

Annual exhibition keeps art alive in Selwyn



The Annual Selwyn Arts Heart Exhibition sprung to life two weekends ago, on 7 and 8 November at the Rolleston Community Centre, with 280 people visiting from all over Selwyn and Canterbury.

Two hundred and fifty pieces of art were on display made by Selwyn artists. The exhibition – supported by the Council’s Creative Communities Fund – is open to artists of any style and age. It has hosted Canterbury artist Henry Turner’s art since he was 12, musical instruments made out of cake tins and the Selwyn Embroiderer’s group.

Scheduled for April next year, Selwyn Arts Heart Chairperson Wendy Rockhouse says she will apply for the Creative Communities Fund again to help cover the venue hire and advertising expenses, as she does every year.

“Without their funding, we couldn’t run an exhibition. Our exhibitions aren’t money making exhibitions, they’re held to give emerging artists the opportunity to participate in an exhibition.”

Wendy has been involved with Arts Heart for 16 years. She is a firm believer in art being good for the soul, which is at the heart of why Arts Heart hold these annual exhibitions, she says.

“I enjoy seeing the new artists that enter and the expression on their face when they’ve sold a piece of work. It brings the community together, it gives them a sense of wellbeing. Art gives them an avenue to express themselves, they otherwise might not have,” she says.

To help with that, Arts Heart only take 15% of the commission made from the exhibition.

Visit Arts Heart’s website, artsheart.nz, for more information.

The Creative Communities Selwyn Fund is open for applications until 5pm, Friday 27 November. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding for more information and to apply.



On the roads

Leeston Road is closed at the intersection with Station Street for work on the Leeston stormwater bypass. A detour is in place along Station Street.

Seal repairs are taking place on Ellesmere Road, traffic management is in place. Pavement repairs are also taking place on Leeston Road and traffic management is in place.

The Christchurch Southern Motorway (CSM2) team has advised that from 6pm Sunday 15 November to Sunday 6 December, the Weedons Interchange northbound off-ramp will be closed for construction work. Traffic will be detoured via Hoskyns and Jones Road. At times, night works will also take place on the off-ramp and on Weedons Ross Road.

From 8pm Sunday 15 November through to Sunday 6 December, Waterholes Road will be closed to all traffic at Main South Road as works are carried out across both day and night shifts. Detours will be signposted via local roads. The CSM2 has also advised that all motorway works are weather dependent.

Kirwee Reserve development gets underway

A cricket oval and new lights are coming to Kirwee Reserve as the first part of the Reserve Development Master Plan gets under way.

Work on the reserve development is due to start on Monday 23 November and will be completed in March 2021. The work will include upgrading the electrical and irrigation systems to future-proof further developments, as well as installing the new cricket oval and lighting.

It will also include landscaping changes, the removal of some trees on the west side of the reserve and the realignment of the No.2 field to free up space for future developments.

The Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee, Kirwee Township Committee and the Council have worked together on the Master Plan over the last 18 months.

Pupils from Kirwee Model School have also carried out planting of native plants around the boundaries of the reserve.

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee Chair Raewyn Feast says the committee is excited and pleased to see work under way and the development will better cater for the sports users of the reserve.

“It will also complement and maximise open space for community to enjoy the quiet surroundings that a rural reserve brings.”

Future stages are planned to include sensory and junior play spaces and may involve the further development of the community hub and a pump track.

Think water sense this summer

Summer is almost here, so it’s time to start thinking smart about how we use water, so we can all keep enjoying a reliable water service through the hotter and drier months.

After a drier than usual winter, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research is predicting a hot, dry summer, meaning now is a good time to get into good habits and be smart about how we use our water to help ensure there is no need for restrictions, Council Infrastructure Group Manager Murray Washington says.

“Water supplies are often placed under pressure during summer as many people decide to water their lawns and gardens at the same time. So we’re encouraging people to think about their water use. If everyone plays their part we should be able to avoid restrictions and provide water at a good pressure all summer long.”

