

Council's work in connecting people to their community continues with the Picnics in the Park hitting venues around Selwyn!

Families have been connecting with their local park in Springston, Leeston, Tai Tapu, West Melton and Burnham, while being entertained with Lieutenant Lou clown police, Rick the Policeman's speed camera sprint racing, Pedalmania bikes, garden games, bouncy castles and face painting. Live music from local artists such as Holly Kimber, Alex Hardy and Moonflower has created a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. It has been great to see families being active or relaxing but most of all enjoying the atmosphere at their local park.

We have three more Picnics in the Park coming up over summer – at Dunsandel Domain (28 February), Springfield Domain (7 March), and Prebbleton Community Park combined with Summer Skate/Scooter Jam (13 March), all from 5.30–7.30pm.

Birchs Road footpath upgrade

Work is about to get under way on a footpath upgrade on Birchs Road, in Lincoln.

The \$250,000 project involves installing new footpath, kerb and channel and stormwater improvements on a 700-metre stretch along the western side of Birchs Road, between Grangewood Drive and Carnaveron Drive.

Council Assets Manager Murray Washington describes the work as an urbanisation upgrade. "This area has grown rapidly in recent years, with further subdivision currently under way," he says. "The upgrade reflects the need to bring amenities up to a standard that's appropriate for a more urban environment, which has developed through recent growth.

"As well as creating a more attractive streetscape, the new footpath will improve safety for pedestrians, with many children and families using this road daily to travel to and from the township and local schools. The project will also include tactile pavers at road crossings for the visually impaired."

The existing bus stop on the western side between Grangewood Drive and Craig Thompson Drive will be upgraded to a full bus bay, along with the installation of a bus shelter which is being relocated from the now unused bus stop outside the Lincoln police station. The project does not include piping the open drain that runs alongside the road.

Construction work will start during the coming week, and is expected to take approximately eight weeks to complete. Schick Civil Construction are the contractors on the project.

During construction some impact on traffic may occur, including heavy vehicle movements, temporary speed restrictions when required and parking restrictions on Birchs Road.



Helping parents with teen drivers

Parents play a large part in the safety of their family when their teenagers learn to drive.

We have been rolling out a series of successful workshops at our libraries educating families about the licence process and how to improve the safety of their teenager. These workshops are run by Council Road Safety Coordinator, Peter Daly.

"It can be a scary time for parents when their teenager is learning to drive. We want to help make the licence process as easy as possible and answer any questions parents may have," he says.

We have two more classes coming up on Wednesday 27 February at Darfield Library and Wednesday 6 March at Leeston Library.

Following on from these sessions we will be hosting 'Teen Coach' workshops at our libraries for parents and caregivers. These workshops will offer practical tips on how to safely coach a learner driver

For more information and to book go to selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Volunteering in Selwyn

Volunteering Canterbury is setting up a six-month initiative in Selwyn to connect residents looking to volunteer with local not-for-profit organisations, and to assist local organisations looking for volunteers.

Throughout March, residents and organisations can drop-in to one of the local sessions. These are for anyone interested in volunteer engagement, recruitment, retention, recognition, or those who want to find out more about volunteering.

Rolleston Library: Tuesday 26 February, 9am–1pm
Darfield Library: Tuesday 5 March, 9am–1pm
Leeston Library: Tuesday 12 March, 9am–1pm
Lincoln Library: Tuesday 19 March, 9am–1pm

Volunteering Canterbury enables the successful employment of volunteers by not-for-profit organisations, and promotes the benefits of volunteering to people and communities. The regional website receives around 200 new registrations each month from people putting up their hand to find out how they can get involved in making connections in their community, giving back, and just generally 'making a difference' through volunteering.

For more information contact outreach@volcan.org.nz.

Prohibited fire season declared

Fire and Emergency NZ has declared a Prohibited Fire Season in the Selwyn district, which came into effect from midnight Wednesday 20 February.

Any fire permits issued during the restricted fire season are suspended.

Visit www.checkitsalright.nz for authorised types of fire which do not need a permit.



Progress on park-and-ride project

Contractors are continuing to clear and excavate the area between the Council building and Kidman Street. Construction of the car park is planned to begin this week as well as kerb preparation, depending on the weather.



By now you should have received your rates invoice for the third quarter of the 2018/19 rating year. These were sent out in early February.

This invoice covers the period from 1 January to 31 March 2019, and is due for payment without penalty by Friday 15 March 2019.

If you have not yet received your invoice, please contact our Rates Department on 347 2776 to discuss, or email us at rates@selwyn.govt.nz.

If you have recently moved into a new dwelling in Selwyn, please contact us to update your address and contact details.



Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Wine Divine Limited has applied to renew its off licence. Objections are open until Monday 11 March. For information go to selwyn.govt. nz/alcoholnotices.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 27 February Arthur's Pass 11.30am-12.30pm Springfield School 2-3pm No mobile service from Thursday 28 February–Monday 4 March.

