



Opportunities on offer for Selwyn youth

The Selwyn Youth Council is on the lookout for great ideas to support young people in the district. Applications are open for the Selwyn Youth Project Fund, run by the Youth Council to support groups and individuals with events or activities that support the wellbeing of youth in Selwyn.

Youth Council Chair Liv Duder says the fund offers opportunities young people might not otherwise get, and was an important part of the Youth Council's role in being there to support all young people in Selwyn.

Funds last year supported a day for Māori youth in district along with mental health and wellbeing initiatives.

"I look forward to seeing the applications every year and hearing what people are passionate about," says Liv. "We're here to support youth and make this a more enjoyable place to hang out and live outside of school. It's cool to see what people want to do and how we can help them achieve it."

Seeing the range of things that were put forward for funding also helped the Youth Council get an idea of needs in the district and opportunities where they could support young people, she says.

It also helps tackle some serious issues close to the Youth Council's heart she says. That included the grant they were able to give last year to The Parenting Place charity's Attitude team to run life-skills and mental health presentations at Darfield High School, Ellesmere College, and Lincoln High School, reaching 2300 students.

"The talk we helped to fund was about mental health and we wanted to make sure that youth were able to participate because it was a massive issue at the time, and still is. The Attitude team interact really well with young people and give the topics a lighter feel while still discussing the more serious issues."

There is up to \$5,000 in funds available, so if you have a cool idea or a plan in place (big or small) to deliver something great for the community, the Selwyn Youth Council are keen to hear from you.

For criteria and to apply visit selwyn.govt.nz/community/youth-council or email youth.council@selwyn.govt.nz if you have any questions.

Aquatic Centre pools re-open this week

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will have all its pools re-opened this week following maintenance work. The leisure pool, learn to swim and hydrotherapy pools were all closed to allow maintenance work to take place during Alert Level 3 and with the reduced numbers at the pool under Level 2.

The work was planned as part of the aquatic centre expansion project and doing under Alert Level 3 conditions meant a planned shutdown of the pools later in the year won't be required.

The learn to swim and hydrotherapy pools have already reopened, along with lane swimming and on Monday the centre was able to begin refilling the leisure pool. Refilling, heating and ensuring the pool is ready for use takes a few days, but the pool should be open to the public again today (Wednesday 10 June).

Restrictions on the number of people allowed at the Aquatic Centre remain while Level 2 is in place, but may change with changing guidelines from the Ministry of Health. Keep an eye on the Council website or our new COVID-19 updates app, which you can find and download to your smartphone or tablet at covid-19.selwyn.govt.nz.

Work is also continuing on Te Ara Ātea and the Rolleston Town Centre infrastructure project, following the reopening of Tennyson Street from Rolleston Drive to Markham Way. The framing for Te Ara Ātea has begun, with the framing for the left hand side of the building largely complete.

Work is continuing to install the roof frame and put up the external walls at the Foster Park Indoor Courts and on the foundations for the Health Hub.



Selwyn Open – A slice of France in West Melton

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

This week we talk to Jean-Francois Martinez from Les Délices Bakery and Patisserie in West Melton.

For over three years Jean-Francois and Kara Martinez have been serving up a slice of France in West Melton.

It was baking that brought together Jean-Francois, from Brittany in north-west France, and Kara, from the Chatham Islands.

The couple met while working at a French bakery in Ireland, Jean-Francois says.

"I followed her back home and it's been 17 years. I love New Zealand. It's awesome. I love the lifestyle and the people."

Baking has remained at the heart of their relationship after they settled in Templeton. After a decade of visiting West Melton to sell their bread at the markets, the couple were excited a few years ago to seize the chance of setting up their own bakery in the township.

Jean-Francois, a trained bread baker, creates the bakery's artisan breads and Kara creates the patisseries, Danish pastries and other sweet treats Les Délices serves up.

Jean-Francois has added some typical Kiwi fare to his baking, getting into making Kiwi pies – though he refuses to follow the Kiwi style of using margarine and proudly sticks to his French training of only ever using butter in his pastry.

Community is the heart of the bakery, Jean-Francois says and they source as many of their ingredients as possible locally.

"The flour we use is grown and milled in Canterbury and we only use spray-free flour. We use milk sourced here in Selwyn and free-range eggs from West Melton."

In return, he says West Melton has been good to them.

"We have had such awesome support, especially during COVID-19. In level four we did home deliveries of bread and pastries and people really got behind us. We are really proud of how our team has adapted to the restrictions with each level.

We do quite a bit of sponsorship of schools and sports teams, it's a good way to give back. People support us and we like to support local charities where we can".



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.

Leeston Road and Old Bridge Road intersection is being upgraded. Traffic management is in place.

From Monday 15 June Trents Road will be closed heading south east away from Springs Road while upgrades are made to the sewer system.

