



An anchor place for everyone

Anchoring the new Rolleston town centre, the Te Ara Ātea building is shaping to be a place for everyone in Selwyn to celebrate the district’s identity and people.

The 2,200 square metre, two-storey building, which will be finished in late 2021 will house the new Rolleston library, along with the district’s “living room”, performances spaces, and even a treasure box.

“Everyone will be able to find their cosy corner, or an experience they will enjoy,” District Arts Culture and Lifelong Learning Coordinator Mat Logan says. “It’s not just a library, it’s a museum and heritage experience and an arts space. You might be walking down the end of a set of shelves and there will be a display case or a story or an exhibition.”

The name Te Ara Ātea, was gifted by Te Taumutu Rūnanga and means the unobstructed trail reflecting the trails tangata whenua made across the plains, the name also references the building metaphorically as a place for learning and growth for people Project Manager Joanne Nikolaou says.

Through the project the Council has worked with the rūnanga to weave the cultural identity of the district through the building and reflect its role as a place for learning, connecting, exploring and celebrating the district’s identity and people.

The downstairs is designed as a more active space with performance and exhibition areas, a workshop room and tamariki area with interactive resources and doors to the children’s area of the town square. But it also features a community space for people to meet and spend time.

“It’s been designed like someone’s living room with sofas and a fireplace, we want people to feel like it’s their living room,” Joanne says.

Upstairs will be the majority of the library space, with exhibitions and displays integrated throughout. It will also feature waka huia, literally meaning treasure box. A soundproofed room with desks and computers and a museum-quality display wall on the outside that will display taonga from Te Taumutu Rūnanga, allowing treasures of the district to come home.

Youth Council helping take the bite out of hunger

The Selwyn Youth Council has teamed up with the Malvern Hub (Two Rivers Community Trust) to help take the bite out of hunger in our community.

The groups have organised a food drive to help replenish low stock at the Darfield Foodbank, and will be collecting donations on Friday 2 October, 11am–1pm, at Darfield Library.

Darfield Foodbank spokesperson Rose Craven says there has been a large increase in demand at the foodbank this year as people have lost jobs or had their hours cut from the impacts of Covid-19. The foodbank is now running around \$600 per week short of items, she says.

“While we have a good stock of canned food, we are desperately short of things like school lunch food, dry baking goods, frozen meat and veges and toiletries. If you are wondering what to donate have a think about what you and your family would need in a week.”

The Youth Council has been involved in a series of volunteering efforts in recent weeks and was looking for a way to support the foodbank during the school holidays, Youth Councillor Issy Kennedy says.

“I believe as a youth councillor, helping in any way in our communities that we can is really important, especially when some of us are going through such a hard time because of Covid-19. It can make such a difference in someone’s life even when it may seem very small to us.”



On the roads

Bridge repairs are taking place on Waimakariri Gorge Road and maintenance is under way on Harts Road and Hororata Dunsandel Road. Traffic management is in place for these works.

Scholarships offer a chance to do what you love

Help to do what you love is being offered to Selwyn school leavers.

Applications are open for the Council’s annual Tertiary Education scholarships, supporting Selwyn young people who are leaving school and heading into higher education or training.

Scholarships of up to \$3000 provide payment towards fees, and costs associated with buying books and equipment required for their study or training.

Whetu Pikari says receiving the scholarship towards his study this year in Engineering at Canterbury University was a huge help, covering his costs for staying in the halls and freeing him up to focus on what he loves.

A high achieving student with learning difficulties, he says the scholarship has helped reduced some of the pressure and given him more time to work towards his passions in clean energy solutions and nanotechnology.

“It’s been pretty fantastic. I’m loving it. University is quite a change in lifestyle, but with the scholarship I was less worried about money. It’s one less stress and it allows you to be more focussed on what you want to do.”

The scholarships are available for year 12 and 13 students who live and study in Selwyn and are planning to undertake full-time post-secondary school education or training at a recognised New Zealand university, polytechnic or training institution next year.

Applications are open until the end of September for students who have achieved outstanding success in academic, sports, cultural, arts, social responsibility, or other areas, or have overcome barriers or hardships to achieve.

To find out more about the scholarships, including application forms, students can visit selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships.

Community Directory launches

A new directory aims to help build awareness and connections for the Selwyn community.

The Council’s new community directory has launched—providing a searchable online directory of community groups in the district.

Over 300 groups and organisations ranging from sports clubs and social services, to arts, crafts and music groups have already signed up to the directory, where people can find groups they are interested in, or what is available in their area.

The directory also has an events page where groups that are registered with the directory can promote their own event. The page was a response to a request from community groups for more space to promote their individual event big or small and anywhere across Selwyn, Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd.

The Council will continue to help profile some events in addition to their inclusion in the directory, but the directory provides a free space for groups to do their own promotion directly to the public.

The aim of the directory is to support the groups and help build up and strengthen the Selwyn community, Denise says.

“It’s important, especially for newcomers, as well as for any resident. This directory is intended to connect people with others with the same interests or let them see what’s in their area. It is intended to also let people know which non-governmental organisations’ (NGO’s) are delivering social, health or education services and where to go for support. It’s a good way to meet others and become part of the fabric of the community. Being connected in the community is something that boosts people’s wellbeing generally and also helps them to do well in times of adversity.”

