



# Getting creative for the environment

A crafty tunnel and a short film festival, supported by the Council's Creative Community Fund, are helping bring a fun twist to raising awareness about environmental issues.

Lincoln Envirotown's annual short film competition and KidsFest's craft and science day aim to bring the Selwyn community together, while promoting environmental action.

This year's KidsFest event in July encouraged kids to 'explore our wetlands' through science experiments and crafts – from shoe box dioramas to dragonfly pegs made from recycled materials from the Creative Junk store.

Each year, Lincoln High School Sustainability Council students organise the theme and activities, decorate a themed tunnel and help the children with crafts and science on the day.

Lincoln Envirotown Project Manager Dave Fitzjohn said it was impressive how quickly the students planned the event after lockdown halted meetings.

"This year the high school students were really good because there was a very short time to get together and work stuff out – they did really well."

This year's event was amazing with over 90 participants and great helpers, he says, including international students from Darfield High School assisting with mask making, colouring and supervising the tunnel.

In September, Lincoln Envirotown will host their Environmental Short Film Competition awards at the Lincoln Event Centre where people can watch the entries.

The competition is open to people of all ages and abilities with money and environmental prizes to be won.

The awards are like the Oscars, but for environmental awareness, Dave says; something he is very passionate about.

"If you're going to have a job in retirement, I guess I've got the perfect one. I can't really stop the Amazon forests from burning down, but I can tell kids and people around Selwyn about it."

Applications for the Creative Community Fund are now open. Visit [selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding](http://selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding) to find out more.

## Walls going up on major buildings

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre marked its next big step as the walls began to go up around the new pool last week.

The new pool hall's giant 30 metre wooden roof beams will begin to be craned into place this week. The new pool and its infrastructure has been completed and with the walls going up it is well on track to be open in March 2021.

The Foster Park Indoor Courts build is also moving to the next stage, with the courts' innovative wall cladding starting to go up this week. The Kingspan panelling provides both high quality insulation and removes the need for internal cladding.

Sports equipment for the centre is also on its way, having set sail from Australia last week.

Once the panelling is in place work will begin on the roof and internal fit out ahead of the building's planned opening in time for the next winter sports season.



Wall columns installed at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

## Support for migrants affected by COVID-19

Support is being offered to people on temporary visas who are experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.

The Council, Citizens Advice Bureau and Red Cross are putting on a free evening for migrants to find about the support available.

It will include information on Manaaki Manuhiri, a programme run by Red Cross and backed by Immigration New Zealand, to help people on temporary visas meet basic needs.

It will also include information on accommodation, food and transport. Immigration New Zealand will provide the latest details about visas and immigration information updates.

The workshop will be held on Monday 17 August, 7–8.30pm, at Lincoln Event Centre, 15 Meijer Drive Lincoln.

Certificate of attendance and light refreshments provided. RSVP to Sally on [migrant.cabchch@gmail.com](mailto:migrant.cabchch@gmail.com) or 022 656 3744, or Amy on [amy.penketh@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:amy.penketh@selwyn.govt.nz) or 027 250 9031.

## Plan ahead – consent numbers continue to climb

Building consent applications in Selwyn are continuing at record levels, and the Council is encouraging builders to be patient.

Consent applications have rapidly increased since the end of the Level-4 lockdown, with 267 consents issued and 1900 inspections completed in July and over 2,200 inspections expected in August.

The Council is grateful to Napier City Council, Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council and New Zealand Building Training and Compliance for providing staff to help. "They've been invaluable in helping us keep up with this demand. It's been great to see the collaboration to keep staff employed and support the post-COVID recovery. We continue to talk to contractors to source more resources where we can," Building Manager Vanessa Mitchell says.

She says customers can also help us manage the workload efficiently by:

- loading documents correctly into AlphaOne
- ensuring sites are ready from 7.30am on the day of inspections - inspections will still be charged if the site is not ready for a booked inspection
- using AlphaOne to check the status of consents and inspections
- letting us know early if you need help with your application
- paying for consents when they're issued, or letting us know if your project is not going ahead
- ensuring all required documents are uploaded at least the day before the relevant inspection – this is particularly important for final inspections to streamline the code compliance process

While it is difficult to know how the pandemic might impact on consents in the coming months, at the current rates, the Council is on track for a record year of up to 2600 consents and 20,000 inspections.





### On the roads

Trents Road is closed heading south east away from Springs Road while upgrades are made to the sewer system. Brookside Road is closed for culvert construction.

## Driving skills refresher offered

We're offering a free refresher driving courses designed for people over 60 to help build confidence and skills and keep driving independently for as long as possible.

The Driver Skills Refresher course will be held on Monday 31 August, 9.30am–1pm, at the Lincoln Event Centre and there are still spaces available.

An occupational therapist, driving instructor and police will give interactive presentations and a refresher on the current road rules and any changes.

Attendees are encouraged to discuss and ask questions about everyday driving situations, and to think about how, where and when they drive.

Morning tea is provided. Bookings advised as spaces are limited. Email [roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz) or call 03 347 1867.



### Apply now for a Tertiary Scholarship

Applications are open for Selwyn Secondary School Student's Tertiary Scholarships. Applications close 30 September 2020.

