



Bumper KidsFest set to begin

KidsFest is back, with more events than ever for Selwyn young people to enjoy these school holidays. The popular annual festival of events is running from 10-25 July with over 70 events.

Popular events have been expanded such as the high ropes session, which has grown with four high ropes sessions now scheduled. Following its popularity last year more space has been made available for this year's show by Christchurch magician Elgregoe. The show on 12 July will be held at the Rolleston Community Centre with space for up to 600 people including caregivers.

Events have also been added in more locations across the district. They include the first Discomania and Selwyn Kids Market events being held in Darfield. Louise Kerr, the creator of the popular Sport Suzi shows will be bringing her hilarious new silent clown show 'The Paper Girl' for its first Selwyn performances at Ladbrooks Hall.

The Eye Spy Selwyn quiz is also back, encouraging young people to explore the district by setting challenges to visit different Selwyn sites and answer the quiz questions.

Ballooning Canterbury is once again offering Eye Spy Selwyn quizzers the chance to win a family hot air balloon ride for four if they answer a question and collect a stamp at each Council facility. Completed cards of stamps that are returned to the customer centre at the Council's Rolleston offices will go into the draw.

A full timetable of events is available at selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest

Help redraw the lines for the district council

Residents of Selwyn are being asked to help shape the new district council and how they are represented.

Growth in Selwyn means changes to the number of Councillors and the shape of the district's wards, are required to meet representation requirements.

Consultation is open until Friday 30 July on four options for changes to the number of wards (electoral areas within Selwyn), ward boundaries, the number of councillors and whether there should be community boards.

The preferred option will then go out for further public consultation later this year.

The four options proposed for consideration are:

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| 1. Four wards with 10 councillors | 3. Three wards with 9 councillors |
| 2. Three wards with 10 councillors | 4. Four wards with 7 councillors. |

The Council's current format is 11 Councillors elected from four wards.

The Council is also seeking feedback on whether or not residents want a community board in their ward.

Representation Review Subcommittee chair Councillor Mark Alexander said the consultation is a chance for people to say how they want to be represented in Selwyn.

"Our district has changed significantly since the previous review in 2015 and it's the right time to take a fresh look at how our council is elected. Selwyn residents have told us it's important to them to be represented by someone local who knows their community. This is their opportunity to help make sure that happens."

You can find out more or make a submission at selwyn.govt.nz/representation, or pick up a submission form from any of our service centres and libraries. We're also holding five drop-in sessions to discuss the options.

The drop-in sessions will be:

- Tuesday 13 July, 5-7.30pm, Leeston Library and Service Centre
Thursday 15 July, 5-7.30pm, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre
Monday 19 July, 5-7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre
Tuesday 20 July, 6-8pm, Lincoln Event Centre
Thursday 22 July, 5-7.30pm, Darfield Library



On the Roads

Due to flood repairs, Pig Saddle Road is closed from Bridge Road to Greendale Road, Lyndon Road is closed from Homestead Road to State Highway 73, Keens Road is closed from Wrights Road and Hartleys Road is closed from Whitecliffs Road to Pig Saddle Road.

Flooding repairs are also taking place on Woodlands Road from Waimakariri Gorge Road to Wrights Road, Bluff Road from State Highway 73 to Dalethorpe Road, Malvern Hills Road from State Highway 73 to Bulls Road, The Lake Road from Goulds Road to Selwyn Lake Road and Selwyn Lake Road from State Highway 1 to Highfield Road.

Unsealed metaling is being laid on Jollies Road. Traffic management is in place on these roads.

Selwyn retains top credit rating

The Council has retained its top credit rating, with international ratings agency Fitch confirming the Council's books remain in good shape despite the global pandemic.

The AA+ rating, confirmed by Fitch last week, is the same as both 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.

It is the third year the Council has received the AA+ rating, reflecting its sound financial position and prudent financial forecasts, including levels of borrowing and spending.

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.

Fitch found that Selwyn's diverse economy left it well-placed to withstand the impacts of the pandemic and ongoing population and economic growth underpinned the Council's strong position.

The agency estimates Council rates represent around 3% of the average household income for the district, largely in line with other New Zealand councils.

Chief Executive David Ward says retaining the AA+ rating was an encouraging sign of the Council's hard work.

"It's really positive to hear that we've come through the past year in good shape. Coming on the back of adopting our new Long-Term Plan, it's reassuring for our residents, and staff who have worked so hard, to have this endorsement from a well-respected international agency.

"It affirms that we're serving Selwyn with an ambitious but sustainable plan to keep strengthening the district for the long-term."

Innovation expands at Pines

A first of its kind project for New Zealand has been doubled in a significant growth for the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A second solar drying hall opened at the plant last week, effectively doubling its ability to process solid waste.

The initial solar drying hall, built in 2013, was the first of its kind in New Zealand providing an innovative solution using the natural climate to dry sludge, which is created as a by-product of the wastewater treatment process.

The new \$6.9 million hall has been designed with the possibility to add a heating system in the future to supplement drying in the cooling months. This will further increase its performance and capacity.

The Council is aiming for the final product to be used as a biofuel to help power the plant.

The hall is a significant project for the plant as the district grows, Council Group Manager Infrastructure Murray Washington says.

"This is a significant investment in increasing the capacity at Pines to ensure we are serving our residents well and ready for growth. It gives us flexibility for the future as we work towards further sustainability improvements at the site."

The second solar hall was originally scheduled to be built in 2026/27, but the Council agreed in 2019 to bring the project forward.

The project has faced a number of challenges, starting just weeks into the work last year when the country went into the COVID-19 Level 4 Lockdown. Despite the lockdown and concerns about possible delays in bringing parts into the country from overseas including from Europe, the project has been completed with only the length of the lockdown as a delay.



