

# A world of opportunity at Selwyn Libraries



Get new work skills, meet people, enjoy the latest movies, travel the world – there’s something for everyone at Selwyn Libraries.

Membership of Selwyn Libraries provides opportunities to enjoy everything from books, movies, and magazines, to exploring the latest technology or enjoying groups and classes.

Library and Service Centre Operations Manager Hayley Browne says Selwyn Libraries offer a huge resource for people in Selwyn and the team is happy to help anyone sign up or find what they’re looking for.

“If there’s anything stopping you from visiting or joining the library, or anything you’d like to see, come and talk to us, because we can do something for you.”

The aim of the libraries is to be a space for everyone from – those just looking for a book, to programmes and activities for all ages, Hayley says.

“We’ve got a programme for everyone. If you’re new to the community, or a parent looking to meet other parents and kids, our programmes are a great way to meet people and build friendship”

Selwyn Libraries was one of the first in the country to go fines free – with no fines on its free to borrow items. They have a large range of online resources from movie streaming access, ebook and eaudio books, magazines and newspapers, along with te reo singalongs, videos and activities for kids.

The libraries have extensive resources to help people upskill professionally, including drop-ins with staff from Ministry of Social Development and Workbridge who work with job seekers and employers to help people into employment.

They also host a range of technology in the library including 3D printers and Virtual Reality Headsets and the team are always happy to help people with access to these resources.

“If you’re working from home you can come in and use the printers and scanners. Or if you’re missing travel, you can travel the world through our VR headsets. You can go underwater, or even play with dinosaurs,” Hayley says.

To join or for more information visit [selwynlibraries.co.nz/join](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/join) or drop into your nearest library in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln or Rolleston.

## Major intersection upgrade opening

The new intersection at Rolleston Drive, Dryden Avenue and Norman Kirk Drive will be opening next week.

The upgrade includes the Markham Way extension and a new road layout for Norman Kirk Drive and Markham Way.

The upgrade has seen Norman Kirk Drive realigned with traffic lights installed at the new intersection of Norman Kirk Drive with Rolleston Drive and Dryden Avenue.

The intersection will be fully opened when the traffic lights are turned on late next week. The extension of Markham Way and the new intersection of Markham Way and Norman Kirk Drive will be opened at the same time.

The new intersection will improve traffic flow on Rolleston Drive, supporting access to the Christchurch Southern Motorway, along with the Selwyn Health Hub on Norman Kirk Drive. It will also provide extra safety and ease up crossing for pedestrians including Rolleston School pupils.

The Markham Way extension will also support access to the Rolleston Town Centre and the traffic flow on Tennyson Street.

Traffic on Norman Kirk Drive will have the right of way over traffic exiting Markham Way, which will need to give way. Please drive carefully and observe all traffic signs and directions.

The Council appreciates people’s patience with the road works required while this work was being carried out.



## Good management sees top financial rating retained

The Council has retained its top credit rating, with international ratings agency Fitch confirming the Council’s financial outlook remains stable.

The AA+ rating, confirmed last week, is the same as the New Zealand sovereign rating and the Local Government Funding Agency for local currency.

It is equal to the highest credit rating given to any council in New Zealand.

The rating is a measure of the Council’s ability to meet its financial commitments and means that the Council is at very low risk of defaulting on its loans.

It also reflected the Council’s sound financial position and good management, the agency says.

Council Chief Executive David Ward says retaining the top rating was a strong endorsement of the Council’s financial management.

“It’s good to have an independent assessment that backs up the hard work put in by Council staff to make sure we’re handling our finances in the best way for the long-term future of Selwyn.”

Mayor Sam Broughton say retaining the AA+ rating is also a reflection on the positive outlook for the district and the way the Council is responding to growth.

“We’ve seen over the past year that more people than ever are moving to Selwyn for the great lifestyle and opportunities we have to offer. Our strong economy has also kept us in a good position and this and keeping this rating is a good sign that although there may be tough times ahead, we’re in a great situation here in Selwyn as a growing and exciting district.”

## Council services Waitangi weekend

On Saturday 6 February and Monday 8 February some Council services will be closed or unavailable due to the Waitangi Day public holiday.

On Saturday 6 February and Monday 8 February, all Selwyn Libraries, Rolleston Community Centre, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre and Lincoln Event Centre will be closed.

On Saturday 6 and Monday 8 February, Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open from 8am–8pm, Sheffield, Southbridge and Darfield pools will be open from 1–7pm (Darfield pool 12–1pm lane swimming only).

The Council offices in Rolleston will be closed on Monday 8 February

Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open from 9am–4.30pm on both Saturday and Monday. Bin collections will occur as normal.



## Driving Skills Refresher

17 or 24 February  
9.30am–1pm  
Weedons Pavilion

FREE

Build confidence by refreshing your knowledge of the road rules.  
Morning tea provided.  
Bookings advised as spaces are limited.  
Email [roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz) or call 03 347 1867.

