

Put down your roots in Selwyn



Newcomers to Selwyn are being invited to join longer-term residents to literally put down roots in the district.

A planting day is being held at Chamberlains Ford Recreation Reserve on Sunday 6 September 9.30am–12pm where Selwyn residents are invited to put down their roots by planting a native tree.

There are 1000 trees to be planted on the day, with people encouraged to bring families and leave their mark on the Selwyn landscape for good.

The aim is to give newcomers to Selwyn an opportunity to increase their bond with their new home, by symbolically and physically putting down roots. It is also about building community; bringing together newer residents with those who have been here for a longer time, to meet, mix and connect, Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities, Denise Kidd says.

“In the same way as plants get nourishment from the soil through their roots and go on to grow, thrive and spread, Council wants people to stay here, put down roots and improve Selwyn, for now and into the future.”

Selwyn is one of nine councils recognised as Welcoming Communities under the Immigration New Zealand Welcoming Communities programme, which recognises and supports work by councils to help newcomers feel welcome and build connections.

Large-scale water upgrades continuing

Four new water treatment plant upgrades have been completed as the major upgrade works to the districts' water systems continue.

Upgrades have been completed on treatment plants at Rakaia Huts, Tai Tapu, Claremont, Veuve Drive in Lincoln and Gallipoli Street in Leeston, adding treatment options such as UV treatment.

The work is part of a \$23 million district-wide programme of 59 capital works projects to build and upgrade pump stations and water treatment plants, to increase capacity and improve water quality and safety.

Work is also under way on treatment plant upgrades in Arthur's Pass, Castle Hill, Dalethorpe, Springston, West Melton and Te Pirita. A further seven upgrades are planned over the next two years in Kirwee, Lincoln, Hororata, Darfield, Prebbleton, Springfield and Taumutu.

Council Group Manager Infrastructure Murray Washington says the upgrades are part of a significant long-term commitment from the Council to keep improving this service, to keep up with growth and health requirements.

“Clean, safe drinking water is an essential service and we're committed to providing the best service possible to make sure that people have access to a safe and sufficient supply.”



The new water treatment plant at Rakaia Huts (left) and an internal view of the new plants.

An art hub for the community

Four years ago a former electrical store building sat empty on Leeston's High Street.

One day Ellesmere Art Group Trust member Averil Southward was asked by the building's landlord to brighten up the place with her art in the window and before long people started ringing wanting to purchase her work.

Today over 6,000 people visit this building each year to view the many pieces of artwork displayed in the building's windows and gallery space.

The Lakeland Art Gallery, run by 19 volunteers, has a separate tutor room used for workshops for the public and members of the Ellesmere Art Group Trust. The workshops are funded by the Council's Creative Community Fund.

“It's different to other art groups in that we've got a comfortable tutor area all set up and a gallery where artists can display their art and be with art the whole time. We've made it feel like home,” Averil says.

The fund goes towards art tutors and materials such as mosaic tiles and acrylic paints for the workshops.

Averil has been a part of the Ellesmere Art Group Trust for ten years and says the trust has been using the fund for many years – long before she joined – which has enabled it to open this hub for the community.

“People just love coming here. I've got a lovely elderly lady who comes here, she'll come in once a month because it puts a smile on her face. You get these comments and it just makes you feel so good, it's nice if you can provide that for people,” she says.

It has even attracted new Selwyn residents exploring the area and often they become trust members and volunteers.

“There's hours and hours of work that goes into it but we're very proud of it and we're hoping we can stay here for a really long time.”

Applications for the Creative Community Fund are now open. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding to find out more.



Artists Jill Lemon (left) and Averil Southward from the Ellesmere Art Group Trust.

FREE

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GIVE IT A GO

Fridays, 3.45–5.45pm

**4 September, Darfield Domain
11 September, Lincoln Domain**

Rolleston and Leeston events cancelled due to Covid Level 2 restrictions.

Grab a caregiver and join us for a fun after-school event showcasing a range of summer sport on offer in Selwyn. Nibbles and spot prizes included! No need to register, just turn up.

selwyn.govt.nz/events



Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

Darfield Library & Service Centre
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

END OF LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR

Ellesmere Community Care are running this seminar to support people through legal, health and planning options with legal executive Katrina Davidson, CDHB Advanced care planner Jane Goodwin and funeral assistant Amanda Boon. Protect your assets and your loved ones. All ages welcome. The seminar will be held at Leeston Library, Monday 24 August, 6.30–8pm.

