



# Young entrepreneurs take out Innovation award

Continuing our series profiling winners at the 2018 Selwyn Awards. Mana, 10, and Tui, 8, Martin won the Innovation Excellence Award for their business Plastic Straws Suck.

Amongst the youngest nominees for the Selwyn Awards, Tui and Mana were fitting winners of an award that recognises the outstanding innovative contribution of individuals, social enterprises or businesses in Selwyn.

A school project about the impact of plastic in oceans inspired the passionate beach users.

“The beach is a fun place to be with all your mates and friends and family. If there’s lots of plastic it pollutes the ocean and that’s not very cool!” says Tui.

With the assistance of dad Nathan, Plastic Straws Suck was born.

With the aim of having hometown Lincoln plastic straw-free by 2020 and donating 25% of their profits to organisations dedicated to removing plastic from oceans, Mana and Tui have spent tireless hours talking to hospitality businesses about the impact of plastic straws and selling metal straws at local markets and through their Facebook page.

Being entered into the Awards was a surprise, as their mum’s friend nominated them and only told them a couple of weeks before the Gala Dinner.

Reflecting on the evening, Manu recounts “My fav [favourite] part was getting to know everyone, putting our idea out there and talking about what other people have done to get there and how amazing their journey had been. When we heard our name called as the winner, we were surprised. It felt really amazing”.

“It was really cool watching the entertainment and the food was really yummy. We also got to meet the Mayor and wear his Mayoral chains, which was cool... and he also bought some metal straws off us!” Tui remembers enthusiastically.

“Winning the award has definitely changed the way locals look at us,” Mana says. “And more companies are going plastic straw-free off the back of winning.”

## 10,000 reasons to be road safety aware

We’re reminding drivers to stay alert and drive safely as children return to school next week.

From next Monday 27 January, over 10,000 Selwyn children will be heading back to school – that’s nearly 20% of our population on the move.

Selwyn School Road Safety Coordinator Stephanie Hautler is encouraging everyone to keep their eyes peeled for our young people heading back to school by foot and on wheels.

For those heading to school here are some travel safety tips:

- Be bright and be seen. Ask your school for a safety vest.
- Tackle the routes together, talking about sneaky driveways and blind corners.
- Get out and active together to reduce the chaos at the school gate.
- Wear your helmets, this goes for caregivers too... young people are watching you!

People can also take advantage of the more settled weather to get out of the car and get active with their children and familiarise themselves with hazards on the route.

“Road safety awareness is an important life skill and starts developing when you are young. Take every opportunity to educate children on how to safely cross a road using their eyes and ears” says Mrs Hautler.

“A fluoro yellow hi-viz makes your child visible in poor weather as well as bright sun. Most schools have them available for free or a small cost and they really make a difference.”

If you are pushed for time, park a block back from school so that your child can scoot or walk. It is good for them both physically and mentally, develops their road safety skills and helps with overall congestion at the school gate, she says.

Road safety resources for parents and children are available from the Council by emailing [stephanie.hautler@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:stephanie.hautler@selwyn.govt.nz) or phoning 347 2705.

## Enjoying summer in Selwyn

More than 1000 people turned out to the annual Teddy Bears’ Picnic at Rolleston Reserve last week, as Summer in Selwyn continues to draw the crowds.

Hundreds have also turned out to events including the ever popular pool parties at Sheffield and Darfield last week and the first of our outdoor movies in December.

There is plenty still to come, with the joint Selwyn and Christchurch City Libraries whānau Fun day at Lincoln Library on Saturday with stories, craft, technology and more, pool parties at Southbridge and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, another outdoor movie in Leeston and two drive-in movies.

The popular Picnics in the Park are also beginning this week, while other events include the Month of Sundays music afternoons on the Lincoln Green starting in February, along with skate jams, sports competitions and heaps of activities in Selwyn Libraries. For a full list of events go to [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events) or visit the Council Facebook page.

## Libraries light up with lanterns

Four Chinese lantern scenes will be lighting up libraries around Selwyn this week and at the Council headquarters in Rolleston.

The lanterns, which are being installed on this week, have been put up to mark the start of Chinese New Year on Saturday (25 January).

The lanterns, which make up large scenes of animals and people, will be in place for two weeks for people to enjoy.

Selwyn Libraries will also be hosting Chinese New Year story times from Monday 3 February to Wednesday 5 February with interactive stories, songs and dances. For more information visit [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz).



## Property files now available in electronic format

Customers wanting to view a property file, or other Council records, can now book this service online, and view most files electronically once the booking has been confirmed. There is a period of time required to scan the physical files, this depends on the size of the consent.

The Council maintains a huge archive of records such as property files, resource consents, cemetery records, liquor licences and other documents.

Most Councils, including Selwyn, are now converting paper records to digital files. For customers this means property files and other records can now be made available electronically, rather than in paper form.

This will also make it much easier to sort and retrieve files, and means we’ll be able to send copies of records directly to customers.

Some archive files will still be in paper format while we work through the digitisation process.

To request an electronic copy of a property file or record, or to book a viewing at the Council’s Rolleston offices, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/propertyfiles](http://selwyn.govt.nz/propertyfiles) or call the customer team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996). Some charges apply to cover the costs of preparing and scanning files.

Bookings to view a file at the Council offices can be made from two to 14 days in advance. Booking times will depend on availability and an appointment will be confirmed by the records team. People requesting an electronic copy of a file will be sent a download link, which remains active for seven days.



