

## Uncovering Filipino culture and traditions



Traditional Filipino dances and street games will debut at this year's CultureFest.

The games run by members and volunteers from Pinoy CARES will showcase Filipino culture in an effort to revive these games.

They include luksong baka (jumping over a crouched person who is the baka/cow without touching them), sipa (kicking a ball over a net) and tyakad (a relay race using poles).

Pinoy CARES founding officer and funding director Agnes Guda says due to social media, these games have not been so popular with the younger generation, but there's hope youth will join in on the fun at CultureFest.

"We are so excited to play these really fun traditional street games, we haven't played them for a long time!"

Alongside these games, Pinoy CARES will perform two popular cultural dances, Sinulog and Singkil. The group will also set up Filipino food stalls for people to taste some delicious Filipino cuisine.

"Our food is not as popular as other Asian cuisine, so we are really proud to introduce our food to the CultureFest crowd," she says.

During lockdown in March 2020, lots of Filipinos were reaching out to Agnes and her friends for support. As a result they formed Pinoy CARES. Today, it has 30 members and 100 volunteers delivering programmes and services to support the Filipino community and help Filipino migrants settle in New Zealand.

Similar to the word 'Kiwi', Pinoy is a colloquial term meaning Filipino, while CARES is an acronym for Culture, Arts, Religion/Recreation, Education/Events, Services/Sports; which they base their projects, events and programmes on.

Agnes says the group are looking forward to their first time at CultureFest 2021.

"CultureFest is one of the most awaited events every year in Canterbury and to be part of this will be a privilege and an honour. As much as we are excited to showcase our Filipino culture, we are also looking forward to connecting and interacting with other cultures and ethnic groups, and creating new friendships and collaborations to support a more vibrant, diverse and active Selwyn community."

## Help teach Selwyn kids safe road crossing skills

The Council is reminding drivers to stop for pedestrians at kea crossings – but only when the stop 'lollipop' signs are out.

The only time drivers must stop for pedestrians is on a pedestrian crossing, at a school road patrol (a kea crossing) when the stop lollipop signs are out, and when pedestrians have a green man at traffic signals.

Although a kea crossing location may look like a pedestrian crossing with kerb buildouts or a pedestrian refuge in the middle, it is a normal section of road where drivers have right of way, except when the school road patrol is operating.

School Road Safety Coordinator Stephanie Hautler says it's important pedestrians stop, look and listen before crossing the road at a location with pedestrian facilities, and just like any other section of road, vehicles have the right of way.

"I often see drivers stopping to let children cross at cross points. Although drivers may think it's courteous stopping in the lane, it's incredibly dangerous and setting our children up for failure," she says. "Slow down, for sure as children are unpredictable but please don't wave them across".

"Children may develop the false expectation that all vehicles will stop for them. Even if you stop, a driver in the other direction may not. It's unsafe to stop in a live lane of traffic and you run the risk of being rear-ended or worse, being shunted into the pedestrian you were trying to help."

If a vehicle stops on a crossing point, pedestrians should wave them on and wait for a gap in the traffic to cross safely.

Some handy hints for parents to teach their children:

- Wave traffic on and wait for a safe gap to cross.
- Be bright, be seen on your way to school, ask your school for a safety vest.
- Cross at the kea crossing when it is operating, this goes for parents too, young people are watching you!

Road safety educational resources for parents and children are available from Selwyn District Council. Email [roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz)

## Economy picks up pace as boom continues

The Selwyn economy continues to boom, with strong post-Covid growth picked up in the middle of the year.

Figures released last week by analysts Infometrics, show gross domestic product (GDP) was up by almost 9% in the three months to June 2021, compared with the same time last year.

Over the year, the figures show Selwyn's economy grew by 7%. Nationally the economy grew by 4.2%.

The big growth outstripped the start to the year, where Selwyn's economy grew by 1.3% in the year to March.

Infometrics identified population growth and a high dairy payout as key factors in the increase.

Population growth and confidence in the economy saw spending increase by 12.6% in the year to June, with \$156 million spent in the three months to June 2021. Nationally, spending grew by 7.7%.

Employment continued to grow, up by 0.8%, compared to a 0.7% drop in employment across Canterbury and a 0.1% drop in employment nationally.

Population growth also saw Selwyn's housing market continue to run hot, with Infometrics figures showing the average house values in the district up 21.1% over the year to June 2021, while the Council saw another record quarter for building consents.

