



# Celebrating Summer in Selwyn



Thousands of residents have been enjoying Summer in Selwyn events around the district, with more than 40 events still to come.

The Teddy Bears’ Picnic – always a highlight of Summer in Selwyn – saw more than 1700 children and adults, and a host of teddy bears, attending the event last week in Rolleston.

Council Events and Funding Coordinator Cristene Trenuela-Chan says families and bears alike enjoyed a fun day out in the sun.

“It was a great community event with our MC George Read encouraging bears meeting new bears! There was a visit from Captain Hook, Belle and Fairy. Councillor McInnes was the judge for the Teddy Bears Parade giving awards for the Fluffiest, Most Loved, Biggest, Cutest, and Most Adventurous Teddies”

People have also been enjoying events including pool parties, the booked-out guided walks and the first outdoor movie of the season.

If you missed these, don’t worry, because the days are jam-packed full of fun for the whole family right up until the end of March.

From new events such as the Selwyn Garden series of speakers at our libraries, or the Selwyn Bike Trail Challenge, to annual favourites, like our outdoor movies and picnics – there’s something for everyone.

The final two pool parties of the series are on next week at Southbridge and the Pool of Rock party in the main pool at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre in February, where local musicians will be performing.

Or, if you’re looking for a more relaxed activity we have added extra Picnic in the Park events in local townships with 10 picnics to come starting in Prebbleton on Thursday. The Prebbleton picnic will be held along with the first Skate Jam of the summer, with Skate Jams held every week on a Wednesday or Thursday around the district till the end of February.

The ever popular ‘A Month of Sundays’, our live music event series featuring local talent and fun garden games is back at the Lincoln Green next to Lincoln Library every Sunday afternoon in February.

For a full list of events go to [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).



Selwyn Community Fund

CLOSES 31 JANUARY 2021

Clubs, groups and not-for-profit organisations working in Selwyn are invited to apply to the Selwyn Community Fund.

The Selwyn Community Fund accepts funding applications all year round. There are four dates in the year that applications are assessed and funds released.

For criteria and application forms contact [selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz) or visit [selwyn.govt.nz/selwyncommunityfund](http://selwyn.govt.nz/selwyncommunityfund)

Selwyn DISTRICT COUNCIL

## New slide and maintenance at Foster Park playground

A new stainless steel tube slide is being installed at Foster Park playground next month during the annual park maintenance.

The park will be closed for three weeks from Monday 1 February to Friday 19 February to install the steel slide and carry out annual maintenance.

The New Zealand-made steel slide will replace the existing plastic tube slide, which was closed for much of 2020 due to issues with cracking. A shade sail will also be installed to shade the exit of the slide.

The work has been timed for when school is back and when the contractor is available to install the new slide, to minimise disruption during the holidays.

## Follow your LIM application online

People can now apply for, cancel and track their Land Information Memorandum (LIM) applications online.

The Council has updated its LIMs page on the website to simplify the application system and allow people to see when their LIM is likely to be issued.

The LIM Processing Report is updated each morning before 9am and lists all applications, the expected date the LIM will be issued and how many days it has been since the application was received.

“We know it’s important for people to know when their LIM is likely to be received and we’ve been working to make things easier for people in applying and keeping track of their LIM. That’s been particularly with the big increase we saw in LIM applications last year and the ongoing high levels of applications,” Council Information Services Manager Neil Cookeson says.

The Council has also added a section to allow people to cancel LIM applications, which can be done without charge within 24 hours and updated the online application form to make it easier for people to apply for LIMs online.

To apply for a LIM, cancel a request, or check your application on the LIM Processing Report, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/lims](http://selwyn.govt.nz/lims).

## Council carbon footprint mapped

The Council has taken a significant first step on the road to becoming carbon neutral by having its carbon footprint calculated.

The Council recently undertook an assessment of its carbon footprint. The results have been audited and now verified by Toitu Envirocare, a subsidiary of Crown Research Institute Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research, which specialises in assessing carbon footprints and supporting sustainability.

Total emissions for the 2018/19 year were approximately 6200 tonnes of ‘CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent’. Council Solid Waste Manager Andrew Boyd, who oversaw the collation of the data for the report, says the report is a critical first step to the Council reducing its emissions.

“You can’t manage what you don’t measure. We have a base line now, so we understand what makes up our carbon emissions. Next we can identify what areas to focus on, and what will make the biggest difference.”

The report shows the Council’s biggest emissions come from diesel use by contractors performing services such as roading maintenance, water network management, and waste collection on behalf of Council, followed by electricity use. Together these make up 60 percent of its annual emissions.

The Council is already well advanced with a project to install LED bulbs in all its street lighting, which will reduce electricity use and maintenance costs. Further emissions reductions will be considered from the report.

