



# KidsFest back to bring holiday cheer

KidsFest is back again to bring some fun for the holidays after a tough start to the year.

The Council will be running a busy programme for the popular annual KidsFest event, from Saturday 4 to Sunday 19 July.

KidsFest has been running for 25 years and it was a good feeling to be able to return again and continue to offer a high quality range of events, Council Senior Events and Recreation Advisor Dave Tippet says.

“We’re delighted that we’re able to put on a host of great events with old favourites and some cool new additions to the fortnight. There will be some changes because of the impacts of the pandemic, with ongoing restrictions, and health and safety requirements. But it’s great to be able to offer children some fun, with a return to familiar events, and to take some of the load off parents after the incredible job they have been doing this year.”

This year’s festival will feature over 30 events including the return of favourites such as high ropes, hip hop and Sport Suzie’s Super Silly Circus Show, and exciting new options such as light pad art, lanterns and dinosaur parties.

The Children’s Market may not be able to go ahead because of pandemic restrictions, but MovieMania and Discomania are able to return, Mr Tippet says.

Children and families will also have the opportunity to get a whole new view of the district through the Eye Spy Selwyn activity hunt. The hunt will once again take children to explore the district, but this year children will have the chance to win a family hot air balloon ride for four with Ballooning Canterbury, if they answer a question and collect a stamp at each Council facility. Completed cards of stamps that are returned to the customer centre at the Council’s Rolleston offices will go into the draw.

Tickets and a full timetable of events will be available from Friday 5 June at [selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest](http://selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest).

Selwyn families can also attend events in Christchurch and Waimakariri.

## Draft Annual Plan hearings this week

Public hearings on the Council’s Draft Annual Plan for 2020/21 are being held this week.

Two days of hearings are scheduled at the Council Chambers in Rolleston on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 June.

A total of 233 formal submissions were received on the Draft Annual Plan. Of these, 60 submitters have asked to be heard in person.

The hearings start at 9.30am each day, and are open to the public. A livestream of the hearings can be viewed [atselwyn.govt.nz/livestream](http://atselwyn.govt.nz/livestream).

The Council also received 110 responses to an online survey conducted through the Council’s online engagement site.

The Council sought public feedback on six major issues, including options for reducing the level of rates increase, changes to water supply charges, planning for a wastewater scheme at Darfield, changes to the timing of two community centre projects, and amendments to the Council’s Development Contributions Policy. Submitters have also provided comments and feedback on a wide range of other Council projects and activities.



## On the roads

Tennyson Street is closed from 43 Tennyson Street to Markham Way due to the Rolleston Town Centre infrastructure upgrade. Due to the Lowes Road and Tennyson Street intersection upgrade, Lowes Road is one way on both sides of the intersection, with lanes open for traffic heading away from the intersection, but not towards it. A stop/go system and speed restrictions are also in place on Tennyson Street.

NZTA has advised that the Christchurch Southern Motorway on ramps, and one lane of traffic heading towards the city, are now open at Halswell Junction Road and Shands Road. Access to the motorway citybound via John Paterson Drive roundabout is now closed permanently. Please follow all on-site directions and traffic management.

## Tennyson Street partial reopening

Tennyson Street has reopened from Rolleston Drive to Markham Way as the Rolleston Town Centre infrastructure work moves to a new phase.

The road was closed for the length of Rolleston Reserve to allow the infrastructure project to finish more quickly. Despite the halt to work under Alert Level 4 lockdown, and changes to how work can happen on site with social distancing restrictions, major upgrades have been completed between Markham Way and Rolleston Drive. New wider pedestrian walkways and trees have been completed along with underground infrastructure for the town centre.

The remainder of Tennyson Street from Markham Way to 48 Tennyson Street will stay closed until the work is finished at the end of July depending on the weather.

The reopened section of Tennyson Street will allow car access to the Markham Junction shops, increasing opportunities to visit these great Selwyn businesses, local to you.

In line with NZTA-recommended safe speed zones for urban centres a 30 km/h speed limit is in place for the reopened section of Tennyson Street.

The Markham Way extension to Norman Kirk Drive will remain in place until the work is completed.

The detour using Byron Street, Brookside Road and Rolleston Drive will remain in place for the closed section of Tennyson Street and the 820 bus stops will remain at their temporary location on Rolleston Drive.



## A 26-year journey home

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

Teena Dela Cruz and her family of three have spent more than a quarter of a century becoming New Zealand citizens.

Originally from the Philippines, Teena met husband Orlando over 30 years ago while nannying in Singapore. A few years later in Hong Kong she met the McMaths from Christchurch, who hired Teena to look after their four young children.

The families clicked and the McMaths offered to bring Teena to New Zealand, in the hope she’d continue to be their nanny.

In the end it took five attempts over 14 years from Teena then Orlando, before Orlando gained a work visa and moved to Leeston to work on the McMaths dairy farm in 2009. Two years later Teena and their son Adiel-Jonan (A.J.) were able to join him.

“It’s still difficult to come into New Zealand; immigration is tough. And the requirements as well. If you do not pass the medical tests or qualification standards, you can’t even come here,” Teena says.

The start to their dream move was rocky. Eight months after arriving, Orlando’s mother died and he was unable to fly home to farewell her. Teena struggled getting used to the idea her surroundings would no longer be hot or humid, but quiet with the absence of people and family members she had left behind.

“In the Philippines, your neighbour is on the other side of the wall. Here, your neighbour is an hour’s walk away at least.”

