

# Celebrating to the stars for Matariki

A festival of events celebrating to the stars and back will be part of marking Matariki in Waikirikiri/Selwyn.

Matariki, which begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster (the Pleiades), signals the Māori New Year and is considered a time of celebration and renewal.

In Selwyn, the Council hosting a wide range of events from 2–11 July to celebrate, covering stories, music, food, sports, medicine and most of all spending time with whānau and celebrating community.

Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says Matariki is a special occasion in our mid-winter calendar.

“It is a time of celebration and a time of renewal. As the Council works with a range of community partners, we are excited to be ‘learning’ our way into different opportunities and ways to express the true meaning of Matariki, here in Waikirikiri.”

The events will begin with a stargazing evening and will include workshops on manu tukutuku (kite making), rongoā (traditional Māori medicine) and traditional and modern workshops on mahinga kai. The mahinga kai workshops will include a chance to make your own mōkihi (a raft for transporting food) and cook some modern takes with Manu and Joe from Suburban Eatery.

Journeys of Manu, is back. Use the smartphone app to be guided through the story of maramataka or the Māori lunar calendar, as you walk trails in Foster Park, McHughes Forest, Lakeside Domain and along the Liffey. The Journeys of Manu app can be downloaded from [arajourneys.com/journeys-of-manu-maramataka](http://arajourneys.com/journeys-of-manu-maramataka).

People are also being encouraged to host Meet Your Street events, with the Council offering up to \$75 for people to host a street party.

“Matariki is a time for community and we’re encouraging and supporting people to get to know your hapori.”

The celebrations will finish with a Puaka Whānau Day at the Selwyn Sports Centre with games of Ki-o-Rahi, a taonga takaro (traditional Maori game) and Nga Mahi a te rehia (activities), Manu Tukutuku (Kite flying) along with makete (markets), modern and traditional puoro (music) and of course some great kai (food).

For times, events and more see [selwyn.govt.nz/matariki](http://selwyn.govt.nz/matariki).

# Special celebrations for new citizens from 2020

A rousing kapa haka performance helped confirm the official moment when over 100 people became Kiwi.

A special ceremony was held at the Tai Tapu Community Centre where 102 people were welcomed as citizens of Aotearoa.

The group were those who received their citizenship last year when the Ministry of Internal Affairs hit pause on citizenship ceremonies because of the Covid-19 global pandemic.

All new citizens who received their citizenship during that period were sent a citizenship certificate from the Ministry of Internal Affairs to mark that they had become citizens, but missed out on the full ceremony.

The evening was opened with four songs performed by the Tai Tapu Primary School Kapa Haka group. After a formal welcome from Mayor Sam Broughton each new citizen was presented with a certificate marking the occasion and shared food and celebrated together with their families and friends.

Mayor Sam Broughton said it was important to mark the occasion with a special recognition, especially with the ceremonies not being able to go ahead last year.

“The citizenship ceremony is a special time for our new citizens and we didn’t want anyone to miss out. It’s also something we value as people of Waikirikiri and citizens of Aotearoa. We aim to be a welcoming district whether people are passing through or living here and that includes marking their special occasions such as becoming citizens.”



# Prebbleton roundabouts construction continues

Construction for the new Prebbleton roundabouts is moving into the next phase as work on the redesigned roads begins.

Isaac Construction Ltd began work in March to build the two-lane roundabouts and other road works needed at the Springs Road/Marshs Road and Shands Road/Blakes Road intersections.

Work has been progressing steadily, with all the major earth works, such as installing underground power and other services, now completed at Shands Road/Blakes Road. The building of the new, wider road and lane layout with additional lanes, including a separate cycle lane, has begun. Despite delays from the recent rain, the roundabout currently remains on track to be completed by the end of July.

Separate to this work, Christchurch City Council has begun road works on Shands Road east of the Christchurch Southern Motorway with Shands Road now one-way going east along this section of the motorway. A detour is in place for traffic travelling west towards Selwyn. Christchurch City Council expects this one-way system to be in place until 15 September.

For the Springs Road/Marshs Road roundabout the majority of the earthworks have been completed. The remainder are expected to be completed in the next few weeks, with the new road layout expected to begin in July.

The roundabouts are expected to cost a total of \$9.7 million, with Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency funding covering 75% of the cost. The Council will cover the remaining cost for the Shands Road/Blakes Road intersection, while the balance for the Springs Road/Marshs Road intersection will be split between the Selwyn District and Christchurch City Councils.



# Small Business Workshop

Selwyn District Council, in partnership with Sidekick Selwyn Accountants and Business Advisors invite you to join us for three 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.

Book in for all three sessions or the pick one that you feel you need.

Registration is essential.