The Infometrics figures also show \$138 million of non-residential consents were also lodged with the Council, in another sign of confidence from business to keep building in the region.

The pandemic has also had relatively little impact on tourism in Selwyn, with the amount spent by tourists remaining largely unchanged, the figures show. Tourists spent about \$56 million in Selwyn in the year to June 2021, compared with \$57 million for the year to June 2019 and \$54 million last year.



## Roundabouts progressing towards final stages

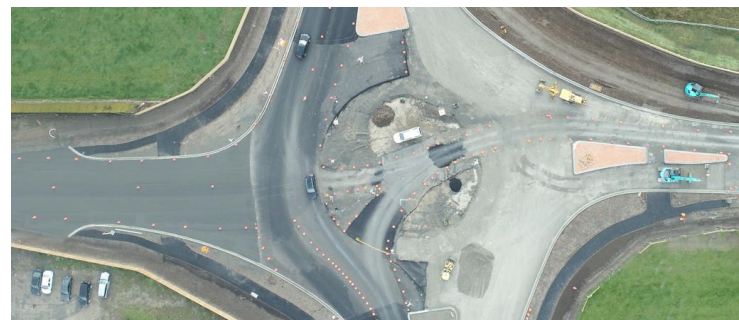
The roads are starting to take shape around the new Prebbleton roundabouts as construction moves towards its final stages.

Despite delays due to the wet weather, road laying is progressing for the new roundabouts at the intersections of Shands Road/Blakes Road and Spring Road/Marshs Road.

The western side of the Shands / Blakes roundabout is now sealed and the eastern side is expected to be sealed by the end of this month, provided we continue to have mostly dry weather. Most new kerbs have now been poured, with the splitter island on the western side of Blakes Rd and the roundabout island itself left to complete, which will be near the end of the project. The work on footpaths is also progressing and the installation of street lights has started.

The groundwork has also started for the new road layout around the Springs Road/Marshs Road roundabout. The majority of drainage works and alterations to services are now complete, including the undergrounding of power cables. Some kerbs have now also been poured on the western side of the roundabout and crews are now working on the new footpaths and road pavement construction, to be ready for sealing later in spring.

Alert Level 4 has meant some further delays, but it is hoped that these will be minor and the work will be able to continue at a faster pace as the weather warms.



# Council Call

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Darfield Library & Service Centre  
1 South Terrace, Darfield  
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Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Darfield Bowling Club Incorporated has applied for variations of the conditions of a club licence. Objections to this application are open until 3 September. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices)

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 69 (LINCOLN): CALL FOR FURTHER SUBMISSIONS

Rolleston Industrial Developments Limited have requested to rezone approximately 190 hectares of current rural land in Lincoln to residential land. Selwyn District Council notified the private plan change request (PC69) for public consultation on 28 April 2021, and submissions closed on 10 June 2021.

A summary of the submissions on the publicly notified plan change request, along with a copy of the original submissions is now available for viewing at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc69](http://selwyn.govt.nz/pc69).

Further submissions are limited to supporting or opposing an original submission. They may be lodged by any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest or who has an interest in the private plan change greater than that of the public.

Information on how to make a further submission is available at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc69](http://selwyn.govt.nz/pc69).

The closing date for further submissions is 5pm Wednesday 8 September 2021.

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 61 (DARFIELD): NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL DECISION

Selwyn District Council resolved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation to approve Rupert and Catherine Wright's request to rezone Rural Outer Plans land in Darfield to a mix of Business 2 and Living 1 zones.

This Council decision has legal effect from the day of the public notice (25 August 2021) and the Operative Selwyn District Plan is deemed amended in accordance with this decision.

The full text of the decision can be read online at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc61](http://selwyn.govt.nz/pc61), at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters or online at Council libraries and service centres.

Anyone who made a submission on Private Plan Change Request 61 may appeal to the Environment Court against the Council's decision. Appeals must reach the Court by 5pm Tuesday 5 October 2021. A copy of any appeals must also be served on the Council.

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 25 August 1pm Via video conference (subject to Alert Level)

Audit & Risk Subcommittee\*

Wednesday 1 September 9.30am Rolleston Council offices (subject to Alert Level)

Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 8 September 1pm Rolleston Council offices (subject to Alert Level)

*\*Via videoconference. Livestreamed on Council website and Youtube channel.*

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Council Services at Alert Levels 4 and 3

At the time of going to print the Government had not yet announced Alert Level requirements from Wednesday 25 August. Following is a summary of Council services and facilities under Alert Level 4. Many of the same restrictions also apply at Alert Level 3, but any changes are noted below. Always check for any changes and the latest updates at [selwyn.govt.nz/covid19](http://selwyn.govt.nz/covid19).

