

Thousands turn out for sports centre opening



Thousands of people enjoyed the day out as the Selwyn Sports Centre was officially opened on Sunday.

Sir Richard Hadlee officially opened the building, before leading a group of local school children on the first tour.

The opening was followed by a family day out where people could try out the new facilities as well as enjoying the Selwyn Aquatic Centre directly opposite, along with bouncy castles, pony rides and food trucks. Thousands of people enjoyed the day, and made donations to the Halberg Trust.

The \$21.5 million centre features New Zealand's first interactive digital playground, along with eight sports courts, a 240m indoor walking track and space for community sports groups to operate.

It was a joy to see the building so full and people having such a good time enjoying it, Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton said.

"It's great to see the community able to get in here and to see so many people embracing the opportunity and having so much fun. It's a fantastic facility that will be a huge asset to our district now and long into the future, giving people more opportunities to get active and have fun together all year round.

The Sports Centre opening is the start of an exciting new chapter for the district as long-term plans for the dynamic, growing district begin to open, he said.

"This is a big year for us as this is the first of four major long-term projects worth over \$70 million that we'll be opening. The Sports Centre is a really fun way to start, knowing in 12 months' time we'll have the new extended pool, the health hub, Te Ara Ātea and a new Rolleston town square as well.

Selwyn Netball, Selwyn United Football, local schools and the Selwyn Sports Trust will be among the key users and regional and South Island-wide tournaments are already booked.

There will also be a community house for community sports groups to run sports services from.

The four hard floor courts will be able to host community events such as markets or car shows.

Selwyn's say on next Long-Term Plan finishes

The Long-Term Plan for the next 10 years in Selwyn has got people talking with over 600 people having had their say.

Consultation on the Council's work programme over the next 10 years closed on Friday 30 April. We received more than 600 submissions from the time the consultation on the Long-Term Plan opened on 29 March. This is over 40% more submissions than were received during the last Long-Term Plan consultation in 2018.

Copies of submissions will be available online mid-May. Keep an eye on Council's website at selwyn.govt.nz/thisway2031 for details.

Here's what happens next:

KEY DATES

Submissions open: 29 March–30 April 2021	Public hearings: Thursday 13 – Friday 14 May 2021	Council discusses public submissions on the next Long-Term Plan: Thursday 20 May 2021	Council formally makes its decisions and adopts the Long-Term Plan 2021–2031: late June 2021
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Snow place like home

A trip to go skiing turned into a new life and a new home for one proud Kiwi, welcomed at last week's citizenship ceremony.

Originally from England, Alistair Kerr was among 25 people from 10 different countries including Ukraine, the Philippines and Namibia who became citizens of Aotearoa at the latest Council citizenship ceremony.

Mr Kerr, who co-owns Gnomes Alpine Sports in Darfield, says he fell in love with New Zealand and Darfield in particular when he came on a visit to go skiing in 2001.

Fortunately, when he returned to Europe for the next ski season he met and fell in love with a woman from Darfield, Leith, who shared his passion for the snow. After a few years of going back and forth, taking in the winters in both hemispheres and working on ski fields, the pair decided to settle back in Darfield.

"Her father started the ski shop here in 1982 and in 2005 we agreed to buy the business. We were still going back to Europe for winters at the start, but we settled back permanently in 2007. I have always enjoyed it here, halfway between the city and the mountains. I like to go that way, up into the mountains, to go mountain biking or skiing. It's a really nice community with a local feel. People are really down to earth and everyone knows each other."

With the area being firmly home, the business booming despite the global pandemic and with a five year old son Brockton here he decided last year that it was time to finally officially become a Kiwi.

"It's home, I love it and I wasn't going to go anywhere else."



Libraries fill with music in May

Selwyn's libraries will be full with the sound of music over the next month.

Gigs, lessons, talks and more will all be on offer as part of the libraries' celebration of New Zealand Music Month.

Senior District Arts, Culture and Lifelong Learning Coordinator Mat Logan says there will be activities for all ages with live music, lessons and workshops to give people a taste of what was out there in music, and an opportunity to be involved.

"It's about being accessible, giving a space for anyone who's interested to get involved in or learn more about the arts. And to promote New Zealand Music Month and New Zealand music generally."

While the Level 4 Lockdown silenced the libraries over Music Month last year, live music will ring out again each weekend with Selwyn artists performing acoustic sessions at each library from 11am–1pm every Saturday over the month.

"That was really popular with people in 2019. We weren't able to run last year because of the lockdown, so it's cool to be able to bring that back and highlight local artists again this year," Mr Logan says.

The Christchurch Symphony Orchestra will be bringing another music month favourite back with its popular annual music trail visiting each library, aimed at introducing children to the orchestra with their fun, family-friendly sessions.

