



Explore 'Our Climate Future' in Darfield exhibition

Darfield Library and Service Centre is host to a new exhibition highlighting climate challenges and empowering communities to make positive change.

The 'Our Climate Future' exhibition is part of 'It's time, Canterbury' – a joint climate change awareness initiative launched in May by the regional council Environment Canterbury and Canterbury's district and city councils.

The exhibition has been developed by the Ministry for the Environment. It's an interactive display with panels and monitors showing climate change information. It also features iPads for people to sign up to the Future Fit tool, a practical carbon calculator which makes it easier for households to reduce their carbon footprint.

The display helps people understand why climate change is happening and how it could shape our communities, our families and our economic wellbeing.

It also looks at how we can mitigate the effects of a changing climate to choose a better future for ourselves and for the generation to come.

The exhibition concept is based on the whakataukī: 'Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini. My strength is not that of a single warrior but that of many.'

'Our Climate Future' will be at Darfield Library and Service Centre until Saturday 21 August before heading to Tūranga in Christchurch.

No decision yet on water reforms

You may have heard about the Three Waters Reforms – and wondered what it's all about.

Ever since residents of Havelock North fell ill with a gastroenteritis outbreak in 2016, all council water services across New Zealand have been in the spotlight. The government is proposing to address the urgent challenges in the water sector with a top to bottom reform of our drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure and management.

The proposed reform would shift the responsibility for water services away from individual councils into four new multi-regional entities, with an investment programme of up to \$185 billion.

Under the proposal Selwyn will become part of 'Entity D' which covers most of the South Island. In a move to ensure that no council will be worse off, the government has offered a stimulus package and Selwyn's share of that will be \$22.3 million. To receive that funding, the Council must agree to hand over our three waters assets and revenue to the new entity. Currently an option exists to opt out of the reforms and go it alone.

So what's Selwyn's position? As yet we haven't made a decision on our participation. At the moment we are continuing to analyse the data provided by the government about their proposal, so that we can better understand the impact on our residents.

At present our water infrastructure is among the best in the country and we want to make sure our residents are not left worse off under any changes. We want to make sure the community continues to have access to the services they currently receive, with a quality of service at least as good as it is now. It's also important that we protect our community's voice, for example on matters like chlorination and level of service standards. Once we have all the data we plan to seek your views on the proposal before we make a decision.

Find out more at our website selwyn.govt.nz/threewaters.

Have you registered your dog yet?

Dog registrations are due and owners of two-thirds of dogs in Selwyn have made the most of the discounted registration fee this year. From 1 August onwards owners have to pay the full fee and they have until 31 August to register their dog. After that the Council may issue an infringement of \$300 per dog. Any owner who is having difficulty with the payment of the fee can contact the Council to discuss payment arrangements.

With the introduction this year of the new 'One tag' – a lifetime tag – it's taking a bit longer than usual to send out the tags. Owners should expect to receive their dog's new tag up to around two weeks after the payment is made.

For more information on the dog registration visit Council's website at www.selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration.



Rates accounts and payment options

Rates invoices for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2022 should have arrived in your letterboxes or inboxes by now.

You can check out the changes in your rates by visiting selwyn.govt.nz/rates and clicking on property search.

If you pay by direct debit you should have received information on your new direct debit in a separate letter. If you're on direct debit, as long as you have sufficient funds in your bank account to cover the payments on the due dates, you will not be charged penalties.

For ratepayers not on a direct debit, rates are payable in four instalments: 15 September 2021, 15 December 2021, 15 March 2022 and 15 June 2022. Penalties are charged on instalments not paid in full by the due dates, and there is a further penalty if rates are not paid by 30 June 2022.

Your rates invoice details the rates assessed for your property for both the Council and Environment Canterbury. The Council assesses a general rate, based on your property's capital value, district-wide targeted rates, plus other targeted rates based on where you live or the services you receive. We also act as an agent for the collection of Environment Canterbury rates within Selwyn.

The average rates increase for the 2021/22 year is 4.5%, but this will vary for individual properties. Rates take account of capital values, as well any changes to your property, for example if you have built a house on your section or changed your wheelie bins.

