



# Waitangi Day celebration for new citizens

Waitangi Day became an extra special celebration of a new start for 21 New Zealanders at Ngāti Moki Marae, Taumutu.

For the second year running, Te Taumutu Rūnanga and the people of Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki hosted a special Citizenship Ceremony at the marae.

More than 100 people attended the ceremony, where 21 people from eight different nationalities from Britain to Sri Lanka and the Philippines officially became citizens of Aotearoa.

Mayor Sam Broughton says holding the ceremony on Waitangi Day was a significant thing to be able to do.

“Waitangi Day is a day when tangata whenua welcomed new people to be a part of this place, so it is special to be able to celebrate at Ngāti Moki Marae and to be welcoming new citizens from all over the world who have chosen to make this special place home. We’re really grateful to Te Taumutu Rūnanga and the people of Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki for hosting us,” he says.

Minna Smith, originally from Finland, was among those who officially became a New Zealander. Having the ceremony at the marae was “amazing”, she says.

“It was really, really cool. I live locally so it had a ‘just down the road’ feel to it, but I had not been there before, or been officially welcomed onto a marae before. People explained different bits of what was happening; the meanings of the greetings and performances and things and why they do it, so it added to it.”

Becoming a citizen was a natural thing to do after 28 years living here, she says.

“I’ve contemplated it a couple of times before and I thought it was about time. I’m married to a New Zealander and I have got a son who’s nearly grown up, so I thought it was time to make it official. I felt really good about it and it was a really special thing to do.”

## Intersection upgrade getting under way

Work on the intersection upgrade at Lowes Road and Tennyson Street in Rolleston will be starting on Monday 17 February.

The upgrade will see traffic lights installed to replace the roundabout, along with new lanes, cycleways, pavement upgrade, streetlights and drainage improvements. The work is expected to be completed by the end of June, depending on the weather.

During the work, Lowes Road will be one way on both sides of the intersection, with lanes open for traffic heading away from the intersection, but not towards it. There will also be a stop/go system and speed restrictions on Tennyson Street.

The upgrade to the intersection is being made ahead of expected increase in traffic from the southern motorway extension and town growth, particularly with the construction of the Rolleston Town Centre.

The upgrades will improve access and safety for Rolleston College students, especially the growing number of children cycling to and from the school. It will also help with traffic flow and safety for people using Foster Dog Park, Foster Park and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.



## Win a barbeque evening for your street

Do you love your neighbourhood? Want to get to know your neighbours better? Like barbeques? This week is the last week to go in the draw for the Council to run a Meet Your Street barbeque for your street on Tuesday 3 March. Just fill out the form at [selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet](http://selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet) to enter. Entries close Friday 14 February.



## Selwyn leads the nation in population and economic growth

Selwyn had the highest population and economic growth in New Zealand over the past 10 years, according to new figures.

Annual economic profile figures released by analysts Infometrics show from 2009 to 2019, the district’s population grew by an average of 5.2% per year and GDP grew by an annual average of 6.5%, ahead of Queenstown Lakes in second.

The district also had the largest growth in population in the country over the 2019 year (5.3%), and the second largest growth in GDP (6.8%) just behind Hawke’s Bay (6.9%).

Mayor Sam Broughton says it is good to see so many people recognising what a great place Selwyn is to live in.

“We welcome the people who have joined us in calling Selwyn home over the last 10 years. We knew this place was good, and now we share this with many new arrivals.

Our planning and investment in quality infrastructure means we can cater for future growth, which continues to bring many new amenities to existing residents.”

Selwyn also fared well in 2019 in new wellbeing indicators monitored by Infometrics.

The district had one of the lowest crime rates and highest life expectancies in New Zealand and was better than the national average for work place injuries, people presenting with mental health issues, and housing and rental affordability.

“The evidence shows that Selwyn remains a very safe place to live and raise a family, and that the opportunities here and a bit of fresh air are good for the soul,” Mr Broughton says.

The figures show Lincoln was the fastest growing town in the district in 2019, growing by 10% to 7,380 people, and West Melton saw the biggest growth over the decade growing almost 17% to 2250.

Farming and manufacture of dairy products was the biggest employer in the region last year, followed by defence, higher education and housing construction. Primary industries (agriculture, forestry and fishing) made up 17.6% of the district’s GDP, followed by manufacturing (12.6%) and construction (8.1%).

2019		SELWYN	NATIONAL AVERAGE
Population growth		5.3%	1.6%
Economic growth		6.8%	3%
Increase in jobs		3.8%	1.9%
Life expectancy		84.3 years	81.8 years
Average house price		\$555,988	\$687,099
Crime rate (crimes per 10,000 people)		94.6	344.1

### NEED FUNDING FOR YOUR 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, Saturday 29 February. Visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding) for more information and to apply.



Notices

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 14 February at the following places:

- Rolleston 9–9.30am
- Lincoln 10.15–10.45am
- Leeston 11.30am–12pm
- Darfield 12.45–1.15pm

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped. Please note:

- All clinics last for half an hour.
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive. All others are libraries.

• Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

**ALCOHOL NOTICES**

RP and DP O’Connell Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence and an off licence. Famous Grouse 2009 Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections are open until 26 February. For more information go to [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

**U3A MALVERN INAUGURAL MONTHLY MEETING**

U3A is holding its first meeting in Malvern this month. U3A, or University of the Third Age, is an international movement for people who are retired, semi-retired or nearing retirement and want to be part of a learning community. The inaugural meeting will be held, Friday 21 February 10am at the Darfield Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road, Darfield. Dr Philip Bagshaw founder of the Canterbury Charity Hospital, will be speaking. Enquiries, email [U3Amalvern@gmail.com](mailto:U3Amalvern@gmail.com)

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**

**Council**

Wed 12 Feb 1pm  
Rolleston Council building

**Malvern Community Board**

Mon 24 Feb 4pm

**Arthur’s Pass Council**

Wed 26 Feb 1pm  
Rolleston Council building

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Coalgate Township Committee**

Tue 25 Feb 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

**Dunsandel Community Committee**

Mon 17 Feb 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Community Centre

**Glentunnel Township Committee**

Mon 24 Feb 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre

**Hororata Reserve Management Committee**

Wed 12 Feb 7.30pm  
Hororata Hall

**Kimberley Reserve and Hall Committee**

Thu 27 Feb 7.30pm  
Kimberley Hall

**Kirwee Community Committee**

Mon 17 Feb 7.30pm  
Kirwee Community Hall, A&P Showgrounds

**Leeston Park Committee**

Mon 24 Feb 8pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion

**Little Rakaia Huts Advisory Committee**

Mon 17 Feb 7pm  
Community Rooms, Rakaia Huts Camping Ground

**Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee**

Thu 20 Feb 7.30pm  
Sheffield Community Hall

**Springston Community Committee and Springston Recreation Reserve Committee**

Triennial meeting  
Wed 19 Feb 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Support for injured animals on its way

Hundreds of items for animals hit hard by the Australian bush fires will be winging their way to Australia this week.

Selwyn Libraries has collected 719 items including fabric pouches, nests and mittens that have been made by crafters to help out animals suffering from the bush fires.

The items will be shipped to the Perth Wildlife Rescue Network. The network is acting as a hub for donated goods and will distribute them to other organisations across Western Australia as they are needed.

The libraries began offering patterns and the use of library equipment to sew and knit items in early January.

Libraries Senior Arts, Culture and Lifelong Learning Co-ordinator Hayley Browne says what started out as a small way to assist people who wanted to help, has turned into a fantastic story of generosity.

“We’ve been overwhelmed with support locally, nationally and internationally. We’ve had messages from around the world and people sending things through from all over the place.”



On the roads this week



Speed restrictions are in place on Springs Road between Birchs Road and Trents Road due to maintenance work on the water system. Tennyson Street between Markham Way and Moore Street is one-way, open to southbound traffic only. NZTA has advised that Hoskyns Road is left in and left out only at Main South Road. The Weedons Interchange is now fully open and Berketts Road is open for left turn in (southbound) traffic only from Main South Road.

The intersection upgrade of Tennyson Street and Lowes Road will be underway on Monday 17 February. Lowes Road will be one way both side of the Tennyson Street intersection, open to traffic travelling away from the intersection. Traffic management will also be in place on Tennyson Street from just before Bronte Way to just south of the intersection.

Pavement seal repairs are taking place on Wards Road. Traffic management will be in place. Footpath construction will be taking place on Durrell Way in Rolleston. The footpath will be closed during construction.

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY  
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FEBRUARY

**Burnham Picnic in the Park**  
Freyberg Domain, 5–7pm

The latest in the popular picnics in the park. Enjoy a summer’s evening at the park with the family, with live music a free sausage sizzle, Pedalmania, face painting and more.

FRIDAY  
14  
FEBRUARY

**Leeston Outdoor Movie**  
Anderson Square, Leeston, 7–9pm

*Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* with the smash hit ABBA themed sequel. Break out the sequined jump suit, or just bring a seat, bean bag or blanket and enjoy the big screen.

SATURDAY  
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FEBRUARY

**Pool of Rock Pool Party**  
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 1–4pm

The last pool party of the summer is going to be big with local bands, inflatables and the opportunity to enjoy the pool with no lane ropes to be seen. Streets Ice Cream are also offering free ice cream, while stock lasts!

SUNDAY  
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FEBRUARY

**A Month of Sundays**  
Lincoln Green, behind Lincoln Library, 1–3pm

Relax, unwind and recharge with live local music, face painting and garden games every Sunday in February. This week’s bands are Lil Chuck, 4-Stroke and The Reconstruction. Bring a picnic and enjoy.

WEDNESDAY  
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FEBRUARY

**Poetry for Seniors**  
Lincoln Library, 11am–12pm

Come along for morning tea and listen to our collection of poems and short stories.

WEDNESDAY  
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FEBRUARY

**Tai Tapu Summer Skate Jam**  
Tai Tapu Primary School, 3.30–5.30pm

The highly-anticipated Summer Skate Jams are back for 2020! A great way to introduce young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool. Join us in a relaxed environment to give it a go. Something for all abilities

For information on listing a community event visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall)

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19 Messines Street, Leeston  
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Lincoln Library & Service Centre  
Gerald Street, Lincoln  
Ph 347 2876

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