Notices

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGES

Kirwee Central Properties Limited have lodged a private plan change application (PC 60) to rezone approximately 17 ha of land at Kirwee from Living 2A to Living 1, to allow for more intensive residential development. The subject land is located within the Kirwee township, south of Hoskyns Road, north of State Highway 73 (West Coast Road) and east of School Lane and Walter Place. D Marshall, L Martin & A Formosa, M & T Saunders, B Hammett and J & S Howson have lodged a private plan change application (PC 62) to rezone approximately 60 ha of land on the western side of Leeston to facilitate the future development of approximately 410 residential sites. The subject land generally bounded by High Street to the south, Harmans Road to the west, Leeston

Dunsandel Road to the north, with a small area lying north of this road, and Ellesmere College and residential development on Spring Place and Mountain View Place to the east. Submissions are now open to enable you to have your say on these rezoning proposals. Information on these plan change requests, and how to make a submission, is available at Council's Rolleston Headquarters, libraries and service centres and at selwyn.govt.nz, or by contacting the Strategy and Policy Team on (03) 347 2800. Submissions must be lodged by 5pm Wednesday 19 February 2020. **PROPOSED LEASE LINCOLN** The Council is proposing to grant a new ground lease to Men's Shed of Lincoln Society Incorporated to allow for an extension to its building on part of the land situated near

the Lincoln Event Centre. The Men's Shed of Lincoln plans to extend its existing facility, which is used as a community meeting place, and for sharing skills for repairing and making items for the community. A lease was previously granted on 14 June 2017 and the new lease would incorporate the extension. This is pursuant to Section 54(1) of the Reserves Act 1977. A copy of the lease document and site plan are available for inspection at Council's Rolleston Headquarters during normal office hours. Any person objecting or submitting to this proposal can do so in writing no later than 5pm on Friday 28 February 2020. To make a submission or objection or to find out more about this proposal please visit selwyn.govt.nz, email leases@selwyn.govt.nz or call Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing on 03 347 2800.

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

**Malvern Community Board**  
Mon 27 Jan 5.15pm  
Darfield Library  
**Audit & Risk Subcommittee**  
Wed 5 Feb 9.30am  
Rolleston Council building  
**Council**  
Wed 12 Feb 1pm  
Rolleston Council building  
**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve

**Management Committee**  
Tue 4 Feb 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station  
**Coalgate Township Committee – Public Meeting**  
Tue 28 Jan 7.30pm  
Coalgate Bowling Club  
**Glentunnel Township Committee**  
Mon 27 Jan 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre  
**Hororata Citizens Committee**  
Tue 28 Jan 7.30pm, Hororata Hall  
**Leeston Park Committee**  
Mon 27 Jan 8pm  
Leeston Park Pavillion

Huge response to crafts for animals

Hundreds of fabric pouches, nests, mittens and other items will be helping injured and orphaned animals thanks to knitting and sewing enthusiasts. There has been a huge response from Selwyn residents to the Selwyn Libraries offer of patterns and the use of its premises and machines to people who wanted to sew and knit items such as joey pouches and mittens for animals affected by the Australian fires, Senior Arts, Culture and Lifelong Learning Co-ordinator Hayley Browne says. "We've been overwhelmed by the response locally and nationally. We've had people from all over the country contact us to help." More than 250 items have been made in or collected by the libraries and are being stored ready to transport to wherever they are needed. The idea came after library staff saw the response online from people wanting to support the Animal Rescue Craft Guild's work and decided to offer the space and resources for them to help out in some way, Hayley says. Any items which aren't needed in Australia will be donated to other animal welfare groups who have a need for them, she says.



On the roads this week

Work is being carried out on the pavement on Leeston Dunsandel Road. Please stop on request. Footpath construction will be taking place on Tramway Road, Springfield. This footpath will be closed during construction.

**Win a Meet Your Street BBQ!**

We're holding a competition, where you can go in the draw for Council to put on a BBQ on your street on 3 March where you catch-up and get to know your neighbours. Fill out the form at [selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet](http://selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet) to get your street in the draw.

Limit of one submission per person.

*Meet your Street*



*Selwyn Events*

[WWW.SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS](http://WWW.SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS)

Selwyn DISTRICT COUNCIL

THURSDAY

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JANUARY

**Springston Picnic in the Park**  
Everest Way Playground, 5–7pm

Enjoy a summer's evening at the park with the family, with live music a free sausage sizzle, Pedalmania, face painting and more. More info at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

SATURDAY

**25**

JANUARY

**Wild Kids: Willow Shelter Weaving**  
Leeston Library, 10am–12pm

Part of Selwyn Libraries Wild Kids summer series with Rekindle. Join new friends and make a willow shelter in the garden at Leeston Library. Cost \$10. Suitable for children aged 8+. Bookings essential, [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz).

SATURDAY

**25**

JANUARY

**Teacup Candles**  
Darfield Library 11am–12.30pm

Learn how to make your own scented candles in teacups. Suitable for people aged 15+. Cost \$5 per person. Bookings essential, [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz).

SUNDAY

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JANUARY

**Southbridge Pool Party**  
Southbridge Pool, 2–4pm

The summer pool parties are back, this time heading to Southbridge with inflatables, games, prizes, a sausage sizzle and a DJ playing your favourite songs.

MONDAYS FROM

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JANUARY

**Scrabble Club**  
Lincoln Library, 11am–12.30pm

Calling scrabble lovers of all ages. Join our weekly drop-in scrabble club for fun friendly games and great company. Free.

STARTING SUNDAY

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FEBRUARY

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

Relax, unwind and recharge on your Sunday afternoon with live local music, face painting and garden games every Sunday in February. Bring a picnic and enjoy.

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