Tuesday 5 March Kirwee School 10.45-11.15am

Annabel's West Melton 11.40am-12.10pm West Melton Community Centre 12.15-12.45pm West Melton School 1-1.45pm

West Melton Learning Centre 1.50-2.20pm Cat's Pyjamas West Melton 2.25-2.55pm

MICROCHIPPING

Free dog microchipping will take place on Friday 8 March at

· Leeston: 9-9.30am

- · Darfield: 10.15-10.45am
- · Rolleston: 11.30am-12pm
- · Lincoln: 12.45-1.15pm Please note:
- · Clinics last for only 30 minutes
- · The Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive), other locations are outside libraries
- · Microchipping won't occur if wet.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey on 347 2800.

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 AND COMMUNITY BOARD

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

District Plan Review Committee Wed 27 Feb 9am

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Tue 5 Mar 2pm

Property Committee Wed 6 Mar 9am

Audit and Risk Subcommittee Wed 6 Mar 3pm

Council Meeting Wed 13 March 1pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Killinchy Community Centre Committee

Mon 11 Mar 7.30pm Killinchy Community Centre

Kimberley Reserve and Hall Committee

Thu 28 Feb 7.30pm Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve **Management Committee**

Mon 11 Mar 7.30pm Kirwee Recreation Reserve Sports Pavilion

Lincoln Community Committee Mon 11 Mar 7pm, Lincoln Event Centre Fitzgerald Room

Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee

Thu 28 Feb 7pm Rolleston Community Centre

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Mon 11 Mar 7pm Southbridge Hall meeting room

Tawera Memorial Hall Committee

Wed 6 Mar 7.30pm Tawera Memorial Hall

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 5 Mar 7.30pm Waihora Bowling Club

Weedons Reserve Committee Mon 4 Mar 7.30pm

Weedons Reserve Whitecliffs Township and **Domain Committee** Mon 4 Mar 7.30pm Glentunnel Hall

ON THE ROADS

On the roads this week

Seal repairs will be carried out on Wards Road. Road reconstruction (granular overlay) on Leaches Road and Cordys Road. Reseals will take place on Bealey Road. Kerb and channel and footpath construction will continue on Masefield Drive. Drainage work will begin on Highfield Road, Midhurst Road and Downs Road. Kerb and channel and footpath construction will commence on Birchs Road, Lincoln.

CSM2 update

Weedons Road is closed at the Main South Road intersection until approximately the end of March. This closure is to allow the project team to continue construction of the Weedons Interchange.

Following this work, the new south bound on-ramp will open to provide access from Weedons Road to

From late February a series of staged layout changes will take place on Main South Road, between Robinsons Road and Waterholes Road.

- · Construction of the Robinsons Road overpass will commence.
- · Curraghs Road will be closed at Main South Road with detours in place.
- · Robinsons Road will become 'left in/left out' to and from Main South Road during the overpass
- · Main South Road traffic will be diverted over the new Main South Road bridge.

Please follow all on-site signage and drive to the conditions, as traffic management and temporary speed limits will be in place.

For more information visit nzta.govt.nz/csm2.

Aqua-thon proves popular

Last week the Selwyn Aquatic Centre hosted their first ever 'Aqua-thon for Charity' event.

The event included 15 minute 'tasters' of each agua fitness class offered at the facility, in both the hydrotherapy and 25m pool. The instructors joined together to push everyone to their limits.

The event proved to be very popular, raising over \$200 for Arthritis NZ, which supports people with this condition that greatly benefits from exercising in the water.

Check out the full timetable for all aqua fitness classes at selwyn.govt.nz/sac.



Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY

Glentunnel Summer Skate/ **Scooter Jam**

Glentunnel School, 3.30-5.30pm

young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from experienced skaters.

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY

Dunsandel Picnic in the Park Dunsandel Domain, 5.30-7.30pm

Spend your summer evening at the park with live music, Pedalmania, bouncy castles, face painting, entertainment, free sausage sizzle and more.

FRIDAY

MARCH

Lake Crichton Series Triathlon and Duathlon

Lake Crichton Waterski Park, Dunsandel, 6.30pm

A family-friendly event to finish the working week with a race. Enter individually or in a team. To enter go to selwynsportstrust.org.nz.

FRIDAY

MARCH

Rolleston Drive-In Movie Rolleston Reserve 7–9pm

Park up and enjoy the movie Up (2009). Tune in to the special frequency on your car radio.

SUNDAY

MARCH

SPN Children's Day

entertainment designed to bring families together and celebrate the importance of our tamariki. Find Selwyn Parenting

MONDAY

MARCH

The Hidden Environmental Cost of Modern Sign Manufacturing Processes Lincoln Event Centre, 7–9pm

Anne McDonald from Signs of Art will be telling us about the large amounts of landfill and non-recyclable waste produced through modern sign production as opposed to traditionally painted signs. For information contact Dave Fitzjohn on 03 423 0445 or projectmanagerlet@gmail.com projectmanagerlet@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY

MARCH

West Melton Summer Skate/Scooter Jam

A great way to introduce children and young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from experienced skaters.

THURSDAY

MARCH

Springfield Picnic in the Park

Springfield Domain, 5.30–7.30pm Spend your summer evening at the park with live music, Pedalmania, bouncy castles, face painting, entertainment, free sausage sizzle and more.

For information on listing a community event visit

