



Sports excited as roof goes on courts

Sports around Selwyn and Christchurch are getting excited about the possibilities for their sports from the new Selwyn Sports Centre

The indoor court centre at Foster Park marked two milestones last week as the roof was completed and the building officially named the Selwyn Sports Centre.

The eight-court centre with an indoor walking track, rock climbing wall, community spaces and administration areas, is due to open in early April, in time for next year's winter sports season.

Selwyn Sports Trust Lead Physical Activity Activator Amy McClintock says the centre will be a huge opportunity for Selwyn residents and sport in the district.

The trust is hoping to make the centre its home and Amy says the extra space provides more options for users such as the trust and the district's schools that currently have to spread events across multiple parks at once.

"It's about bringing the community together and the ability to have physical activity opportunities all year round. It's a multi-use venue, not just indoor, but being able to use the fields around at Foster Park. To be able to have one venue for basketball, volleyball, hockey, rugby, football, and for sports to be able to hopefully come together and work collaboratively, that's going to benefit the growth of sport in Selwyn."

Canterbury Floorball Development Manager Cherie King says the courts change the landscape for a sport that has struggled to find space since the earthquakes.

It hopes to work with other sports to offer multi-sport days at first, but the courts will also allow it to expand from just a youth competition in Selwyn and to possibly host regional and national competitions.

"We've started talking about competitions previously held in Christchurch coming back. Even our Christchurch players have said it's not that big a deal to come out to Rolleston for decent facilities."

Bringing the taste of Southern Brazil to Selwyn

A weekly barbeque with friends has become business for Killinchy farm hand Marcos Weit and will be put to the test at this year's CultureFest.

Marcos will be one of 20 food stalls featuring food from 16 different countries at the festival on Sunday 18 October at Lincoln Domain, 10am-4pm.

Marcos' barbeque is nothing ordinary. He cooks massive chunks of meat, pitched onto huge skewers on a large charcoal grill over a pit of fire in true Southern Brazilian style.

"Some people say you have a whole beast in there," he laughs.

Marcos seasons the meat with a pinch of rock salt and a squeeze of lemon to really bring out the chicken, lamb, beef or pork flavour.

His barbeques have already proven quite popular.

"My boss one day asks, 'Can you cook a barbeque for me?' And I said, 'Okay fine I'll do it' and then one of his friends asked, 'Can you do it for me too' and because of that and doing it every week, I thought, 'Why not, maybe I'll try to start a business'. So I'm sort of using CultureFest to put my name out there so people see it."

Food-lover Marcos has fond memories of helping his Dad with the barbeque every Sunday as a child back in Brazil.

He moved to New Zealand seven years ago to spend a year as a farm trainee on a blackcurrant farm in Killinchy, but stayed when his boss offered him a longer position.

Marcos says he is proud to be part Kiwi and Brazilian and enjoys playing Saturday football for Selwyn, tramping, mountain biking and skiing. Every few years, he visits family in Brazil and starts up the barbeque on a Sunday.

For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest.



Swell going to the people

A 10-day extravaganza of events, workshops and programmes will be on offer next month to help older Selwyn residents live well.

This year's SWELL has expanded from a one-day expo to a series of 79 workshops, talks and activities, spread across the district from 12-22 October.

Around 500 people attended the first SWELL expo at Lincoln Event Centre last year. The aim this year is to make the events easier to access and provide smaller workshops for people.

Swell focuses on building social connections and helping people connect with services or activities they did not know about, Community Services and Facilities Group Manager Denise Kidd says.

"Selwyn is a great place to live and we have a huge number of supports and opportunities available to help people age well, but they're not always known about. Covid has reinforced how important social connections are and we see this as a chance to help people build those connections, to keep learning and growing together with their friends, meet new ones and find out about the fantastic people, groups and resources we have to help us have a great life here."

Activities will include everything from sit and be fit, Tai Chi and aqua aerobics classes, to digital support workshops to learn about using devices, sessions with Presbyterian Support and talks from The Happy Gardener Rochel Vogan.

Over 25 clubs from around the district will also be hosting Have a Go Days taking in a huge range of interests such as embroidery, walking netball, Menz Sheds, bowls and history walking tours.

Programme booklets will be available in all Selwyn Libraries by the end of this week, or you can visit selwyn.govt.nz/swell2020 for more information.



Kickstart your ride this summer

A kickstart to your summer riding fun is on the way with the annual Kickstart event and support to upskill and stay safe.

The annual Canterbury Kickstart motorcycling event will be on Sunday 18 October at Canterbury Agricultural Park, bringing together our region's most enthusiastic riders, trainers and retailers. This year, riders will have the opportunity to try slow-speed exercises and coaching by professional Ride Forever trainers, along with maintenance workshops, retailer and club displays, gymkhana and trials bike demonstrations, food and drink stalls and prizes up for grabs.

The Council is also offering to cover the cost for Selwyn residents to complete a Ride Forever course.

Ride Forever is an ACC initiative that aims to support motorcyclists to upskill for safety. It offers On-Road Coaching—the only nationally available, certified rider coaching programme in New Zealand. There are multiple levels of On-Road Coaching to suit all needs. Courses range from four to eight hours in length and \$20-\$50 in cost.

If you are a Selwyn resident and complete a Ride Forever course with a Canterbury trainer, the Council covers the cost. All you have to do is pay for the registration and once you have completed the training, your trainer will reimburse you. Kickstart is a great way to meet the trainers and give it a go.

