



## New performing arts class to bring joy

Adam Hayward from Arts Integrated meets with students from Waitaha School

Young people living with disabilities will take to the stage in Selwyn's newest performing arts class in February 2022, with support from the Council.

The introductory course run by Arts Integrated and supported by the Selwyn Creative Community Fund, starts on Wednesday 16 February at the Rolleston Community Centre. It will be hosted by Arts Integrated tutor Sam Corry and former Arts Integrated student, Samuel Major-Johnson.

The course will run over 32 weeks. High-school students living with disabilities will learn how to entertain, work as a team and tell their own stories through music and paintings, preparing them with workplace skills.

Arts Integrated ran their first course in 2014. They are passionate about making a difference for youth with disabilities by offering recreational programmes in the performing arts, as well as opportunities for their students to become paid assistant tutors in their programmes.

Arts Integrated has been active in Selwyn working with Waitaha School students. They are grateful to be receiving this fund and excited to offer their courses to people in the Selwyn district.

Applications are open for The Creative Community Fund at [selwyn.govt.nz/community](https://selwyn.govt.nz/community) and close on Friday 26 November.

## Council raises concerns about new housing rules

The Council has expressed concern over the broad approach of the Government's new housing intensification rules, and the speed at which they are being introduced.

The Council supports the Government's aims to address New Zealand's housing shortage and allow more housing options including more affordable homes. It raised concerns about the approach in its submission made last week on the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and other matters) Amendment Bill.

The Bill would allow the building of three homes up to three storeys high to be built without resource consent in residential areas of Selwyn, from August 2022.

The Council is concerned the Bill could allow intensification in areas not suited to it and with little planning.

"In our submission we made it really clear that such a broad-brush approach to enabling housing intensification will not deliver well-balanced well-being outcomes for present and future generations," Mayor Broughton says.

"While the Bill might fix the housing supply shortage it could equally lead to social and infrastructure issues.

"The Council also regrets the very short submission period which prevented us consulting with our community," he says.

The Council's full submission can be found on [selwyn.govt.nz](https://selwyn.govt.nz)

## Swell on Air


A celebration of life as an older person will be coming to people's homes this year.

The Council's Swell – Ageing well in Selwyn programme will be taking to the radio until Christmas with a wide range of shows to support older Selwyn residents.

Following on from the Council's annual Swell 'give it a go' fortnight of events for older residents, Swell will be broadcasting on Plains FM 96.9 to bring interesting interviews from people and organisations supporting older people living well in Selwyn.


The interviews will cover topics ranging from social activism, healthcare and life planning to community groups and even about rare breed animals.

You can find the full schedule of programmes online at [selwyn.govt.nz/swell2021](https://selwyn.govt.nz/swell2021)



Keep an eye out for the jam-packed Summer in Selwyn brochure in letterboxes from 1 December.

Over 80 events!



## Faces of Selwyn - Dishing up cooking and sustainability skills

At Monika Rastogi's home you are greeted by the smell of warm Indian spices.

In her kitchen Monika is preparing a delicious vegetable curry. Her six year old son Raya is busy chopping carrots.

"I started involving Raya in cooking when he was just three. Now at the age of six he has already participated in three competitions!" Monika explains.

Monika is passionate about getting children from five years up involved with cooking, as it is an essential life skill that involves focusing, problem solving, following instructions, and can boost confidence. "I love seeing smiles on children's faces when they chop and prepare their own meal."

Originally from India, Monika and husband Manu moved to New Zealand in 2012, after living in Bangladesh and China.

When Raya was two, the family began looking to buy their first home, close to a primary school and in a good community – they chose Prebbleton.

"I like that it is very quiet and relaxed and calm. It is a mixed age group and kid friendly. We've got a good community, so that sense of belonging – that sense of family – makes this country our home now."

When they moved to New Zealand Monika particularly missed India's events and festivities, late night shopping and the food.

So Monika decided to bring what she missed from India to New Zealand, starting non-profit workshops teaching others how to cook authentic North Indian cuisine and about sustainability; what they can grow from a seed, cuttings and food scraps.

When she's not cooking or working as an early childhood reliever, Monika is active as a Lincoln Scouts leader, cricket coach, Christchurch peony club secretary, member of Selwyn Timebank and a volunteer, delivering food to those in need.

*Faces of Selwyn tells the stories behind the many faces we see around us in Selwyn. To hear the full interview with Monika or listen to the other podcast episodes in this series, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn).*



## 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](https://selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil) or email [youth.council@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:youth.council@selwyn.govt.nz) if you have any questions.

Closing date: 30 November 2021



# 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

TENDER FOR LICENCE TO OCCUPY

Tender is sought for a Licence to Occupy a parcel of vacant Council land, for a term of 5 years. The land is approximately 2 hectares and situated at Shands Road, Prebbleton. The land's legal description is Reserve 263.

The tender is for pastoral or arable/grazing activities and excludes cattle or pigs. The successful tenderer is

responsible for the payment of rates on the land.

A copy of the Plan is viewable at [selwyn.govt.nz/property-and-building/rental-properties](http://selwyn.govt.nz/property-and-building/rental-properties). If you would like to submit a tender, please email [property@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:property@selwyn.govt.nz) to request a tender pack, or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) and ask for the leasing team.

