

Thousands enjoyed CultureFest on Sunday and the fun is set to continue all week.

A huge crowd enjoyed food, music and dance at the annual event at Lincoln Domain, celebrating the many cultures that make up Selwyn. This year the events will be continuing all week with a series of workshops, classes and dinners.

Events will range from belly dancing, highland dance and henna workshops to splash times at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. Food and drink will also be a big part of the week with a traditional Chinese tea ceremony and a Kirant cultural evening featuring food, music and dance from the Kirata people of Nepal.

Food will also be at the heart of helping new residents and old connect at the Dinners of Selwyn potluck dinner at the Lincoln Event Centre this Friday night, with guests from a wide range of cultures stretching from Indonesia to Iran, England, Nigeria and more.

For a full list of CultureFest events on this week visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Know your zone in the District Plan

The District Plan sets the rules on where you can have a house or business through zones.

Zones set the direction for where growth will be in the future, including where businesses and homes can be built. The rules for each zone outline what you can build, covering everything from how tall a building can be, whether you can build a sleepout or run a business from home, to how far away from everyone else a noisy business has to be.

In the Proposed District Plan we're proposing to bring in some changes to the zones in Selwyn.

The plan would simplifying the zones for residential areas from over 70 down to four. It would also focus residential development in and around our existing towns and give people more options for different housing types and smaller sections if they want in some urban areas. It would also continue to allow businesses to run from home, but tighten the rules to encourage businesses to set up commercial and business zones where possible.

For the rural areas, it would make it easier for businesses servicing rural activities to be based in rural areas and reduce the density of houses allowed in parts of the western plains and foothills to ensure land is kept for rural production, Council Planning Team Leader Robert Love says.

"The proposed zones give a guide for growth in the district for the next 10 years. With the residential zones, we're aiming to make the plan simpler and make it easier for people to find and understand the rules for their property. We're also aiming to give people more choices on the homes they live in, while keeping our character."

We're giving more time for you to have your say on the Proposed District Plan. Consultation has been extended and now closes at 5pm Friday 11 December. We've also added some more drop in sessions so you can talk to a planner one on one about any questions you have. The drop-in session dates are:

- · Tuesday 27 October, 6-7.30pm, Council Chambers at Selwyn District Council buildings
- · Tuesday 3 November, 6–7.30pm, Community Room at Leeston Library and Service Centre
- · Saturday 7 November, 9am-5pm, Hororata Highland Games, Hororata Domain
- · Tuesday 17 November, 6-7.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre, Baylis Lounge
- · Tuesday 24 November, 6–7.30pm, Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, Lounge Room





Business in good heart at breakfast

An opportunity to support businesses and enable them to keep operating well in uncertain times was the aim of the first Selwyn Business Breakfast.

More than 60 people from businesses across the district attended the Council-run breakfast in Rolleston, to network and hear from guest speakers.

Ministry of Social Development Regional Commissioner for Canterbury Dianne McDermott spoke about the ministry's Business Support packages available to help businesses through the impacts of the pandemic.

Economist Benje Patterson reported back on the results of the first Selwyn Business Survey, a quarterly survey organised by the Council. The survey showed that although conditions have been tough, Selwyn businesses reported better operating conditions than the rest of New Zealand. There is guarded optimism for the next six months and some optimism for the future longer-term, with job cuts anticipated to taper off, investment to stabilise, and losses to narrow.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the breakfasts fit with the Council's aim to be an enabling Council that helps people to do what they want to do.

"We're about holding hands with people and pointing them in the right direction."

Many of the guests spoke about the benefits of meeting with other businesses, to know they were facing similar challenges and opportunities.

The sentiment was echoed by Margaret Craw, who owns a hairdressing salon in Rolleston and enjoyed the opportunity to meet other businesses and learn more about the wider economic conditions in the district and supports available.

"It's a great thing to do to get everyone together and realise you're not out there on your own. I've picked up quite a lot of information on how things are for everyone. I'm looking forward to the next one."





Book driver licensing online

Getting an appointment for driver licensing is now an online process. The AA at the Council's Rolleston offices have introduced an online booking system for all driver licensing. Customers now need to book an appointment for a driver licensing application through the online booking portal on the council website by visiting selwyn.govt.nz/bookaa. Timeslots can be booked up to seven days ahead by clicking on the empty slots on the booking portal. Customers will need to bring all relevant documentation to their appointment. If you are unsure what you need to bring, please visit the NZTA website or phone us on 0800 SELWYN (735 996). Bookings via the online booking portal are only required for driver licensing. Other transactions do not require prior booking.