People can visit the community directory or register their group at selwyn.govt.nz/community-directory



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

WATER RACE AND RURAL SURVEYS OPEN

The Council is asking rural water and water race users about their future use and water needs. All users should now have received a letter with information and survey links for both. As part of long-term planning we're surveying residents on rural water schemes to get a better understanding of their future water needs. We're also looking to find out from water race users their desire to keep using their water race and willingness to pay for this service. If you are on a rural water supply or a water race user and have not received a letter from the Council please contact us on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or email water.services@selwyn.govt.nz. Both surveys are open now and close Monday 5 October.

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 23 September 1pm, Council Rolleston Offices

Malvern Community Board
Mon 28 September 4pm
Darfield Library/Service Centre

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*

Wed 7 October 9.30am, Council Rolleston Offices
**Livestreamed on Council website and YouTube channel*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate-Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tue 6 October 7.30pm, Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 7 October 7.30pm, Osborne Park

Glentunnel Township Committee
Mon 28 September 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Hororata Reserve Management Committee
Wed 7 October 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Leeston Community Committee
Mon 5 October 7.30pm, Leeston Library

Leeston Park Committee
Mon 28 September 7.30pm, Leeston Park Pavilion

Emergency Response Team offering opportunities

A chance to make a difference to people's lives in emergencies is being offered by the Selwyn Response Team.

The team, which responds on the front-line to Civil Defence emergencies, is recruiting for new members and will be holding an information evening from 7pm on Wednesday 7 October at the Rolleston Council Offices.

Team members will talk about how they respond to Civil Defence emergencies such as earthquakes, fires and floods and what's involved in being a team member.

Volunteer Jordan Milner says he enjoys the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. The team trains once a week, and offers further training courses, ready to respond where needed, he says, from search and rescue and first aid, to whatever is required.

For Jordan that has meant manning cordons, helping people get to their houses during the 2019 Nelson fires and at Hagley Community College after the mosque shootings, helping the Muslim community have a safe space to grieve. He also helped during the Level 4 lockdown, taking supplies and helping out people in two Selwyn campgrounds, delivering food to foodbanks and distributing flyers of key support information.

"I helped some people move to motels who didn't have anywhere to stay. It was quite rewarding. I took an elderly man to a motel and then went out and did a big shop for him and dropped it off. He was so moved. It was quite satisfying seeing people in a really tough spot and helping them through it."

100,000 tree milestone for Greenway

Around 150 people, including Mayor Sam Broughton and Conservation Minister Eugenie Sage attended a planting day in Glentunnel, where Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Trust planted its 100,000th native seedling. Mayor Broughton says the Council is a proud supporter of the trust and was pleased to have contributed to its work to restore and build up native biodiversity on the Canterbury plains.



Stay safe out riding this spring and summer

Spring is here and it is great weather to be out riding horses – we're reminding people to take care while riding.

With more riders taking advantage of the great horse riding conditions here in Selwyn, the Council is reminding riders to please avoid riding on the cycle ways between townships.

Not only can riding on the cycle ways be a danger to cyclists and pedestrians, but at times they can be narrow, which also creates a high risk of injury to pedestrians, horses and riders should anything go wrong.

Keeping safe on our roads is all about recognising hazards and minimising risks. To manage risk, here is a reminder of some of the safety rules to help keep you safe when riding on the road:

- Always wear a helmet while riding
- Wear bright coloured safety gear to increase your visibility to drivers
- Ride your horse on the left-hand side of the road, and as far left as possible
- Don't ride on footpaths, cycle ways, private lawns or gardens.

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Medicinal Tea Making Evening
Lincoln Library, 6.30–7.30pm
Herbalist Simone Reddington from The Apothecary is hosting this educational session on the healing properties of herbs and how to prepare them properly and effectively as teas. \$5 per person, BYO teacup. Bookings essential. Payment can be made on the day, or in-library beforehand and is not required to secure the booking.

SATURDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Spring Car Boot Sale
Rolleston Community Centre, 10am–12pm
Buy or sell some pre-loved treasures and support people in need in Selwyn. \$5 per car park, bookings essential at [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz). Proceeds will be donated to the Ellesmere Food Bank.

SATURDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Annual Craft and Spring Fair
Trinity Church Darfield, 9am–1pm
Something for everyone, Christmas gifts, crafts, produce, plants, cakes and a giant white elephant stall in the church hall. Free entry.

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Holiday Pool Fun
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 2–4pm
Head down for some school holiday fun at the pool, including volleyball, leap pads, paddleboats and giant inflatable obstacle courses. Normal pool admission applies.

MONDAY
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SEPTEMBER

The Gruffalo: A collection of Julia Donaldson Stories
Leeston Library, 10–10.30am
Hear one of Julia Donaldson's most beloved books and enjoy interactive songs and rhymes. A great way to encourage toddlers and young kids to foster a love of literacy. Bookings not required. Check online at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](https://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz) for session times at other Selwyn libraries.

MONDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Edge Connector Family Fun Day Glenroy
Glenroy Community Hall, 10am–2pm
Join us at the Glenroy Hall for our Edge Connector Family Fun Day! Activities include virtual reality, light pad art, digital device fun, hands-on creativity and more. Free, bookings not required.

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