



Faces of Selwyn returns with fresh stories

Teacher, artist, gardener, farmer, Kaumātua, storyteller – Denise Sheat has many strings to her bow. “That’s why I am 83,” she laughs. “I’ve done a few ten years around the place.”

Denise’s story is part of the second Faces of Selwyn exhibition. A dozen fresh stories celebrating the district’s diversity are on display at the Council offices in Rolleston this week and will then be displayed in the Selwyn Libraries.

Denise moved to husband John’s Dunsandel family farm in 1962 and after having two children, she taught tamariki at Dunsandel and then Burnham Primary School.

The multicultural roll at Burnham School had strong significance to Denise, whose bicultural background includes descent from a Ngāi Tahu chiefly line. She began to participate at Selwyn’s Ngāti Moki Marae at Taumutu and became fluent in Te Reo Māori.

“I found it quite hard to learn, but it’s a beautiful language and lovely to sing. Teaching the children the songs in schools was pure heaven.”

Denise then became a resource teacher of Māori in Selwyn for the Ministry of Education.

“I went to all of the schools in Selwyn to tell them stories and I usually went singing in the car all the way too. I was so happy to drive to Darfield or Springfield,” she recalls.

She went on to lecture in Māori at Christchurch’s College of Education, became Taumutu’s Kaikaranga – the ceremonial caller, and later Taumutu’s kaumātua - a respected elder of the marae, and turned Dunsandel’s old church into a craft shop.

In 2010, Denise moved to Rolleston, serving on the establishment boards of Clearview and West Rolleston primary schools. In 2015, she became an officer of New Zealand’s Order of Merit for her work in education and for Māori.

Denise now works as a kaumātua, paints, gardens and meets the rangatahi and tamariki in her neighbourhood. She only hopes she hasn’t left it too late to write a book for her whānau about her life adventures.

Draft Bylaw for Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees consultation closing soon

There’s still time to have your say on proposed rules for keeping animals, poultry and bees in our urban areas.

As Selwyn’s population grows, especially in our townships, so does the number of pets and animals we have. Which is why the Council has developed a draft bylaw on the keeping of animals, poultry and bees.

The draft bylaw will help manage issues to do with the keeping of animals (excluding dogs), poultry and bees, in urban areas of Selwyn.

Submissions are open until 5pm Friday 6 November.

You can read the draft bylaw and make a submission online at selwyn.govt.nz/animalbylaw. Or you can download a submission form and email it to animalbylaw@selwyn.govt.nz or post to: The Regulatory Manager, Selwyn District Council, Bylaw for Keeping Animals, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643.

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.

Broadlands Drive between Goulds Road and Springston Rolleston Road will be closed between 4–10pm on Saturday 31 October for the Rolleston Fireworks. The postponement day for the fireworks is 1 November.

Traffic management will be in place on Norman Kirk Drive this week. From Monday 2 November to Monday 9 November Norman Kirk Drive will be closed from south of the Council main entrance to south of the bend of Norman Kirk Drive. Access to the Council building and park and ride facilities will be maintained from Kidman Street.

The Proposed District Plan – looking after our natural environment

On a farm near Southbridge, two streams and some careful tending are helping bring back some of the region’s natural heritage.

The Inwood Farm is home to one of 71 Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) in Selwyn, where landowners and the Council work to protect and restore native biodiversity. In the case of Alison and Stuart Inwood this corridor of cabbage trees, flax, carex, ferns and other native vegetation along the banks of The Hei Hei and the Lee River which run through their farm.

The couple first began protecting the area in 2016 when they saw the opportunity for riparian plantings of locally sourced native species. The Council began supporting them through its Selwyn Natural Environment Fund in 2018 when an ecological survey showed the huge value of the area.

The plants provide food for native birds and insects, and protect and raise the water quality of the streams, providing a habitat for fish and other wildlife. It is hoped their care could encourage more native birds back to the Canterbury Plains.

The Council helps protect our natural environment both by working with landowners such as the Inwoods and by setting rules to protect it from inappropriate land use and development through the District Plan.