For more information visit Facebook.com/KickstartCanterbury.



On the Roads

Pavement repairs are being carried out on Leeston Road. Traffic management is in place. One lane will be closed and a stop/go system will be in place on

Rolleston Drive from just south of Dryden Avenue to Norman Kirk Drive next weekend (9-11 October) as part of work on the new Dryden Avenue, Rolleston Drive, Markham Way intersection. Please consider using alternative routes such as the Weedons Interchange, to avoid delays on this section of road. Thank you for your patience while we carry out this work.

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

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 9 October 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 libraries.
Microchipping will not take place if wet.
If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

RURAL WATER AND WATER RACE SURVEYS CLOSING

Two surveys on rural water use and water races are closing next week. The Council is carrying out the surveys to help

inform its long-term planning on water seeking feedback from 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 received a letter about either of these surveys and would like to have your say, please follow the link provided in the letter. The surveys are open until 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

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wed 7 Oct 9.30am
Rolleston Council Offices

Council*

Wed 14 Oct 1pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre
*Livestreamed on Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate-Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tue 6 Oct 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station
Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 7 Oct 7.30pm
Osborne Park
Hororata Reserve Management Committee
Wed 7 Oct 7.30pm, Hororata Hall
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 12 Oct 7.30pm
Kirwee Reserve
Leeston Community Committee
Mon 5 Oct 7.30pm
Leeston Library
Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 12 Oct 7pm, Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre
Sheffield-Waddington Community Committee
Thu 15 Oct 7.30pm
Sheffield Community Hall
Weedons Reserve Board Committee
Mon 12 Oct 7.30pm
Weedons Community Centre
Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee
Mon 12 Oct 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Track day to lead young learners

Young drivers are being offered the chance to hit the track and learn valuable skills at Mike Pero Motorsports Park Ruapuna. The half-day Leading Learners road-safety course covers driver distraction, emergency braking, skid avoidance and driving on different road surfaces. Attendees also get a one hour driving session with a professional instructor.

Council Road Safety Education Coordinator Jessica Fairbrass says the \$20 course is a great opportunity for young people in Selwyn.

“It’s a rare experience, with great professional instructors, a lot of fun and valuable road safety skills for just \$20.”

Drivers must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver, who is also fully involved in the day, she says.

“We’ve found it benefits the parent or caregiver almost as much as the young driver as they’re being reminded and learning new things.”

Leading Learners will run on 6, 7 and 8 October. For more information or to register visit Eventbrite.co.nz

Selwyn population tops 66,000

New figures from the census show the district’s population has topped 66,000 people.

Statistics New Zealand has released its latest revision of population figures for different regions using data from the 2018 census and post census survey.

The new figures show Selwyn’s population was 66,300 as at 30 June 2019, growing by 4.7% over the previous year. Previous estimates had Selwyn’s population at 65,600 but this has increased by 700 following the latest revision.

The figures also show that from 2013-19 the district grew by an average of 6% a year, adding around 3,300 new residents annually. That confirms the district among the fastest growing in the country over that time, a little behind Queenstown Lakes District which grew by an average 7.1%.

Selwyn remains the third largest territorial authority area in the South Island by population, behind Christchurch City (387,700) and Dunedin City (132,300).

Project to recharge Selwyn springs opens

A \$2.8million project to keep the Waikirikiri/Selwyn River flowing in dry years has opened.

Mayor Sam Broughton and pupils from Greendale School opened the Selwyn water recharge project, which will divert water from the Rakaia River in dry years to the Waikirikiri/Selwyn River. It will protect the health of the river and Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere.

The project was organised by Environment Canterbury, Central Plains Water, the Council and the Department of Conservation with Government funding.



Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

1

OCTOBER

School holiday mask making

Darfield Library, 2–3pm

Get practical and have fun learning a valuable new skill these school holidays at our face mask-making classes. For children aged 10 and over with parental assistance. Cost \$5. All supplies provided. Bookings essential.

FRIDAY

2

OCTOBER

Bath Bombs – Teens

Leeston Library, 11am–12pm

Learn how to make all natural and vegan-friendly bath bombs tailored to your favourite scents. Recommended for 12-17 years. Bookings essential.

SATURDAY

3

OCTOBER

Meet TOCK the time travelling robot

Lincoln Library, 10.30–11.30am, Rolleston Library, 1.30–2.30pm

A chance to meet TOCK at a live and interactive reading of his new, New Zealand book ‘TOCK Saves the Earth’, complete with action songs, games and activities all about having fun caring for our planet. Free. Bookings not required.

SUNDAY

4

OCTOBER

Mahoe Reserve working bee

Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road, Lincoln from 2pm

Lincoln Envirotown is hosting its monthly working bee at Mahoe Reserve. Please bring suitable shoes, spades, garden gloves, hat, sunglasses or other eye protection, and a bucket for mulch, if you can. For more info contact Sue Jarvis 021 100 1009 or Sue.Jarvis@orcon.net.nz.

MONDAY

5

OCTOBER

Edge Connector Family Fun Day

Lake Coleridge, 10am–2pm

Join us at the Lake Coleridge 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.

THURSDAY

8

OCTOBER

BOOST Splash!

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 7.30–9pm

The annual BOOST pool party is back with a DJ, big inflatables and more! All youth aged 11–18 years are welcome. Normal pool admission applies.

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

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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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