## Xero tips and tricks

Thursday 1 July, 6–8pm  
West Melton Community Centre



## New to contracting

Thursday 15 July, 6–8pm  
Lincoln Event Centre



## Fraud awareness

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



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

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Black Door Hospitality Limited (Black Door Bar & Eatery) has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Barrelli Limited (Remote Sales – Gift Boxes, Prebbleton) has applied for an off licence. Objections to these applications are open until 10 July. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://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](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 23 June 10am  
Rolleston Council Offices

**Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 23 June 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

**Malvern Community Board**  
Monday 28 June 4pm

Darfield Library

**Audit & Risk Subcommittee\***  
Wednesday 7 July 9.30am  
Rolleston Council Offices

**Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 7 July 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices  
*\* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Doyleston Community Committee**  
Wednesday 7 July 7.30pm  
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

**Glentunnel Community Committee**  
Monday 28 June 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre

**Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee**  
Monday 12 July 7.30pm, Pavilion, Kirwee Recreation Reserve

**Leeston Community Committee**  
Monday 5 July 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room

**Leeston Park Committee**  
Monday 28 June 7.30pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion

**Lincoln Community Committee**  
Monday 12 July 7pm, Fitzgerald Room, 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

**Southbridge Advisory Committee**  
Monday 12 July 7pm  
Southbridge Town Hall

**Springfield Township Committee**  
Tuesday 6 July 7.30pm  
Tawera Hall

**Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee**  
Monday 12 July 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre

Queen’s successor takes to the water

After 61 years of service there is a new boat in town on the LII/Ararira River.

The Council’s weed cutter the Ellesmere Queen has been replaced with a new custom-built boat, which has had its first outing to help keep the river clear this month.

The Wilton 2020 is named in honour of Wilton Tyson, a long-standing L2 Drainage Committee member. His son Murray Tyson has taken over as the operator of the boat and manages the weed cutting operation.

The weed cutter is used for crucial maintenance of the Ararira / LII river, keeping the river clear of weed and flowing freely. The weed cutting operations is part of the Council’s land drainage work which covering nine classified land drainage schemes across the district.

This year the work has cleared weed out of the L2/Ararira River from Moirs Lane just south of Lincoln to Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere. Controlling the weed keeps the river level under control and prevents flooding and other drainage issues in the catchment.

The Wilton 2020 has more power compared to the old boat and was designed specifically for this application.

Local company Martin Hydraulics won the contract to build the new boat, working with the Council and our operator to provide a custom built boat that matched the needs on this river.

Weed cutting operations generally occur in the late summer to autumn depending on weed conditions. This year's work finished on 17 June.



On the Roads

Ford repairs are taking place on Coaltrack Road between Bridge Road and Greendale Road and Pigsaddle Road between Bluff Road and Hartleys Road. These fords are closed.

Kenns Road, Lyndon Road from Homestead Road to State Highway 73 and Hartleys Road from Whitecliffs Road to Pig Saddle Road and closed for flooding repairs. Flooding repairs are also taking place on North Rakaia Road between Old South Road and Feredays Road, Harper Road, Algidus Road, Bealey Road from Warrens Road to Greendale Road, Mt White, Bluff Road from State Highway 73 to Dalethorpe Road and Malvern Hills from State Highway 73 to Bulls Road. Traffic management is in place on these roads. Please take care and follow all traffic management signage.

Maintenance grading is taking place in Springston, Glenroy, Kirwee and West Melton, please take care around the graders.

From 24 June Selwyn Road will be closed between Goulds Road and East Maddisons Road for the construction of a new sewer line. A detour will be in place.

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. 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 Events

THURSDAY

24 JUNE

New Zealand Army Band Quintet Series

Leeston Library, 12.30–1pm

The New Zealand Army Band brass ensemble will present a variety of musical styles that will cater for all from the very young to the young at heart in this Selwyn Libraries concert series. Free. Bookings not required. See [Selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://Selwynlibraries.co.nz) for more locations and times.

THURSDAY

24 JUNE

Midwinter Family Fun Night

Lincoln Library, 6–7.30pm

Bring down your dinner and have some family fun at the Library this winter! We will start the evening with a Kahoot Quiz and provide awesome games for everyone to try! Free. Bookings not required.

FRIDAY

25 JUNE

Discovery Time

Rolleston Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Come along to our weekly sessions at all libraries to discover new knowledge, and get creative through our hands-on play and activity-based learning. No booking required, just drop in.

MONDAY

28 JUNE

Hui Mātua

Darfield Library 10am–12pm

Join us for Hui Mātua hosted by Birthright – a not-for-profit organisation specialising in working with families, including one-parent, two-parent and blended families, mātua whāngai and grandparents. Connect with other caregivers, access parents education opportunities or learn more about what is happening in the community at this informal drop-in session. Free. Bookings not required.

TUESDAY

29 JUNE

Slime Time

Lincoln Event Centre, 3.30–4.30pm

Come along to our fun science workshop and create your own slime and galaxy jars with different colours, textures and decorations. For children aged 7+ years. \$4 per child, plus booking fee. Bookings essential at [Eventbrite.co.nz](http://Eventbrite.co.nz).

SATURDAY

3 JULY

Star gazing and astrophotography

Springston Hall, 7–9pm

An evening of star gazing and planetary discovery of our solar system, beginning with a talk about the ways astronomers find their way around the night sky, along with stories around Matariki. Free. Bookings essential at [Eventbrite.co.nz](http://Eventbrite.co.nz). For people aged 10+ years.

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