In December, the Council committed to reduce its carbon emissions, to carry out regular assessment of risk and opportunities, and to report back on its actions, in its first climate change policy.

It is also committed to reduce its emissions as part of the Zero Carbon Act, which sets targets for the country to become carbon neutral by 2050.



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 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

**COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD**

**Malvern Community Board**  
Mon 25 January 4pm  
Darfield Library

**Representation Review Subcommittee\***  
Wed 27 January 3pm  
Council Rolleston Offices

**Audit & Risk Subcommittee\***  
Wed 3 February 9.30am  
Council Rolleston Offices

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

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Glentunnel Community Committee**  
Mon 25 January, 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre

**Coalgate Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee**  
Tue 2 February, 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

Start-up support for COVID-19 impacted jobseekers

People who lost their job because of COVID-19 are being offered a chance to kick-start their new business idea as part of an innovative new programme.

The Start Me Up initiative by ChristchurchNZ and the Ministry of Social Development will see successful entrepreneurs and business leaders support people whose employment situations have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 to start their own business.

The programme is open to residents in Christchurch, Selwyn and Ashburton districts and who are receiving a benefit and had their employment situation impacted during the pandemic.

Start Me Up will guide potential business owners, or those interested in learning about the start-up process, through the process of testing out their concept to see if it has what it takes to be successful.

It will culminate in a graduation event where participants will be able to showcase their concepts to an audience of local businesses, investors and entrepreneurs.

The programme will be delivered in two stages, with online workshops on the fundamentals of creating a business, followed by eight weeks of in-person masterclass workshops.

The participants will be supported by successful entrepreneurs, mentors and start-up experts from the Ministry of Awesome's Te Ohaka incubator and the University of Canterbury's ThincLab.

Diane McDermott, Ministry of Social Development's Regional Commissioner for Canterbury, said the programme's wrap-around support will demystify the start-up process.

"Start Me Up will be an opportunity for people to see if being a business owner is for them, get a handle on the start-up process, and build an invaluable network of local support and connections."

You can find out more or apply at [startmeup.co.nz](http://startmeup.co.nz), or attend an information session at Lincoln Event Centre 10-11.30am Friday 12 February. Applications close on Friday 26 February 2021.



On the Roads

Norman Kirk Drive is closed from south of the Council offices main entrance to Rolleston Drive until 29 January. Markham Way is reduced to one lane near the intersections with Wilbur Close and Peel Close.

Drainage and pavement work is underway on Leeston Road. Traffic management is in place. Pavement work is also underway on Leaches Road, Ellesmere Road, Ellesmere Junction Road and Springston Rolleston Road between Broadlands Drive and Dynes Road. Traffic management is in place.

NZTA are carrying out works on SH73 at the intersection with Hoskyns Road. Hoskyns Road will be closed at the intersection with SH73 from 21 January to 28 February as a result of this work. A detour is in place via Sandy Knolls Road.

Please take care and follow traffic management instructions around our roadwork sites for your safety and the safety of others.

**AOTEAROA BIKE CHALLENGE**

1-28 February 2021 [aotearoa.bike](http://aotearoa.bike)

Sign up a work team, get biking and be in to win prizes.

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY  
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JANUARY

**Prebbleton Summer Skate Jam and Picnic in the Park**  
Prebbleton Community Park  
3.30-5.30 and 5-7pm

The highly-anticipated Summer Skate Jams are back for 2021, alongside picnic in the park. Enjoy a summer's afternoon and evening with free gear hire, prizes, and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool, along with a free sausage sizzle, face painting and more.

THURSDAY  
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JANUARY

**Employment Zone Clinic**  
Leeston Library, 9.30-11.30am

Are you looking for employment? An employer needing staff? Employment Zone clinics are a series of drop-in sessions, where people can access one-to-one support around job seeking, redundancy, staff retention and recruitment with Ministry of Social Development Workbroker Sarah Parker. Free. Bookings not required. See [selwynlibraries.com/events](http://selwynlibraries.com/events) for more times and locations.

FRIDAY  
22  
JANUARY

**Space Storytime**  
Darfield Library, 10-10.30am

Join us for our special storytime and learn about all things space with stories, interactive activities and songs. Free. Bookings not required.

SUNDAY  
24  
JANUARY

**David Walliams Storytime**  
Lincoln Library, 10.30-11am

Celebrate David Walliams' hilarious tales such as The Bear Who Went Boo, The Slightly Annoying Elephant and more. Free. Drop in.

SUNDAY  
24  
JANUARY

**Southbridge Pool Party**  
Southbridge Pool, 2-4pm

Our ever popular pool parties are back again, with a DJ playing your favourite songs, inflatables, games, prizes, a free sausage sizzle and loads of fun to celebrate summer.

WEDNESDAY  
27  
JANUARY

**Darfield Summer Skate Jam**  
Darfield 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

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