For more information about rates, including forms and payment options, visit selwyn.govt.nz/rates or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

How do I Apply for a rates rebate

Ratepayers on a low income and who pay rates on the property they live in may be eligible for a rates rebate.

If your gross household income to 31 March 2021 was \$26,150 or less, and you pay rates on the property where you live, you may qualify for a rebate.

If your income was more than this, you may still be eligible, depending on the total cost of your rates and the number of dependants in your family.

To find out if you are eligible for a rates rebate, and to download forms, visit ratesrebates.govt.nz. Forms are also available from Council service centres. If you received a rates rebate last year you will automatically be sent an application form.

To apply, you will need to provide accurate details and copies of your gross income, and that of any partner/spouse/joint homeowner who lives with you, for the tax year ended 31 March 2021. You can apply for your rebate at any Council service centre:

- Rolleston – Selwyn District Council 2 Norman Kirk Drive Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm (no appointment necessary)
- Darfield Library and Service Centre Phone 03 318 7780 to book an appointment: Wednesdays 10am–12pm, Thursdays 1–3pm
- Leeston Library and Service Centre Phone 03 347 2871 to book an appointment: Mondays 2–3pm, Fridays 11am–12pm
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre Phone 03 347 2876 to book an appointment: Wednesdays 10–12pm, Tuesdays 1–3pm.

Selwyn Event Network Forum

Tuesday 24 August, 4–6pm
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre
Come along to connect and collaborate with your fellow event organisers in Selwyn.

Topics will include youth events, the Selwyn Events Strategy and an update on the events application process.

Open to all events organisers in Selwyn.

Please RSVP to events@selwyn.govt.nz by 16 August 2021.

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Lincoln Rugby Football Club Incorporated has applied for a variation of the conditions of a club licence. Objections are open until 27 August. Jaal Enterprise Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections are open until 27 August. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

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

Representation Review Subcommittee*

Wednesday 11 August 10am
Rolleston Council Offices

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 11 August 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 23 August 4pm
Darfield Library-Service Centre

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 25 August 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*

Wednesday 1 September 9.30am
Rolleston Council Offices
**Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee
Tuesday 24 August 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Members of the public invited to attend and bring further feedback/questions about the Road Dedication Project in Coalgate.

Dunsandel Community Committee

Monday 16 August CANCELLED
Glentunnel Community Committee

Monday 30 August 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Kirwee Community Committee

Monday 16 August 7.30pm
Kirwee Hall

Leeston Park Committee

Monday 30 August 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee

Thursday 26 August 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Residents Assn Inc. AGM

Monday 23 August 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield-Waddington Community & Township Committee

Thursday 19 August 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall

Springston Committees

Wednesday 18 August 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion,
Springston Reserve

West Melton District Residents Assn Inc.

Wednesday 11 August 7.30pm
West Melton Community & Recreation Centre

Invitation to Selwyn Sister Cities Committee AGM followed by short Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 17 August 2021, 5pm
Rolleston Council Offices,
2 Norman Kirk Drive

Winner of New Zealand's 2021 Local Government Award and Supreme Winner for Selwyn's Toraja project.

Selwyn has Sister Cities cultural and friendship relationships and exchange visits with our Sister Cities in Japan; China; Coventry in Rhode Island, USA; and Toraja, Indonesia;

RSVP to Bernadette Ryan 3472 830 or bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz

Darfield and Kirwee wastewater pipeline update

The construction of a new wastewater system for Darfield and Kirwee townships has started this week. The majority of construction work is taking place in the road reserve, which may require some traffic management including speed reductions. In some cases road closures may be required but detours will be signposted. Aylesbury Road between Wards Road and Two Chain Road is the first affected road; it will be closed until mid-December 2021.

The new pipeline will connect the townships with Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant in Rolleston. It's expected that construction will be completed by July 2022 for Darfield and August 2022 for Kirwee.

To see the latest progress on the project, and any road closures and detours, please visit Council website at selwyn.govt.nz/darfieldkirweewastewater.

Opportunities in agritourism

Agritourism is a growing industry world-wide. People are looking to connect with the land and communities, relax in a rural environment and learn about where their food comes from. For farmers, agritourism offers an opportunity to diversify and create a supplementary income.