# 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 12 February 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).

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Hickman Hospo Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 17 February. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/](http://selwyn.govt.nz/)

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CHANGE TO FOSTER PARK PLAYGROUND CLOSURE

Foster Park will be closed for three days from Wednesday 3 February–Friday 5 February for initial works on installation of a new stainless steel tube slide. The three week closure of the park to complete the installation and carry out annual maintenance will be delayed and take place from 22 February–5 March.

Meetings

Public Forums: *Council, Community Board and local committees 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 Committee meetings: To list or make changes to meeting details, email [meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Audit & Risk Subcommittee \*

Wed 3 February 9.30am  
Rolleston Council Offices

Representation Review Subcommittee \*

Wed 10 February 9.30am  
Rolleston Council Offices

Council Meeting \*

Wed 10 February 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board informal drop-in session

Tue 9 February, 3.30 – 5.30pm  
Windwhistle School

*Bring your ideas to share and chat to your community board*

*\*Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Weedons Reserve Committee

Mon 15 February 7.30pm  
Weedons Community Centre

Dunsandel Community Committee

Mon 15 February 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Community Centre



On the Roads

Hoskyns Road will be closed at the intersection with State Highway 73 until 28 February while Waka Kotahi NZTA carries out intersection safety improvements. A detour via Sandy Knolls Road is in place.

Waka Kotahi NZTA has also advised that this week Weedons Ross Road is one-way, and only open to eastbound traffic between Jones Road and Manion Road. Jones Road is closed to westbound traffic at the Weedons Ross Road/Manion Road intersection. Access to and from Manion Road will be maintained. The road will reopen to two way traffic during the day.

Station Street, Leeston, is closed to right turning traffic entering or exiting Leeston Road. A detour is in place via Cunningham Street.

Pavement repairs are taking place on Birches Road, Burnham School Road, Leaches Road, Selwyn Road and Springs Road. Night works will be taking place to resurface Jones Road between Hoskyns Road and Two Chain Road from Monday 8 – Friday 12 February. Seal widening work is taking place on Walkers Road from Tuesday 9 February. Traffic management will be in place for these works. Please follow all on site signage.

Te Ara Ātea taking shape

It's exciting to see Te Ara Ātea rapidly taking shape!

The building will house the new Rolleston library, including bookable community spaces, a studio and workshop space, art exhibition areas and displays of historical items from across the district, including taonga from Te Taumutu Rūnanga.

The 2,200 square metre Tennyson Street building is due to open later this year.

Here's a sneak peek of how it's coming along.



Changes to rates payment options

From 15 March 2021 you will no longer be able to pay your rates by cheque.

Banks are phasing out cheques, but there are still plenty of options to pay your rates.

Switch to direct debit and pay when it suits you – weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly.

Or pay online, or in person at our Library and Service Centres or at the Council Offices in Rolleston.

Head to [selwyn.govt.nz/rates](http://selwyn.govt.nz/rates) or give us a call on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) for more information.

Selwyn Events

Hui Mātua

Leeston Library, 1–3pm

This informal drop-in session for caregivers, will help parents meet others, access opportunities, or learn more about what's happening in the community. Hosted by Birthright, specialists in working with families, including one-parent and blended families, mātua whāngai and grandparents. Free. Bookings not required. See [selwynlibraries.org.nz](http://selwynlibraries.org.nz) for sessions at other libraries.

WEDNESDAY

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FEBRUARY

West Melton Skate Jam and Picnic in the Park

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 3.30–5.30pm and 5–7pm

A great way to introduce young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool. Join us in a relaxed environment to give it a go, then stick around for a fun family evening picnic with music, a free sausage sizzle, face painting and more.

THURSDAY

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FEBRUARY

Fun With Makeup

Lincoln Library, 5.40–7.40pm

Round up your friends for this informative and interactive makeup session. Bring your make-up and learn tips and techniques so you can look and feel your best anytime. Suitable for 15+ years. \$15 library members, \$25 non-members. Bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz)

THURSDAY

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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 forts and fairy tale themed activities. Bring a picnic and enjoy. This week's line-up is Ken Hunter, Reuben Ishrahm and Algal Bloom.

SUNDAY

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FEBRUARY

Lincoln Summer Skate Jam

Lincoln Skate Park, 3.30–5.30pm

A great way to introduce young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music, and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool. Join us in a relaxed environment to give it a go. Something for all abilities.

WEDNESDAY

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FEBRUARY

Glentunnel Picnic in the Park

Glentunnel Reserve, 5–7pm

Come and join us for the first Glentunnel Picnic in the Park. Relax and enjoy some community and family fun with music, a free sausage sizzle, face painting and more.

THURSDAY

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FEBRUARY

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

Leeston Library & Service Centre  
19 Messines Street, Leeston  
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre  
Gerald Street, Lincoln  
Ph 347 2876

0800 SELWYN

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