



# Recovery under way after flooding

Civil Defence and the Council are continuing to respond to the flooding event from last week. The rain caused significant flooding along Selwyn’s rivers and damage and disruption to roads, water supplies and homes.

NIWA figures show almost 400ml of rain fell in the area around Springfield on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Environment Canterbury river flow data showed at the height of the floods 447 cubic meters of water was flowing through Coes Ford every second, compared to an average of 2 cubic metres per second over the previous month.

Around 203 households evacuated from their homes during the flooding with support from Civil Defence where necessary. Civil Defence Centres were set up in Darfield and Lincoln and around 16 households remain out of their homes and receiving support from the Council’s Civil Defence welfare team.

Selwyn Civil Defence Manager Al Lawn says the focus over the coming weeks will be assisting people in flood damaged homes, getting roads and water back up and running and providing support to communities badly affected, including the rural community.

“There’s a big clean up to come. The community has responded really well to get through the flooding, now we need to look after our people who have lost homes or had their farms and businesses damaged, to help them get back on their feet.”

Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton says he is proud to see the way the community has come together.

“It’s been great to see the way the community has pulled together once again, taking people into homes, helping out in the rain, checking on your neighbours and so much more. There’s a long way to go, but we’re a resilient district and I know we will keep supporting each other in the months to come.”

If you need help with your flood damaged home or feel you have been adversely affected by the recent weather event and need assistance, please give us a call on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or email [contactus@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:contactus@selwyn.govt.nz) and we will assist or connect you with the appropriate agency. We are also encouraging people to please check on your neighbours and make sure they are doing okay.

## Water notices and road closures

At the time of writing the **Do Not Consume Notice** remains in place for people on the Springfield water supply and a number of boil water notices and road closures are still in place. Please check [selwyn.govt.nz](http://selwyn.govt.nz) for the latest updates on all these notices and closures.

Boil water notices remain in place for:	The following roads remained closed:
Hororata	Benmore Road, Kowai River Bridge
Malvern Hill Dalethorpe	Bealey Road, Waianiwaniwa River bridge – open one lane
Malvern Hill Hartleys	Whitecliffs Bridge – open one lane
Acheron	Acheron River bridge – open residents only

Supplies of drinking water are available in Springfield, Hororata, Glentunnel and at the Windwhistle Garage.

# Help available for our rural community

Help is available for our rural community.

Selwyn’s rural and farming community has taken a hit from the severe weather event. If you need help and you’re not sure who to contact, help is available now.

Any farmers who are feeling anxious or need wellbeing support should call Rural Support Trust on 0800 RURAL HELP (0800 787 254).

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has support available for farmers who need help sourcing supplementary feed or grazing for your livestock. The Feed Coordination Service connects farmers with surplus feed – such as hay, silage, or grazing – to farmers who need it.

To access feed support, call 0800 FARMING (0800 327 646) and follow the voice prompts. Alternatively, visit [mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/adverse-events/dealing-with-floods/](http://mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/adverse-events/dealing-with-floods/).

For help with farm animal welfare contact MPI on 0800 00 83 33.

For pets, horses and lifestyle block animals, the SPCA has a contact line for those affected by the floods. Phone 03 349 7057 for assistance with relocating animals, food and other needs.

If you have property or infrastructure damage on your farm, contact your insurer in the first instance.

Selwyn District Council’s Civil Defence recovery team is still operating and is available to support the rural community. Contact us on 0800 SELWYN (0800 735 996) or [contactus@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:contactus@selwyn.govt.nz).

# Kidsfest returning these holidays

The Council will be running a busy programme for the popular annual KidsFest event, from Saturday 10 to Sunday 25 July.

KidsFest has been running for 30 years and this year has seen some exciting additions on top of the old favourites returning, Council Events and Funding Coordinator Cristene Trenuela Chan says.

“We’re delighted with an exciting line up of over 70 events this year. We’ve put a real focus on getting events out across more of the district and we’ve been able to add a whole new set of events at the Selwyn Sports Centre as well.”

This year’s festival will feature events held across libraries, sports and community centres, and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, including the return of favourites such as the high ropes challenge, Moviemania and the return of Elgregoe the Magician.

There has been a focus on increasing events district wide such as the popular Kids Market which will see markets held in Rolleston and Darfield in addition to the annual Kids Market in Lincoln.

The Selwyn Youth Council will be bringing the dance moves for 13-17 year olds, with two BOOST events – a Hip Hop workshop and disco – come along bring your TikTok moves.

Children and families will once again have the opportunity to get a whole new view of the district through the Eye Spy Selwyn activity hunt, which will take children to explore the district and win prizes.

Tickets and full details of the events are available now at [selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest](http://selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest) and [selwynlibraries.co.nz/whats-on/eventsandprogrammes](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/whats-on/eventsandprogrammes)

Selwyn families can also attend events in Christchurch and Waimakariri.



# New pool opens at Selwyn Aquatic Centre

The new pool at Selwyn Aquatic Centre officially opened last week.

The new 10-lane, 25-metre pool was opened to the public on Tuesday, completing the main extension works to the centre and substantially increasing the pool space.

Once the new pool has been opened for at least two weeks the existing main pool will be closed for maintenance, including reducing the depth of the pool. The new pool, leisure pool and learn to swim pools will remain open.

Five new family changing rooms, a new accessible family changing room, and new smaller male and female overflow changing rooms next to the aquatic centre extension have already opened.

The upgraded female changing rooms, foyer and additional administration space are on track to open in late June.



# SELWYN YOUTH PROJECT FUND

Applications are open for the Selwyn Youth Project Fund for any individual and/or groups looking to run an event or initiative that aims to support the wellbeing of youth in Selwyn. If you have a cool idea or a plan in place to deliver something great for the community, the Selwyn Youth Council are keen to hear from you.