The Proposed District Plan, out for public consultation now, makes a number of changes to how the natural environment is protected. It identifies indigenous biodiversity areas, applying new rules for the clearance of indigenous vegetation and to protect the habitats of the crested grebe and Canterbury mudfish.

Listing of sites like the Inwood’s as SNAs in the Proposed Plan is voluntary. The Council works collaboratively with landowners to try and achieve long-term protection of SNAs and other areas of indigenous biodiversity.

The Proposed Plan also adds new rules to identify and protect our coastal environment, including the margins of Te Waihora/ Lake Ellesmere and adjusts the rules around areas identified as Outstanding Natural Landscapes or Visual Amenity Landscapes. You can find out more and make a submission until 5pm Friday 11 December at selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview.

Community Park construction begins in West Melton

Work has started on the new West Melton Community Park.

The Community Park located next to the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre will feature a new playground, skate park, sheltered barbecue area, half-court basketball court, exercise equipment, pathways and plantings.

The skate park, which is expected to be open by Christmas, will include a scooter friendly track area, a bowl and ramps.

The remainder of the construction is expected to be completed early next year. The Community Park is part of the master plan for West Melton Reserve.



SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS OPEN 1 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020

For more information about becoming a youth councillor visit selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil
Facebook: [facebook.com/SelwynYouth](https://www.facebook.com/SelwynYouth) Instagram: [instagram.com/selwyn_youth](https://www.instagram.com/selwyn_youth)

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 28 October 1pm
Rolleston HQ offices

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*

Wed 4 November 9.30am
Rolleston HQ offices

Council*
Wed 4 November 1pm
Rolleston HQ offices
** Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 4 November 7.30pm
Osborne Park

Kimberley Reserve & Hall Committee
Tue 10 November 7.30pm
Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Mon 9 November 7.30pm
Sports Pavilion, Kirwee Reserve

Leeston Community Committee

Mon 2 November 7.30pm
Leeston Library

Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 9 November 7pm,
Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre

Sheffield-Waddington Reserve Board Committee
Tue 3 November 7.30pm
Sheffield Domain

Tawera Memorial Hall Committee
Wed 4 November 7.30pm
Tawera Hall

Weedons Residents' Association
Tue 5 November 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee
Mon 9 November 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

A celebration with SWELL

A celebration walk marked the end of 10 days of SWELL events and activities drawing hundreds of older Selwyn residents.

The walk through Lincoln's walking tracks and reserves with a talk from a Council biodiversity officer marked the end of 79 different workshops, talks and activities for this year's SWELL, aimed at helping older residents live well.

Particularly popular events included the Have a Go Days from over 25 clubs. Fitness activities such as sit and be fit, Tai Chi and aqua aerobics classes also drew attention, with new members signing up for long-term classes.

In particular, the Zumba Gold class was such a hit with participants, it prompted the Council to organise its first weekly class to be held on Fridays at the Lincoln Event Centre.

Senior District Sports and Recreation Programme Coordinator Linda Miratana says the class focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination.

"It is super fun and great for both body and mind. The instructor describes it as 45 mins of low intensity dance fun, rather than feeling like a physical workout."



Driving skills refresher returns

We're offering two more sessions of our free refresher driving courses, helping people over 60 build confidence and skills and keep driving independently for as long as possible.

The Driver Skills Refresher courses will be held on Tuesday 14 and Tuesday 21 November, 9.30am-1pm, at the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre.

An occupational therapist, driving instructor and police will give interactive presentations and a refresher on the current road rules and any changes.

Attendees are encouraged to discuss and ask questions about everyday driving situations, and to think about how, where and when they drive. Morning tea is provided.

Bookings advised as spaces are limited. Email roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz or call 03 347 1867.

Which way? Have your say on our next budget

We want to get direction from Selwyn ratepayers about what they think is important for Selwyn, where we should spend our funds and how it should be paid for. This is part of the Council's early engagement on the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031, Council's budget and work programme which gets reviewed every three years.

Before we present the next Long-Term Plan for formal consultation next year, we want to hear from you:

- what should be our priorities,
- whether we should be spending more, the same or less on what we do,
- and most importantly, if you want us to spend more, how it should be paid for.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/whichway2031 and let us know what you think by completing our online survey, a quick poll, or share your ideas.

