

Tue 28 May 7.30pm
Hororata Hall

Kimberley Reserve and Hall Committee

Thur 23 May 7.30pm
Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Township Committee

Mon 20 May 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall

Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee

Fri 24 May 7.45pm
Ladbrooks Community Hall

Leeston Park Committee

Mon 27 May 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Rolleston Residents' Association

Mon 27 May 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Springston Hall Committee

Fri 31 May 7.30pm
Springston 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

Ellesmere Historical Society AGM

Mon 27 May 7.30pm
Leeston Community Room
For details call Stuart Brannigan
324 2751.

Lime Scooter trial to come in Rolleston

Selwyn District Council has agreed to trial Lime Scooters in Rolleston once safety concerns and other issues have been addressed.

The Council has agreed to a six month trial, but only once staff and Lime Scooters have worked through issues around where the scooters will be able to travel and how fast, as well as public education, costs and legal requirements under the Council's bylaws.

The proposal by Lime is to introduce 200 scooters to the Rolleston town area. It would make Rolleston the fifth place in New Zealand and the first rural town to allow the scooters.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the decision fits well with the district's forward thinking attitude, while being realistic about the concerns. "We're an active community that likes to have fun, to look to the future and give things a go and trialing Lime scooters is a part of that. I'm looking forward to taking one out for a spin and seeing whether they're something that works to benefit Rolleston and the district."

Some of the attractions of the scooters, he says, include ease of use, particularly for people who don't drive, sustainability and fun. However, concerns were also raised about people taking the scooters on roads with higher speed limits and pedestrian safety on narrow footpaths.

The Council agreed that Lime and Council staff would work together to address these concerns before the trial could go ahead.



Selwyn Events

UNTIL

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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.

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.

FRIDAY

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MAY

Christchurch Symphony Orchestra (CSO) Music Trails

Rolleston Library, 10.30–11.30am

Enjoy this free interactive performance for children as part of NZ Music Month. Designed for children aged 2–6, 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

SUNDAY

19

MAY

Preserving the Present for the Future

Lincoln Event Centre, 2–4pm

Join the Lincoln and Districts Historical Society and time travelling genealogist Fiona Brooker, for a lively presentation on what we can do now to leave useful information about our lives for our descendants. Afternoon tea provided. Gold coin donation appreciated.

SUNDAY

19 & 26

MAY

Family Water Safety Programme

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 1–4.30pm

A fun chance for the whole family to learn how to be safe in and around the water. Have a go with the inflatable boat, learn about safety huddles and more. Complete the session and receive a NZ Coastguard Safe Boating qualification. \$25 per family of four, additional children are \$5 each, children must be over 5 years. Bookings essential by emailing swimschool@selwyn.govt.nz.

Selwyn Movie Night: How to Train your Dragon – The Hidden World

Rolleston College, 7–9pm

Selwyn District Council is excited to bring back Selwyn Movie Nights to help you get through the winter. Spend your Friday night relaxing in the warmth and discover the 'Hidden World' with Toothless the dragon. Bring your own blanket, bean bag, or cushion and enjoy the night with family and friends. Tickets \$5 per person, small group pass (3 people) \$10, large group pass (4–6 people) \$15, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 6.30pm. To confirm a seat purchase your tickets online today at www.eventbrite.co.nz or visit Council's Facebook page.

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

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