For criteria and application forms please go to [selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil](http://selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil) or email [youth.council@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:youth.council@selwyn.govt.nz) if you have any questions.

Closing date: 29 June 2021

**SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL**



Notices

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 59 BECOMES OPERATIVE

GW Wilfield Limited has lodged a private plan change request (Plan Change 59) with the Council, seeking to rezone Living 2 and Living 2A zoned land in West Melton to a new zone called 'Living WM South'. Following the Council's decision to approve the Plan Change 59, which was publicly

notified on 14 April 2021, no appeals were received by the Environment Court. As a result, the Plan Change 59 will become operative on 17 June 2021. More information on this private plan change is available on the Council website at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc59](http://selwyn.govt.nz/pc59).

RIVER WORKS ARARIRA/ LII RIVER

The LII drainage committee will continue weed cutting of the LII

River until 17 June 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. For 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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Representation Review Subcommittee\*

Wednesday 9 June 10am  
Rolleston Council Offices

Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 9 June 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

Representation Review Subcommittee\*

Wednesday 23 June 10am  
Rolleston Council Offices

Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 23 June 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 28 June 4pm Darfield Library

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

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee

Tuesday 22 June 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

Dunsandel Community Committee

Monday 21 June 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Community Centre

Glentunnel Community Committee

Monday 28 June 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre

Kirwee Community Committee

Monday 21 June 7.30pm  
Kirwee Hall, A&P Showgrounds

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Monday 14 June 7.30pm  
Pavilion, Kirwee Recreation Reserve

Leeston Park Committee

Monday 28 June 7.30pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Community Committee

Monday 14 June 7pm  
Lincoln Event Centre

Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee

Thursday 24 June 7pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc.

Monday 28 June 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield-Waddington Community & Township Committee

Thursday 17 June 7.30pm  
Sheffield Hall

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Monday 14 June 7pm  
Southbridge Town Hall

Springston Committees

Wednesday 16 June 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Tai Tapu Library Inc Committee meeting and AGM

Wednesday 9 June 7pm, Tai Tapu Library, AGM from 7.45pm

Weedons Reserve Committee

Monday 15 June 7pm Weedons Community Centre

West Melton District Residents' Association Inc.

Wednesday 9 June 7.30pm  
West Melton Community & Recreation Centre

A hidden community treasure

*Over the coming months we'll be putting the spot light on some of our community halls and the great service they provide to our community, starting with the Weedons Community Pavilion.*

Tucked away on Maddisons Road off from the main route to West Melton, sits the Weedons Community Pavilion.

Only a five minute drive from Rolleston, this modern hall has seen a recent increase of people through its doors. It has hosted several sporting events, Zumba classes, corporate events, education workshops, birthday parties and Council-led events, Council's Weedons Community Pavilion Duty Manager Chelsea Jones says.

"A lot more people are finding out from other people that the place is hireable and how cheap it is. We've even had a few hirers from the West Melton Community Centre. When West Melton Community Centre is fully booked we recommend Weedons and book them in straight away."

The venue is often hired for children's birthday parties, because the glass doors allow for an easy view of the grass area outside, she says.

"It's just got a nice atmosphere about it. It's nice to see it being used and not just sitting there."

Selwyn Parenting Network coordinator Kate Webb, attended an event at the Pavilion and instantly recommended it to Talk Together founder Megan Lewis who runs speech-language therapy sessions for children.

"They've been really struggling to find a venue that is suitable. It's just the perfect size, because the kids need space to break out into little work out groups but they don't want this massive big area. I think this is a lovely little venue."

As a frequent user of Lincoln Event Centre, Kate says she's beginning to use the other community facilities all over Selwyn and has really enjoyed discovering these new areas.

"The Council has been quite proactive about getting out into these other spaces, which is really cool."



Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

10  
JUNE

Selwyn Library at Glentunnel Community Centre

Glentunnel Community Centre, 2.30–4.30pm

We are bringing the library to you! Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, build something with our LEGO® collection or create an artwork. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. No bookings required.

THURSDAY

10  
JUNE

Writers' Group

Lincoln Library, 6.30–7.30pm

A group for writers, and those interested in the craft of writing. Meets on the second Thursday of the month. A guest author will be invited each term to run a special workshop. Suitable for teens and adults. Free. Bookings not required, please RSVP at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz) if you wish to receive a reminder email.

THURSDAY

10  
JUNE

Craft Spirits Distillation Demonstration

Rolleston Library, 6.30–8.00pm

Learn the art and science of grain to glass distillation from an avid local craft distiller and gain an introduction to the practical skills, techniques and equipment used by artisan home distillers. Suitable for 18+ years. There will be no alcohol consumption during the demonstration. Free. No bookings required, RSVP at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz) if you would like an e-mail reminder for this event.

SATURDAY

12  
JUNE

Origami Crafts

Lincoln Library, 1.30–2.30pm

Come and learn the art of origami! Fold colourful paper into jumping frogs, fortune tellers, and many more amazing things! Free. Drop in.

WEDNESDAY

16  
JUNE

Highway to Well

Hornby Working Men's Club, 6.30–8.30pm

Kickstart Canterbury presents Highway to Well, an exciting new event for Men's Health Week. A free evening of guest speakers, motorcycle safety, and health information. There will also be multiple spot prizes and free nibbles throughout the evening. Numbers are limited, please register from [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

FRIDAY

18  
JUNE

Cuddly Critters Matinée

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 4.30–5.30pm

Bring your favourite teddy and join us for a picnic and movie! We are screening Moana and will have ice cream and popcorn available. For children aged 4 to 8 years. Free. Bookings essential at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

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

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19 Messines Street, Leeston  
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre  
Gerald Street, Lincoln  
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