That led her to start a support group for Filipino immigrants around Leeston. The group, now called Leeston Lifetouch Fellowship, grew from seven members in 2011, to 60 today. They meet every three weeks at St David’s Church in Leeston where discussions can last for hours.

“Somebody would be having problems, and then we laugh, we cry, we listen, we eat.”

After eight years Teena and her family finally became permanent residents last year, in the place they have made their home.





# Selwyn Open – A passion for raw milk

As part of our Selwyn Open campaign we're profiling some of the many excellent businesses local to you. You can find these businesses on the Selwyn Business Directory at [selwyn.govt.nz/directory](http://selwyn.govt.nz/directory)

This week we talk to Mark Williams from Aylesbury Creamery.

After a week working on a dairy farm Mark Williams swore he would never be a dairy farmer. The work experience came as he was studying at the Telford Farm Training Institute.

To his surprise he ended up running his own dairy farm in Aylesbury, along with wife Kelsey and their children, Reeve and Addison.

Eight years later, Mark has found a real passion for the family business, Aylesbury Creamery, delivering A2 farm fresh raw milk to customer's doorsteps and selling it from a vending machine on their farm, a 10 minute drive from Rolleston.

It's a busy life being a dairy farmer, working a minimum of 12 hours every day of the year including Christmas, Mark says, but the hard work pays off when he sees customers benefitting from Aylesbury Creamery's products.

Fifty of the farm's 350 cows are milked for their A2 protein to produce farm fresh raw milk, which is full of good bacteria usually killed off during pasteurisation.

Many of Mark's customers report seeing health benefits from the milk, he says.

"When you're helping people with their health, it makes you feel good about what you do."

The Williams' business is focused on being as sustainable as possible, limiting the amount of spray used and selling their raw milk in reusable glass bottles instead of plastic, saving over 240,000 one-litre plastic bottles.

During lockdown, Mark and the team did many contactless deliveries throughout Selwyn and Christchurch. He also delivered eggs for a local farmer who lost work due to the closure of restaurants and cafés, saving customers a trip to the supermarket for milk and eggs.

The family enjoys working in Selwyn, because it is not too far from Christchurch and there are some amazing sunsets out in Aylesbury, he says.

He is grateful for the support Aylesbury Creamery gets from locals in the district and believes supporting local is what keeps a community ticking.

## Stay safe on the roads this winter

Winter is back, with a new set of challenges for driving, so we're encouraging drivers to be alert, slow down and stay safe.

As the weather changes through winter, driving challenges can change quickly with fog, ice, snow, rain, shorter daylight hours and sunstrike. The district also has many shaded areas where large trees or hedges prevent roads from thawing during cooler winter days.

Staying alert and taking extra care is essential, but winter driving does not have to be dangerous or intimidating. Preparing your vehicle and adjusting your driving for the conditions goes a long way towards ensuring your safety and that of others.

To help you start off safe we've created a simple four step checklist for when you start and one for when you're driving.

Before you start your car make sure your wiper blades, headlights and tyres are working in good condition and your windscreen is clear inside and out.

And when you're driving – make sure you can see clearly through your windows in all directions, watch out for shaded areas on the road, keep your distance from the car in front and if the weather is bad put your lights on.

### More tips to stay safe

Plan ahead – check the weather forecast and avoid travel if you can when conditions are poor. Slow down, increase following distances and be careful around corners and in shady places.

#### Driving in the wet

Stopping distances nearly double on wet roads. Slow down and keep a generous following distance between you and the car in front, take corners slowly and heed road signs warning of flooding.

#### Driving in the snow and ice

Whenever possible, avoid driving in heavy snow. If you cannot avoid it, slow down, avoid braking suddenly and carry chains.

#### Driving in fog

Turn on your headlights and keep them on low (dip) beam. Only use fog lamps when visibility is severely reduced. Slow down and keep a generous following distance.

#### Driving with sun strike

Keeping your windscreen clean, inside and out can make the difference between seeing someone and not.

For more tips on safe driving in different winter conditions visit our website at [selwyn.govt.nz/winterdriving](http://selwyn.govt.nz/winterdriving).

# Winter Driving

Be alert. **Slow down.**



## Notices

### FLUSH YOUR TAPS

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies. This notice is issued by Selwyn District Council on behalf of the Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health.

### ALCOHOL NOTICES

Dunsandel Tavern Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence and an on licence. Objections are open until 18 June. 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

#### Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 10 June 9.30am Rolleston Council offices

#### Council

Wed 10 June 1pm Rolleston Council offices

## Time to register your dog

It's that time of year again when all dog owners must ensure that their dogs are registered.

Dog registrations are due from 1 July, with discounted registrations fees available for July. A re-registration notice will arrive in your inbox or letterbox by 1 July. Payment can be made online, by internet banking, at a Council service centre, or using the prepaid return envelope provided with your registration form.

All dogs older than 3 months must be registered every year (July-June) as per the Dog Control Act 1996. It's a \$300 fine for an unregistered dog.

Fees collected from registration help to fund the Council's 24/7 dog control operation. This includes community education and the Dog Smart programme in schools, along with enforcement activities, operating the dog pound and providing free microchipping for the district's dogs.

If paid by 31 July 2020, the discounted registration fee applicable is:

- \$10 Administration/Owner fee
- \$35 for each dog owned by the same person and held at the same locality.

Payment after 31 July 2020 the full registration fee applicable is:

- \$15 Administration/Owner fee
- \$45 for each dog owned by the same person and held at the same locality.

A replacement dog tag costs \$5 and dog collars are available for \$9-11 depending on the size.

If you have changed your email address or postal address since last year's registration, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) so your details can be confirmed.