Internationally acclaimed Christchurch folk singer and songwriter Adam McGrath is among the star billings and is hosting a free short course on song writing at Lincoln Library on Thursday 6 May. Described by the NZ Herald as 'NZ's toughest minded songwriter', McGrath will be sharing his tips and experience in an evening for anyone with an interest in the process of song writing or a desire to add some new perspectives to their own song writing.*

Selwyn musician and seasoned busker Lynette Diaz will also be hosting an interactive introduction for anyone interested in busking in Lincoln and there will be guitar lessons for adults and children at all four libraries.*

*Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

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
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Notices

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 75

Yoursection Limited have lodged a private plan change application (PC75) to rezone approximately 24.7 ha of land at Rolleston from Rural (Inner Plains) Zone to Living Z Zone. Submissions are now open to enable you to have your say on this rezoning proposal. Information on this plan change request and how to make a submission is available at Council's Rolleston Headquarters, and can be viewed online at Council libraries and service centres and at Selwyn.govt.nz/pc75, or by

contacting the Strategy and Policy Team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996). Submissions must be lodged by 5pm Wednesday 2 June 2021.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Leon and Bronwyn McKavanagh has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 14 May. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

RIVER WORKS ARARIRA/ LII RIVER

The LII drainage committee will begin weed cutting of the LII

river from 17 May 2021 through until 28 May 2021.

River users are asked to be careful during this time as machinery will be operating in the river.

A weir/barrier will be in place 200m downstream of the Wolfes Road boat ramp for this period. This work is in accordance with Environment Canterbury consents CRC000818.1 and CRC000819.

If you require further information please contact Council Water Services team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

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 or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*

Wednesday 5 May 9.30am
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board drop in session

Monday 10 May 3pm-5pm
Sheffield Hall

Representation Review Subcommittee*

Wednesday 12 May 11am
Rolleston Council Offices

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 12 May 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Hearings*

Thursday 13 May 9.30am & Friday 14 May 10am, Rolleston Council Offices

Long Term Plan Deliberations*

Thursday 20 May 9am & Friday 21 May 9am (if required), Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 24 May 4pm
Darfield Library

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 26 May 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Castle Hill Community Association

Monday 10 May 6pm
250 Kennedys Bush Road, Christchurch

Coalgate Township Committee

Tuesday 25 May 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee

Wednesday 5 May 7.30pm
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

Dunsandel Community Committee

Monday 17 May 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Centre

Hororata Citizens' Committee

Tuesday 25 May 7.30pm
Hororata Hall

Kimberley Reserve & Hall Committee

Tuesday 11 May 7.30pm
Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Community Committee

Monday 17 May 7.30pm
Kirwee Hall, A&P Showgrounds

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Monday 10 May 7.30pm
Pavilion, Kirwee Recreation Reserve

Lincoln Community Committee

Monday 10 May 7pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc.

Monday 24 May 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Monday 10 May 7pm
Southbridge Town Hall

Springston Committees

Wednesday 19 May 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Monday 10 May 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

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MAY

The Sake of the Song – Adam McGrath

Lincoln Library, 5.45-7.45pm

Internationally acclaimed folk singer Adam McGrath will discuss songwriting as a way of seeing and speaking between ourselves and others. This course will focus on lyrics, musical dynamic and the art of crafting. No musical experience necessary, just an interest or enjoyment in the process or a desire to add some new perspectives to your own songwriting. Suitable for ages 18+ Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz

THURSDAY

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Kids Sign Language Classes

Rolleston Library, 3.30-4.30pm

Join us for a four-part series to learn basic New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) vocabulary in a fun and interactive environment. Presented by kids, for kids. This workshop will run each Thursday until 27 May. Suitable for ages 8+. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

SATURDAY

8
MAY

Work Readiness Workshop

Darfield Library, 11am-1pm

Learn the building blocks of creating an effective CV including, what to put in/leave out, overcoming gaps in employment, lack of experience, and returning to the workforce. Suitable for 16+ years. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

SATURDAY

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MAY

Growing Great Apples

Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens, 10.30-11.30am

Learn about preparing trees for regular crops of high quality fruit, especially apples, pears and nashi trees with a demonstration by local pip fruit expert Keith Dickens, with plenty of time for questions. Gold coin donation.

TUESDAY

11
MAY

Career Support Presentation

Rolleston Library 10-11am, Darfield Library, 2-4pm

A Career Consultant will be here to give a presentation and tips on identifying employers' most sought after skills and your transferable skills, searching for work, customising your CV and cover letter and polishing your interview techniques. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

WEDNESDAY

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MAY

Autism Kōrero

Leeston Library 10.30-11.30am

Join us for a presentation and conversation about Autism by educators from Autism NZ. We will look at what Autism is and will discuss myths, strengths, and challenges. Autism NZ also asks the question – 'How can we support you?' Free. Bookings not required.

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



On the Roads

From Monday 10 May until the end of June a new sewer line is being laid in Leeston along D'Arcy Street, Pultney Street, May Street and Pennington Street. There will be stop/go controls in place around the work site as it moves along this route, starting at the junction of D'Arcy Street and Pennington Street. Road closures may also be required at certain times and we will notify before these occur.

Bleakhouse Road is closed between State Highway 73 and Auchenflower Road for drainage repairs. Drainage repairs are also taking place on Knights Road between Hoskyns Road and Newtons Road and pavement repairs are taking place on Wards Road between Walkers Road and Tresillian Drive. Traffic management is in place for these works.

Changes to rates payment options

You are no longer 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 or give us a call on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) for more information.



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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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