For all official government information on COVID-19 visit the national COVID-19 website [covid19.govt.nz](http://covid19.govt.nz)

Council services and facilities

Animal Control

We will continue to respond to serious and urgent animal control requests and incidents.

The dog pound will continue to operate.

Building Consents

We will continue to process new consent application and existing applications already in the system.

This service may be subject to some limitations due to restricted access to physical property files.

Building Inspections

We will not be taking any new building inspection bookings at this time.

All other existing bookings in the system have been suspended and will be prioritised when inspections can resume.

We will advise in due course when this service will resume once the lockdown period ends. More information is available on our building page.

Alert Level 3: some building inspections may resume. See [selwyn.govt.nz/covid19](http://selwyn.govt.nz/covid19) for latest updates.

Campgrounds – CLOSED

Alert Level 3: Cemeteries can open but with restrictions on numbers attending funerals and tangi.

Cemeteries – OPEN

All burials and interment will continue, but with restrictions in place as required under Alert Level 4. For a full list of these restrictions please see Alert Level 4 | Unite against COVID-19 ([covid19.govt.nz](http://covid19.govt.nz)).

We understand it can be a difficult time with Level 4 restrictions.

Please feel free to call our team who will be happy to help you as always. Call 0800 SELWYN (735 996) and ask for Cath.

Council Facilities including Council Rolleston offices and AA – CLOSED

All Council facilities are closed to the public, including:

- Pools
- Libraries and service centres
- Community and recreation centres

All Council events and classes scheduled for the lockdown period will be postponed to new dates where available or are otherwise cancelled.

Dog Parks – OPEN

During COVID-19 restrictions, you can exercise your dog at a dog park but must keep at least two metres distance from other users at all times. Always keep dogs on a leash and don't pat or touch dogs outside your 'bubble'. Note that dog park gates will be kept open.

You should not drive to a dog park. Cars should only be used for essential requirements

and people should stay local – walk to exercise within your local area.

Pick up after your dogs and dispose of dog poo at home in kerbside collection.

Noise Control

We will continue to respond to serious and urgent complaints. Also we will respond to any emergency environmental health issues.

Alert Level 3: Additional noise control service may resume.

Parks and Reserves – OPEN

Parks and reserves are open, but please maintain social distancing from other park users.

Please note

- All toilets in Council reserves are closed.
- The reserve at Lakeside Campground is only open to existing campers. It is closed for recreation.

Playgrounds and hard surface sports areas – CLOSED

Playgrounds are closed. Keep off all playground equipment, tennis courts, basketball courts or any other shared equipment or surfaces.

Public Transport

Metro has advised that public transport will be available for those needing to travel for essential reasons. That is, travelling to work in essential services, for medical reasons, and to get to the supermarket.

Fares will not be requested.

Customers are requested to use window seats only and adhere to physical distancing, which is required at Alert Level 4. Due to these requirements, bus capacity will be limited.

Resource Consents

We will continue to process new consent applications and existing applications already in the system.

All Planning Duty enquires should be via email. Please send these to [ContactUs@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:ContactUs@selwyn.govt.nz).

Rubbish and recycling

Kerbside rubbish collection continues as normal. Please keep vigilant with your recycling separation, the recycling plant is operating as normal. You can help our drivers out by making sure your bin placement is clear of parked cars. We encourage people to place bins out carefully.

Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed to the public under Alert Level 4. At Level 3 and lower we intend to reopen using a booking system.

Alert Level 3: We will move towards reopening, with a booking system in place.

Toilets

Toilets in Council reserves are closed.

Toilets on State Highways will remain open (please observe careful hygiene and safe distancing).

Fundraising Workshop

Tuesday 7 September, 9.30am–12.30pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

NFP is led by not-for-profit sector expert, Kylie Malin. Kylie has worked in the sector for more than eleven years and in that time has supported over 50 organisations to help them achieve their goals.

Kylie is a specialist in all not-for-profit fundraising streams, communications, marketing and change management. Kylie has personal experience of needing not-for-profit support, which gives her genuine empathy and understanding of the importance of the sector.

Registrations essential. Tea and coffee provided from 9am for a prompt start at 9.30am.

Event registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/fundraising-workshop-7september>

*Subject to Covid-19 Alert level requirements*



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