On the Roads

ON THE ROADS

Station Street, Leeston, is closed at the intersection with Leeston Road for work on the Leeston Stormwater Bypass. This closure is due to be in place until 11

November. A detour will be in place along Leeston Road and Cunningham Street. Expect an increase of trucks on the detour route. Footpath construction is taking place on Rolleston Drive between Tennyson Street and Masefield Drive. Broadlands Drive between Goulds Road and Springston Rolleston Road will be closed 4–10pm Saturday 31 October for the Rolleston Fireworks. The postponement day for the fireworks is Sunday 1 November.



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

FLUSH YOUR TAPS

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies. This

notice is issued on behalf of the Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

RR18 Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until Wednesday 4 November. The Partnership of Craig Alan and Jane Ruth Scott has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until Friday 6 November. For more information visit 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

Malvern Community Board Tue 27 October 4pm Darfield Library

Council*

Wed 28 October 1pm Council Rolleston offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee Tue 27 October 7.30pm Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 4 November 7.30pm Osborne Park

Glentunnel Township Committee

Mon 26 October 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

Leeston Community Committee Mon 2 November 7.30pm

Leeston Library Community Room

Leeston Park Committee

Mon 26 October 7.30pm Leeston Park Pavilion

Sheffield-Waddington Reserve **Board Committee**

Tue 3 November 7.30pm Sheffield Domain

Springston Committees -Community, Hall & Reserve

Wed 21 October 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Tawera Memorial Hall Committee

Wed 4 November 7.30pm Tawera Hall

Weedons Residents Assn

Tue 5 November 7.30pm Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Roadworks around new Rolleston intersection

There will be footpath and road changes around Rolleston Drive, Norman Kirk Drive and Dryden Avenue in the coming weeks as part of the works on the new intersection.

Works will be taking place on the shoulder of Rolleston Drive, between 60 Rolleston Drive and Norman

At times this work will also require speed restrictions or closing one lane of Rolleston Drive. There will be onsite signage and we will advise of any major changes coming up, through Council Call, our Facebook page and the Council website.

The footpath on the western side of Rolleston Drive will also be closed between 60 Rolleston Drive and Norman Kirk Drive from this week and people are encouraged to use the new fenced path running behind the works site or the opposite footpath on Rolleston Drive.

Norman Kirk Drive is scheduled to be closed in the first week of November on the corner south of the Selwyn Health Hub site. Council access will be maintained, but we recommend entering Norman Kirk Drive via Kidman Street.

Upgraded Southbridge Reserve opens

Southbridge Reserve will fully reopen on Friday after a

A new playground item and safety surface was installed last year in the first phase of the upgrade, and new pathways, picnic tables near the playground, lawns and a mix of native and exotic plantings have now been added.

A paved courtyard area will celebrate the history of the township. The courtyard area includes a flag pole and space for three historical panels about the township, which will be added at a later date.

The intention is for the reserve to be the site of the town's first war memorial and work is underway to design the memorial

Restoration work on the Southbridge Hall, opposite the reserve is also set to begin in November.



New Selwyn events and activities guide out now.

Pick up a copy from any Council facility.



Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

OCTOBER

End of Swell Celebration Walk

Lincoln Event Centre, 10.15–11am
Join us for a 45 minute walk with a
ranger through our beautiful Lincoln
walkways. End with light refreshments
at Lincoln Event Centre and open
discussions to finish our Swell events
and activities.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER

Highland Dancing Taster Rolleston Community Centre, 3.30–4.15pm

Join us for a children's Highland Dancing demonstration, then have a go yourself! Highland is a fun and energetic style of dance – it helps to develop stamina, strength and coordination of hands and feet. Drop-in.

FRI 23 AND SAT 24

OCTOBER

Chinese Calligraphy

Rolleston Library, Friday from 3.30pm, Lincoln Library, Saturday,

Presented by the Confucius Institute, explore this traditional writing style using ink and brush. Suitable for all skill levels and people aged eight and over. Free. No bookings required. A traditional Chinese tea ceremony will also be held at the Lincoln session.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER

Family Water Safety Day Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 9-10.30am

Have a go with an inflatable boat, life jackets, learn about safety huddles, treading water and more. Complete the session and receive a NZ Coastguard Safe Boating qualification. \$5 per child. Children must be aged five and over. Bookings essential, email swimschool@selwyn.govt.nz.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER

Community Recycle Day Cemetery Pit, Southbridge Leeston Road, 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

MONDAY

NOVEMBER

Farm Recycling Day

A one-stop-shop to drop off farm waste including chemical containers, fertiliser and feedbags, waste oil and unwanted chemicals for recycling, or safe disposal. Register at agrecovery. co.nz to book a time. Location will be provided to registered attendees, no unregistered attendees will be accepted on the day.

For information on listing a community event visit