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

ACALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUESTS 71 AND 72

The Council has accepted for processing two new private plan change requests for rezoning. This means the public can now have a say on these requests. The decision on whether to approve or reject these requests will be made by the Council at a later stage, following hearings by independent commissioners.

Private plan change request 71 – Rolleston

Four Stars Development Ltd and Gould Developments Ltd have requested to rezone

approximately 54 ha of land on the east side of the Rolleston township, bounded by Levi, Lincoln Rolleston Roads and Nobeline Drive, from Rural (Inner Plains) to Living Z Zone and Living Z Zone deferred. If approved, this would enable the development of approximately 660 residential sites. Information on this private plan change request and how to make a submission is available at selwyn.govt.nz/pc71.

Private plan change request 72 – Prebbleton

Trices Road Rezoning Group has requested to rezone approximately 29 hectares of

land on the southern side of the Prebbleton township, bounded by Trices, Birchs and Hamptons Roads, from Rural (Inner Plains) Zone to Living Z Zone and Living 3 Zone. If approved, this would enable the development of approximately 290 residential sites. Information on this private plan change request and how to make a submission is available at selwyn.govt.nz/pc72.

Submissions on the above two rezoning requests must be lodged by 5pm on Thursday 29 July 2021. For more information contact the Strategy and Policy 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 7 July 10am
Rolleston Council Offices

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 7 July 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 26 July 4pm
Darfield Library

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 28 July 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices
* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee

Tuesday 27 July 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee

Wednesday 7 July 7.30pm
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

Dunsandel Community Committee

Monday 19 July 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Centre

Glentunnel Community Committee

Monday 26 July 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Hororata Citizens' Committee

Tuesday 24 July 7.30pm
Hororata Hall

Kirwee Community Committee

Monday 19 July 7.30pm
Kirwee Hall, A&P Showgrounds

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Monday 12 July 7.30pm, Pavilion,
Kirwee Recreation Reserve

Leeston Park Committee

Monday 26 July 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Community Committee

Monday 12 July 7pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc.

Monday 26 July 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Monday 12 July 7pm
Southbridge Town Hall

Springston Committees

Wednesday 21 July 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Monday 12 July 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Help available when a dog bites

If you or your pet gets bitten by a dog our Animal Control team can help.

There are over 15,000 dogs in Selwyn and growing, and with this number of dogs, sometimes things do go wrong.

If it does, our Animal Control staff work 24/7 and will investigate.

Simply give us a call on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) and one of our customer services staff will take the details and get the information quickly to an Animal Control Officer. Depending on availability, the Animal Control Officer may be able to be on the scene quickly and they will interview witnesses and receive statements. To help us track down the dog that caused the damage, it's helpful for us to have the dog's name, owner's name or the owner's car registration, if applicable.

The Animal Control Officer can also seize a dog if that's needed to protect others, and can support a prosecution, if deemed necessary.

If you are a dog owner you should also be aware of the legal obligations and consequences to you, should your dog attack people, or other animals. If you or your pet is attacked by a dog, the law is that the dog's owner is liable for the costs of any damage that occurs.

Dog owners should not fear the worst if this happens. Many factors are considered in cases, including any extenuating circumstances.

In most cases steps can be taken to prevent a further incident, such as requiring the dog to wear a muzzle or not to exercise with other dogs. Only an owner or a judge can make a decision about euthanizing a dog and this only happens in the most extreme cases.

Small Business Workshop

Selwyn District Council, in partnership with Sidekick Selwyn Accountants and Business Advisors, invite you to join us for two important workshops to help you in your business or community group.

These sessions are free and designed to help you save time and money with some useful tips and tricks, provide important information to reduce risk and advise you of the benefits of surrounding yourself with a good team.

New to contracting

Thursday 15 July, 6–8pm
Lincoln Event Centre



Fraud awareness

Thursday 5 August, 6–7pm
West Melton Community Centre



Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

7
JULY

Parent to Parent,
Darfield Library, 9.30–11.30am

Parent to Parent is a not-for-profit organisation formed in 1983 by parents and professionals to support the families of babies, children, teens and adults with any type of disability or health impairment. Drop in and join Jo for an informal chat over a cuppa. Free. Bookings not required.

THURSDAY

8
JULY

Matariki Storytime
Leeston Library, 10–10.30am

A special storytime celebrating the Māori New Year. Listen to amazing stories, create awesome crafts, and join in on some fun activities. Free. Bookings not required.

SATURDAY

10
JULY

Pokémon Party
Lincoln Library, 1–3pm

Have you built up your Pokédex with the ultimate Pokémon and are ready to battle with others? Do you love tracking new Pokémon? Join the party with games, crafts, face painting and more. Suitable for 5+ years. Free. Bookings not required.

SUNDAY

11
JULY

Puaka Whānau Day
Selwyn Sports Centre, 11am–1pm

A fun-filled day for the whole whānau. Come along and try Kī-o-Rahi, a taonga tākaro (traditional Māori game) and ngā mahi a te rēhia (activities), check out the māketē (markets) while listening to puoro (music) and enjoying some great kai (food).

MONDAY

12
JULY

Netball Skills Workshops
Selwyn Sports Centre, 10am–12pm

30 minute workshops for all children aged 3–15 years to harness netball skills with Selwyn Netball. These workshops focus on teaching kids the basics of the game, skills and fitness. Caters to participants of all abilities. Also on Thursday 15 July, Monday 19 July, Thursday 22 July. Bookings essential at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

TUESDAY

13
JULY

High Ropes Challenge
Rolleston Community Centre, 9am–12pm

Have a go at Selwyn's indoor High Ropes climbing course complete with giant swing – test yourself physically and mentally and have some fun at the same time! Bookings essential at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

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

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

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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