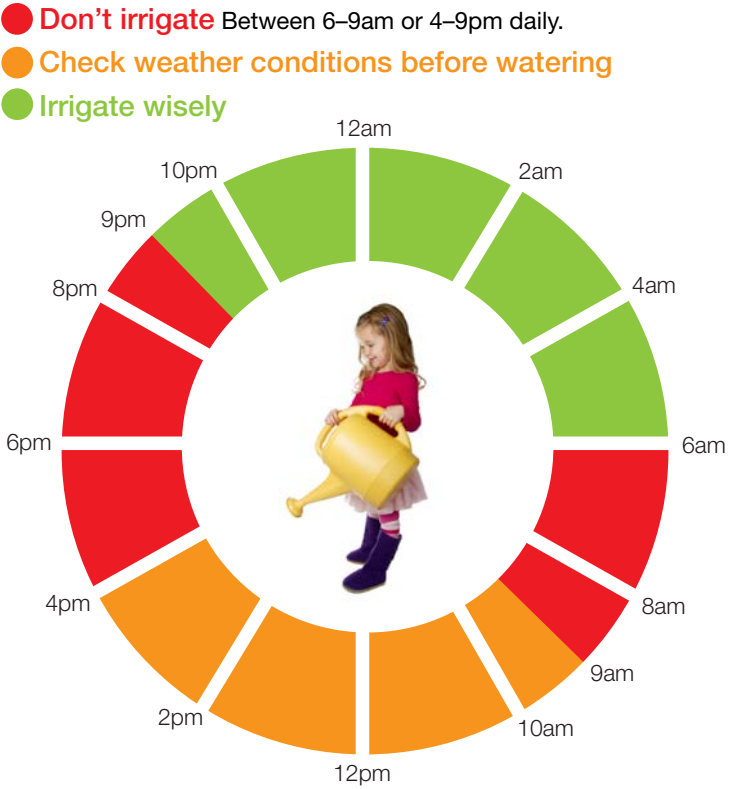
Being water smart also helps ensure you’re making the most of the water you use, being good for your garden and getting the best value from your water rates.

To help this happen, the Council is recommending that people limit watering to after 9pm, to keep it away from peak usage times and ensure the sun doesn’t quickly evaporate the water, which will reduce the effectiveness of the water use.

Tips for managing your water use:

- Check hoses or taps for leaks
- Make sure sprinklers are watering the plants not the driveway, footpath or buildings
- Use a watering can or hose
- Water for shorter periods, for example watering for three five-minute intervals over a couple of hours lets the soil absorb more water than watering for 15 minutes continuously which causes water run-off
- Water your garden and lawn every few days rather than every day
- No need to water the berm – let it die off during summer to save money on your water rates and wear and tear on your lawn mower

When to water your lawn



Learn to get your driver’s licence online

Looking at getting your driver’s licence? Now you can learn and get ready to be a great driver online.

Waka Kotahi NZ New Zealand Transport Agency and ACC have created an interactive learning tool for learner and restricted drivers, and learner driver coaches. Drive.govt.nz is a free website that steps you through the road code and the essential skills to make you a great driver.

The website helps you work your way through the road code and skill units such as basics of the road, speed limits and road signs.

Test questions will help track your progress and there’s a customised dashboard to help see what you’ve covered and what to look at next.

Notices

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 20 November at the following places:
Rolleston Council offices 9–9.30am
Lincoln Library 10.15–10.45am
Leeston Library 11.30am–12pm
Darfield Library 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 at libraries.