For application forms and details contact your school or visit: [selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships](http://selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships)



Notices

PROPOSED ROAD STOPPING

The Council is proposing to stop a section of unformed, unnamed road adjacent to the main trunk railway line between Heslerton Road and Sheats Road and to sell the land to the adjoining owners. This is proposed to be carried out under the Public Works Act 1981 pursuant to clause (j) of the Selwyn District Council R424 – Road Stopping Policy. A copy of the plan is available for inspection at Selwyn District Council’s Rolleston office, during normal office hours. Any person objecting or submitting to this proposal must do so

by 11 September 2020. To make an objection, or find out more about this proposal email roadstopping@selwyn.govt.nz or visit selwyn.govt.nz.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 14 August at the following places:  
· Lincoln Library 9–9.30am  
· Leeston Library 10.15–10.45am  
· Darfield Library 11.30am–12pm  
· Rolleston Council offices 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 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Jacquesy Rocks Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 25 August. 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

Council\*  
Wed 12 August 1pm

Rolleston Offices  
Malvern Community Board  
Mon 24 August 4pm  
Darfield Library  
Council\*  
Wed 26 August 1pm  
Rolleston Offices  
\*Livestreamed on Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee  
Tue 25 August 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station  
Dunsandel Community Committee  
Mon 17 August 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Community Committee

Kirwee Community Committee  
Mon 17 August 7.30pm  
Kirwee Community Hall  
Little Rakaia Huts Advisory Committee  
Mon 17 August 7pm  
Rakaia Huts Camping Ground  
Rolleston Reserve Management Committee Triennial Meeting  
Mon 17 August 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre  
Sheffield/Waddington Community Centre  
Thu 20 August 7.30pm  
Sheffield Hall  
Tai Tapu Library Inc. AGM  
Wed 12 August 7.45pm  
Tai Tapu Library – following the committee meeting at 7pm

Help teach Selwyn kids safe road crossing skills

Drivers can help children learn safe road crossing skills by only stopping for pedestrians at kea crossings when the stop ‘lollipop’ signs are out.  
The Council is reminding people that the only time they must stop for pedestrians at a school road patrol (kea crossing) is when the stop lollipop signs are out. Otherwise it is a normal section of road where drivers have right of way.  
Stopping for children crossing at other times can be dangerous and can increase the risk of children being injured, School Road Safety Coordinator Stephanie Hautler says.  
“I often see drivers stopping to let children cross at cross points. Although drivers may think stopping is courteous, it’s incredibly dangerous. Slow down for sure, as children are unpredictable, but please don’t wave them across”  
“Children may develop the false expectation that all vehicles will stop for them, which increases the risk of them being injured. Even if you stop, a driver in the other direction may not. It’s unsafe to stop in a live lane of traffic and you run the risk of being rear-ended or worse, being shunted into the pedestrian you were trying to help.”

It’s important that pedestrians stop, look and listen before crossing the road at a location with pedestrian facilities, and just like any other section of road, vehicles have the right of way.  
If a vehicle stops on a crossing point, pedestrians should wave them on and wait for a gap in the traffic to cross safely.

Some handy hints for parents to teach their children:

- Wave traffic on and wait for a safe gap to cross.
- Be bright, be seen on your way to school, ask your school for a safety vest.
- Cross at the kea crossing when it is operating, this goes for parents too, young people are watching you!

Road safety educational resources for parents and children are available from Selwyn District Council. Email roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz



### August Group Fitness Promotion

Experience the benefits of Aqua, Spin, Pump, Step, Zumba, Yoga, Tai Chi and HIIT classes for less!

\*Promotion must be purchased and redeemed 1–31 August 2020. Available to use for wet and dry group fitness classes only, other services not included. Pass can be used across multiple facilities including Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Lincoln Event Centre, Rolleston Community Centre and West Melton Community and Recreation Centre. Bookings advised for aqua and spin classes.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre

Lincoln Event Centre

Rolleston Community Centre

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Selwyn District Council

5 classes for \$25

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY  
13  
AUGUST

Craft and Chat group  
Lincoln Library, 10am–12pm  
Bring along your current craft project to work on while you get to know fellow craft enthusiasts! An opportunity to share tips, tricks and skills.

SATURDAY  
15  
AUGUST

Bath Bombs  
Darfield Library, 1–2pm  
A fun workshop for adults, teaching you how to make all natural, vegan-friendly bath bombs tailored to your favourite scents. Bookings essential. Book or view more dates at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

SATURDAY  
15  
AUGUST

Sewing Repair Café  
The Lincoln Pantry, 1pm–4pm  
Run by Lincoln Envirotown, an opportunity to bring along your clothing repairs. There will be a number of expert seamstresses to help mend your clothes for you. Free.

SATURDAY  
15  
AUGUST

Dive-in Movie Sing (2016)  
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 5.30pm  
Bring your friends and family along and dive-in to enjoy this fun, family-friendly musical hit.

SUNDAY  
16  
AUGUST

Board Games Club  
Rolleston Library, 1.30–3pm  
Love board games? Head along to Rolleston Library to play a variety of exciting games. Suitable for those new to board games, as well as regular players. Recommended for intermediate and high school students aged 8-18 years.

TUESDAY  
18  
AUGUST

Father’s Day Mug Painting  
Leeston Library, 3.30–4.30pm  
Create a personalised mug for Dad, with the support of the Ellesmere Pottery Club. Suitable for ages 8–13, \$10 per person, bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz

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

Leeston Library & Service Centre  
19 Messines Street, Leeston  
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre  
Gerald Street, Lincoln  
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