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 winter sports only. For further information and application forms go to selwyn.govt.nz/

services/funding/sport-nz-rural-travel-fund or contact Stuart Westoby, 03 3472708, stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz
Applications for this funding round close Friday 26 June 2020

FOSTER PARK TUBE
SLIDE CLOSED

The tube slide at Foster Park has been closed while an engineering assessment is carried out. This is after further

cracking was discovered in the slide last week, which meant the slide was unsafe to use. The Council will be considering options for the slide following the engineering inspection.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Cossars Wedding and Functions Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections are open until 23 June. For more information go to 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 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*

Draft Annual Plan Deliberations

Thu 11 June 9.30am

Rolleston Council offices*
Fri 12 June (if required)
Rolleston Council offices*

Malvern Community Board

Mon 22 June 4pm
Darfield Library

DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 23 June 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Township Committee

Thu 18 June 7.30pm
Darfield Library

Dunsandel Community
Committee

Mon 15 June 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Centre

Glentunnel Township Committee

Mon 29 June 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Kirwee Community Committee

Mon 15 June 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall

Little Rakaia Huts
Advisory Committee

Tue 16 June 7pm
Community Rooms, Rakaia Huts
Camping Ground

Prebbleton Reserve
Management Committee

Mon 15 June 7.30pm
Prebbleton Cottage

Rolleston Residents Assn

Mon 22 June 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield-Waddington
Community Committee

Thu 18 June 7.30pm
Sheffield Community Hall

Springston Committees –
Community, Hall and Reserve

Wed 17 June 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion,
Springston Reserve

West Melton Reserve
Board Committee

Mon 15 June 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

West Melton Residents’
Association

Wed 17 June 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

* These meetings will also be livestreamed via the Council website and YouTube channel.

Children staying active on their way to school

Schools, parents and children around the district have been taking up the active transport challenge, despite disruptions to this year’s Active Autumn from COVID-19.

The annual campaign run by the Council’s Road Safety Team, was due to run in May encouraging children to get walking, scooting or biking to school. Despite the campaign not being able to go ahead as planned, Council Road Safety Coordinator Steph Hautler says it’s been awesome to see so many Selwyn learners using Active Transport to get back into their school routine after lock down.

“The benefits of Active Transport are huge for all of us both mentally and physically, which many of us have recently had time to discover over the lockdown period. Studies have also shown that physical activity before school not only boosts mental health but helps children concentrate for longer. Getting out walking, scooting or biking with your child reduces congestion, saves you money and increases your child’s road safety awareness.”

Parents are also encouraged to take part, by getting active and by talking with children about road safety, she says.

“Talk your child through the process of crossing the road and how to wait for a safe gap between cars before crossing.”

Drivers are also encouraged to take extra care behind the wheel. With winter setting in and less hours of daylight it’s important for drivers to keep an eye out for children before and after school, especially with poor visibility in fog or sunstrike from low winter sun.

School travel safety tips:

- Be bright be seen, ask your school for a safety vest.
- Tackle the routes together talking about sneaky driveways and blind corners.
- Get out and active together to reduce the chaos at the school gate.
- Wear your helmets, this goes for caregivers too, young people are watching you!

Road safety resources for parents and children are available from Selwyn District Council by emailing stephanie.hautler@selwyn.govt.nz or phoning 347 2705.



KidsFest Tickets on sale now

Bookings are open for events at this year’s KidsFest.

KidsFest will run from Saturday 4 to Sunday 19 July. This year’s festival will feature over 30 events run at Selwyn Libraries, Selwyn Aquatic Centre and across the district, 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.

Bookings are available at selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest



Consent inspections go virtual

When the COVID-19 restrictions made going on-site difficult and led to a mounting load of inspections, the Council’s inspections team needed to think differently and went virtual.

With on-site inspections that had been booked unable to be carried out under Level 4 and restrictions coming in under Level 3 the Council set up a virtual inspection option for drainage, solid fuel heaters and interior dwelling alterations, as well as some other inspections on a case by case basis, Council Building Team Operations Leader Jenny Lilley says.

The virtual inspections were carried out via a video call on a mobile phone or over Zoom with the inspector directing on what they needed to see. The Council also provided a guide on the paperwork required by the person applying for the consent which is available on the Council website.

Having the digital inspections saved time for everyone, allowed staff who couldn’t do onsite inspections at Level 3 to be involved and keep working and proved popular with applicants, she says. In total the team completed over 80 virtual inspections. The majority of the virtual inspections were carried out during Level 3.

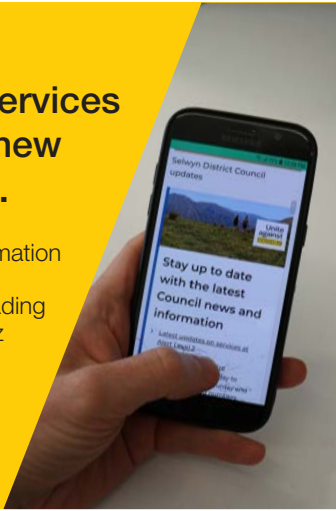
The Council’s AlphaOne Builders App is back on and the team is now operating largely as they had before lockdown, Mrs Lilley says. However, the experiment with virtual inspections had been a good one.

“We’re going to keep them open as an option – they’re a useful tool to have.”

The team has been extremely busy since the lockdown ended, regularly at full capacity and completing over 100 inspections in a day last week, she says.

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