Microchipping will not take place if wet.
If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

WATER RACE CLEANING REMINDER

If you have a privately-cleaned water race this should be cleaned at least once a year and frequently enough to ensure supply is not disrupted for downstream users. You're also responsible for making sure that vegetation does not impede water race flows. Council-cleaned races will be cleaned

from November 2020 to March 2021. If a Council-cleaned water race crosses your land, please provide clear access to it to ensure machinery can operate safely. If you wish to receive water race spoil please contact the Council surface water operations engineer on waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Donut Incorporated Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until Thursday 26 November. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

Meetings

Public Forums: *Council, Community Board and local committees 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 Committee meetings: *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

Malvern Community Board
Mon 23 November 4pm Darfield Library/Service Centre

Council

Wed 25 November 1pm Council Rolleston Offices*

Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 2 December 9.30am

Council Rolleston Offices* Representation Review Subcommittee

Wed 9 December 8.30am
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* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee
Tue 24 November 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Coalgate-Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tue 1 December 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 2 December 7.30pm
Osborne Park

Glentunnel Community Committee

Mon 30 November 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre
Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Tue 24 November 8pm
Greendale Pavilion

Hororata Reserve Management Committee Triennial meeting
Wed 2 December 7.30pm
Hororata Hall

Leeston Community Committee
Mon 7 December 7.30pm
Leeston Library/Community Room

Leeston Park Association Committee AGM
Mon 30 November 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Sheffield-Waddington Community Committee
Thu 3 December 7.30pm
Sheffield Community Hall

Weedons Residents' Association
Tue 10 December 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Malvern meeting to help keep your property safe from fire

The Council, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), Police, and other organisations are teaming up again to help people keep themselves and their properties safe from fire.

They are running a community meeting in Darfield to talk about tips for keeping your property safe. The meeting will be held at the Darfield Recreation Centre at 7pm Thursday 26 November.

It will also cover the McHughs Forest Park fire plan the agencies have put together to protect people in case of a fire in the forest.

McHughs Forest Park has been identified by FENZ as a potential fire hazard due to its close proximity to residential properties and businesses in Darfield and the abundance of fuels.

This risk is greatly increased during periods of high wind, particularly a strong nor'west wind.

The meeting will cover evacuation zones and how to prepare for a fire at the forest park. It will also cover advice for how to prepare properties for the peak fire season and what to do in the event of a fire. For more information on this you can visit selwyn.govt.nz/mchughs.

Council Emergency Management Manager Al Lawn says the meeting follows on from three successful community events run by FENZ and supported by Council and Police last year.

"We had a great response last year from people who found it really helpful. These are important messages to remind people of some simple things that they can do to be prepared and help keep themselves, their families, pets and others safe in the event of a fire."

Selwyn Community Directory

Over 300 community groups and organisations

Find out what's on in your community at selwyn.govt.nz/communitydirectory



Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

19
NOVEMBER

Children's Book Club

Leeston Library, 3.30–4.30pm
Share your latest reading adventures, see the new books that have arrived at the library, participate in an activity and have a snack. For those aged 5–11 years.

FRIDAY

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NOVEMBER

Sensory Babytimes – sing and sign

Rolleston Library, 9.30–10am
Join us for a special Baby Sensory session with guest host Becky, from Sing and Sign. Sing and Sign combines the benefit of both music and baby signing in a relaxing, enjoyable yet still educational way.

FRIDAY

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NOVEMBER

Junior Enviro Action Group

Lincoln Library, 4.30–5.30pm
A kid-led community group focused on learning more about sustainability and creating change in the community. 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.

SUNDAY

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NOVEMBER

Community Recycle Day

Hawkins Pit, Darfield, 10am–4pm
Clean up your garage, shed and garden and drop-off your bulky waste, garden waste, scrap metal, tyres, child car seats and e-waste. Charges apply for some items. Strict acceptance criteria applies. Go to selwyn.govt.nz/recyclingday for more information.

TUESDAY

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NOVEMBER

Driver Skills Refresher

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre
Build confidence by refreshing your knowledge of the road rules, with the support of an occupational therapist, as well as a driving instructor and police. Bookings advised as spaces are limited. Email roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz or call 03 347 1867.

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

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19 Messines Street, Leeston
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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