Tenders close strictly at 5:00pm on Friday 17th December 2021 and must be submitted on the

appropriate form contained in the tender pack. Submissions made by an incorrect format will not be accepted.

**ALCOHOL NOTICES**

Memorys Trading Limited (Memorys Cafe & Restaurant, Leeston) has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 1 December. 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

**Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 24 November 1pm  
Rolleston HQ building

**Westview Special Fund Meeting**  
Monday 29 November 5.45pm  
Darfield Recreation Centre

**Audit & Risk Subcommittee\***  
Wednesday 1 December 10am  
Rolleston HQ building

**Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 8 December 1pm  
Rolleston HQ building

**Audit and Risk Subcommittee - to receive annual report\***  
Wednesday 22 December 10am  
Rolleston HQ building

**Extraordinary Council Meeting - to adopt Annual Report\***

Wednesday 22 December 11am  
Rolleston HQ building

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

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Doyleston Community Committee**  
Wednesday 1 December 7.30pm  
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

**Rolleston Residents' Association Incorporated AGM**  
Monday 29 November 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

**Springfield Township Committee**  
Tuesday 7 December 7.30pm  
Tawera Memorial Hall

Council's building team praised for its performance

The Council's consent team has been assessed as one of the top performing building consent authorities (BCA) in the country.

The assessment was done by International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) on behalf of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The review is required by law every two years.

The IANZ assessors praised the Council's building team for maintaining its systems and processes at such a high level, especially given the unprecedented growth pressures Selwyn has been under.

They also commended the team for its continuous improvement.

A low number of non-compliance issues and a strong management team with a real focus on continuous improvement mean IANZ considers the Council to pose a 'low risk'.

IANZ found eight general non-compliance issues. Three were fully addressed and four partially addressed during the assessment. The Council is working with IANZ on a plan to address the remainder.

One issue was building consent processing timeframes exceeding the statutory timeframe of 20 working days. This has been a national issue with high volumes of consent applications and a shortage of trained building control officers.

Proactive measures by the Council including developing a safe fast-track programme for low-risk consents and on-the-job training have seen the average consent processing time reducing from an average of 34 working days in July to 24 days in October.

This comes despite an increasing number of consent applications.

Council building manager Vanessa Mitchell says the assessment results can reassure people that the Council has good systems and processes in place.

"Our building consent staff have put a lot of effort into continuously improving the way we process and issue building consents, and it is a credit to the team that the reaccreditation process has gone so smoothly," she says.



On the Roads

The intersection of Moore Street and Wordsworth Street is closed until 8 December for the installation of a new water main.

Pre-seal repair work is taking place on The Lake Road from Selwyn Lake Road and Lakelands Road. Seal repairs are taking place on Telegraph Road from Creyke Road to Essendon Road. Kerb and channel repairs are being carried out on Telegraph Road from Telegraph Road to Bealey Road, North Terrace from Kimberley Road to Holmes Street and Horndon Street from Longden Street to Pearson Street.

Flooding repairs are taking place on Craighburn Road from State Highway 73.

Burnham School Road is closed from the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant to Burnham Road for construction work on the Darfield Kirwee wastewater pipeline. Access has been maintained to the Pines Resource Recovery Park.

Traffic management is in place for these works. Please take car around work sites and follow site signage.

Follow the QR code with this story for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at [selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures](http://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).



Selwyn Events

Storytimes

Lincoln Library, 10.30–11am

Enjoy the magic of stories, activities and songs with our preschool Storytimes sessions. Share the joy of reading and make new friends. Aimed at 3–5 years. This programme is continuing at Level 2 with social distancing and mask wearing in place. Bookings essential (one booking per family bubble please). Book or find more storytimes times for our libraries at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

THURSDAY  
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NOVEMBER

Ultimate Sports Quiz

Lincoln Event Centre, 6.30–8pm

Grab your mates, get in the zone and test your sports knowledge! Will you call interference or get nothing but the net? Teamwork makes the dream work, groups of 8 maximum. Free. Bookings required at [Selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://Selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

THURSDAY  
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NOVEMBER

Bookbinding Workshop

Leeston Library, 12–3pm

Join Sandy from the Association of Book Crafts to learn how to make your own professionally bound books from scratch in two different styles of books: Eco Books and Alabama Concertinas. Add your own flair to your creations and take home a finished product to use! Suitable for 14+ years. Free. Bookings essential at [Selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://Selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

SATURDAY  
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NOVEMBER

Ukulele Group Performance

Darfield Library, 11–11.30am

Love music? Come along to Darfield Library to hear the end of year instrumental performance of the Darfield Ukulele Group. They will be playing a selection of Christmas carols to celebrate the season. Free. Bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events) (one booking per family bubble please).

MONDAY  
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NOVEMBER

Council Careers Taster

Lincoln Event Centre, 1–3pm, 5–7pm

Have you thought about a career in local government? Did you know that there is a huge option in careers from animal control, digital marketing, community support and ICT specialist just to name a very few. Book at [Selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://Selwyn.govt.nz/events) and meet the people who have chosen local government as a great career option.

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DECEMBER

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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