Selwyn Events

SATURDAY
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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.

SATURDAY
31
OCTOBER

Basket weaving
Tai Tapu Community Centre,
11am-3pm

Learn basket-weaving techniques using tī kōuka/cabbage tree leaves. For people aged 18 and over. \$10 library members, \$20 non-members. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

SATURDAY
7
NOVEMBER

Spoon Carving Workshop
Arthur's Pass Community Centre,
1.30-3.30pm

Learn about the ancient traditions of greenwood-working, including basic whittling techniques to create your own wooden spoon. \$10 library members, \$20 non-members. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. Suitable for people aged 10 and over who can work safely with sharp hand tools without direct supervision.

SATURDAY
7
NOVEMBER

Veges 101
Lincoln Envirotown Community
Gardens, James Street, 10-11.30am

A workshop for those who know next to nothing about growing vegetables, but would like to get started. In just 90 minutes, Graham Burge and Errol Wood will take you through the basics of bed preparation, planting seeds and seedlings, and the maintenance requirements such as weeding, thinning, watering.

UNTIL
8
NOVEMBER

Prebbleton Township Trail
Prebbleton

A self-directed walking tour of the township of Prebbleton, focusing on the history of local buildings and people as part of the Chirstchurch Heritage Festival. Download the free Township Trails Selwyn app from the IOS App Store or Android Play Store and follow the directions to points of interest around the area. Length of walk is approximately 45 mins to 1.5 hours.

MONDAY
9
NOVEMBER

Farm Recycling Day
Malvern

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 agrecovey.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 selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall

Rolleston Transport Improvements Project

community update



Where are we at?

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is working closely with Selwyn District Council and KiwiRail, to develop an integrated transport plan for the Rolleston and Burnham area. The long-term (30 year) programme of improvements will be implemented in stages.

The plan centres on travel improvement options between Burnham and the State Highway 1 Weedons Road Interchange and is designed to improve safety and access for residents, businesses and freight.

The project was allocated \$60M funding by the Government earlier this year as part of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme (NZUP), a range of transport projects to get our cities and regions moving, save lives and boost productivity.

These include:

- A SH1 flyover** – with pedestrian and cycle access
- Safety improvements to SH1 intersections** – between Rolleston Drive north and and Walkers Road/ Dunns Crossing Road.

The improvements will assist local growth and the wider economic prosperity of the region. Construction is expected to begin in 2022 and continue through to 2025.

What is the long-term plan?

The Rolleston Transport Improvements Project is near the end of the ‘Programme Business Case’ phase. This is where the planners, transport engineers and other technical staff assess extensive work done to date and develop a mix of alternatives and options, with input from transport partners and key stakeholder groups. Work planned in surrounding and connected areas is also factored in. While some of the detail is still to be worked through, like funding and timing, the long-term programme (30-years) maps Rolleston and Burnham’s future transport needs and helps us plan and prioritise.

The plan is to:

- Increase safety** – reduce transport related deaths and serious injuries (particularly at state highway intersections) and provide safer facilities for pedestrians and cyclists
- Improve liveability and connectivity** – increase access to economic and social opportunities and have more transport choices available locally
- Improve transport network reliability and more sustainable journeys** – make improvements to support lower carbon travel options for people moving around and through Rolleston and Burnham, the Rolleston Industrial Area and for rail freight on the Main South Line.

The programme includes a number of intersection improvements, a local service lane running parallel to SH1, level crossing upgrades and greater provision for pedestrians, cyclists and buses – for example: a new park and ride facility.

Once the Rolleston Transport Improvements Programme Business Case is endorsed by Waka Kotahi, the programme will be refined by further investigation and input from the community. We will provide updates as the project progresses.

What’s next?

- From 2022 to 2025**
SH1 Rolleston flyover with walking and cycling facilities, a new service lane parallel to SH1 and an off-road cycleway to Burnham
- Longer term**
Additional intersection safety improvements and better access for pedestrians, cyclists and buses