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

Representation Review Subcommittee Inaugural meeting*
Wed 19 August 8.30am
Council Rolleston Offices

Malvern Community Board
Mon 24 August 4pm
Darfield Library
Council*
Wed 26 August 1pm
Council Rolleston Offices
Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wed 2 Sept 9.30am
Council Rolleston Offices
*Livestreamed on Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee
Tue 25 August 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station
Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 2 September 7.30pm
Osborne Park
Glentunnel Community Centre Committee – Triennial Elections

Tue 15 September 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre
Residents of Coalgate, Glentunnel and Whitecliffs are invited to attend. New committee members are most welcome.
Glentunnel Township Committee
Mon 31 August 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre
Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Tue 1 September 8pm
Greendale Pavilion
Leeston Park Committee
Mon 31 August 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion
Sheffield/Waddington Community Centre
Thu 20 August 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall
Tawera Memorial Hall Committee
Wed 2 September 7pm
Tawera Memorial Hall

Selwyn Open: Old library becomes cave of treasures

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 Carol Gurney from Carol’s Closet.

After selling the Hororata Café, Carol Gurney wanted to raise money for St John’s Church, left damaged by the 2010 earthquake.
That was when she decided to transform a vacant library space into an op-shop donating all profits to the church.

Formerly the Hororata Library, the small room next to the Hororata Community Hall swapped books for second-hand clothing, shoes, accessories, paintings and jewellery, becoming Carol’s Closet.
Walking into the store is like discovering Aladdin’s Cave, a space that looks small from the outside but is larger than life on the inside with a range of hidden treasures and clothing, ranging from sizes eight to 24.
“I could almost count on one hand how many people leave without buying something, which to me, that is amazing. There’s always something for everyone,” says store owner, Carol Gurney.

“I’ve always loved preloved clothing shops and so I thought why not!”

It became a community project with every clothing piece donated to the store, then sorted and steam cleaned by Carol to make sure it is in good condition.

Carol receives donations from ladies who knit winter hats, blankets made by the vicar and the most recent addition, a free library made out of an old fridge painted by Hororata Primary School. In return she’s on hand when needed.

“Sometimes the café might say to me, ‘The Porsche Car Club is coming out’. So I might ring the club and say, ‘Would you like me to open up the Closet for you?’ And they go, ‘Yes, the ladies will love it!’ ”

The store runs on a volunteer basis, open three days a week, but even when it’s closed, Carol says to give her a call and she will be there in two minutes.



Business survey under way

The Council is looking to take the pulse of the business community in Selwyn to better understand the current situation, challenges and opportunities businesses are experiencing.
The survey will help the Council in its planning for activities to support the business community, such as topics and speakers for the Council’s planned ‘Businesses After 5’ series.

It will also help the Council advocate for local opportunities, as well as share quality information with agencies, including government and funders, to better inform their planning and decisions.

The Council is intending to run the survey at regular points in the future to build and present a long-term picture.

Businesses can fill out the survey at Selwyn.govt.nz/BusinessSurvey2020



On the roads

Trents Road has reopened heading south east away from Springs Road, but traffic management remains in place while minor pipework is completed.

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

20
AUGUST

Children’s Book Club
Leeston Library, 3.30–4.30pm
Share your latest reading adventures, see the new books at the library, participate in an activity and have a snack. For ages 5–11 years.

FRIDAY

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AUGUST

Discovery Time
Rolleston Library, 3.30–4.30pm
Weekly session with fun activities and experiments. Each month will focus on either science, technology, engineering, art or maths. Learn how to grow crystals, make slime, construct marshmallow bridges, and more. No booking required.

FRIDAY

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AUGUST

Junior Action Group
Lincoln Library, 4.30–5.30pm
A children-led community group learning more about sustainability and creating change. Come along for hands-on fun as we explore things like lunch-box rubbish, make-do-mending and other environmental issues. Suitable for school-aged children.

SATURDAY

22
AUGUST

Maintaining Pip-Fruit Trees
Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens (behind Lincoln Maternity Hospital), 10–11.30am
Learn how to look after your fruit trees with advice on pruning and pest/disease control from experienced orchardist Greg Quinn. \$5 koha, cash on the day.

MONDAY

24
AUGUST

Chess Club
Darfield Library, 3.30–4.30pm
Did you know chess is one of the oldest games, invented around 600BC? Find out what makes this game so popular and play at the library’s weekly Chess Club. No bookings necessary.

25, 26
AND 28
AUGUST

Splash Time
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 8am–8pm
A great way to introduce your baby to the water. The 45-minute sessions by a qualified instructor cover the importance of water experiences in child development, safety and a taster of parent/child swim classes. Suitable for 4 months to 3 years. Bookings essential. Email: swimschool@selwyn.govt.nz

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

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