Join us for an interactive and informative one-hour webinar for farmers in Selwyn and Ashburton interested in diversifying the use of their land to include tourism.

You will find this webinar valuable if you have already started your journey and want to know more about developing your agritourism offering.

Topics will include:

- agritourism opportunities and trends
- how to increase revenue from your agritourism venture
- ideas and case studies
- five keys to agritourism business success
- 2021 Agritourism Success Programme.

Date: Tuesday 24 August

Time: 10–11 am

Facilitated by: Agritourism.nz

Link: <https://my.demio.com/ref/KL7LQ3jQmRmp9ZM5>

Shortened link: <https://bit.ly/3zUh9R0>



On the roads

The following roads are closed due to flood repairs: Algidus Road closed from Homestead Road to SH73; Lydon Road closed from Harper Road to SH73; Keens Road closed from Wrights Road; Mt White Road closed from SH73.

Flooding repairs are continuing on Harper Road, from Homestead Road; Bluff road from Searles Road to Watsons Road; Tramway Road from Old West Coast Road to Curve Road; Springfield Road from SH73 to Dalethorpe Road; Hector Street from Whitecliffs Road; Annavale Road from SH73 to Pococks Road; Pig Saddle Road from Dalethorpe Road to Waianiwi Road; Maffey's Road from Downs Road; Kowai Bush; Hartleys Road from Whitecliffs Road to Pig Saddle Road. Traffic management is in place on these roads.

Aylesbury Road between Wards Road and Two Chain Road will be closed until mid-December 2021 due to construction of a new wastewater pipeline from Darfield and Kirwee to the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant near Rolleston. During the road closure, traffic will be requested to detour along the nearest alternative route. Access to private property will be maintained at all times. For the latest closures and detours check selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.

Selwyn Events

FRIDAY

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AUGUST

Family Bingo Night

Lincoln Event Centre, 6–7pm

Bring the family along and try your luck at our bingo night. Line up all the numbers on your card to win some cool prizes. Book now at selwyn.govt.nz/events

SATURDAY

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AUGUST

Amateur's Guide to Plant Propagation and Rose Care

Leeston Library, 1–2pm
Join Jenny from the Leeston Garden Club as she demonstrates how to propagate your plants and care for your roses, all with easy methods you can use at home. Free. Bookings not required.

SATURDAY

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AUGUST

Dive in Movies – Sing! And Mamma Mia

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 5.30pm and 7.30pm

Bring your friends and family along to watch a movie, from the pool. There will be free popcorn (and mocktails for the 7.30pm screening). Drop-in. Normal pool admission prices apply.

MONDAY

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AUGUST

Drive Wise

Ruapuna, 1–5pm

Are you over 65 years and interested in our our new skills course for mature drivers? The half-day course will refresh your knowledge of the road code and have discussions on your concerns and challenges you face while driving. There will be practical driving time on the race track and on-road with a qualified driving instructor in your own vehicle. \$35 per person. Attendees must bring their own car and their driver's license. Register by email to roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz or phone (03) 347 1867.

MONDAY

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AUGUST

Winter Wonderland Crafts

Lincoln Event Centre, 3.30–5pm

Pop down for some winter themed crafting. We'll have a variety of activities to take part in and some awesome crafts to take home. Suitable for 5–10 years. \$2 per child. Bookings essential at selwyn.govt.nz/events

WEDNESDAY

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AUGUST

Are you and your family prepared for an emergency?

Lincoln Event Centre, 7–8.30pm

Lincoln residents are invited to a Civil Defence session designed to help you get ready and put plans in place so that you can you get through. Join the Council's Civil Defence team to find out how to develop family plans, how to put an emergency kit together and other steps you can take right now.

UNTIL

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AUGUST

'Printer, Painter, Photograph Maker' Exhibition

Down By The Liffey Gallery, Lincoln, Wed–Thur 11.30am–2.30pm Fri–Sun 10am–4pm

An exhibition of stunning works from six different visual artists, showcasing different media and styles.

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

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19 Messines Street, Leeston
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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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