



## Trailblazers set to work

A new pilot programme is helping seven Selwyn young people blaze a new trail to work.

The group is taking part in the new Trailblazers internship, trying out roles at the Council and learning skills to help get work-ready.

Trailblazers is a partnership between the Council, Youth Pathways (Te Ara Rangatahi) and the Ministry of Social Development to support young people who are unemployed or working less than 30 hours a week.

The group will trial roles such as Duty Manager, Event Manager, Recreation Assistant, Library/ Customer Service Assistant and Programme Coordinator, and complete an additional 20 hours of practical experience in their area of interest.

Youth Pathways tutor Moses Faletolu says he has been impressed by the highly skilled, well-motivated group, mostly fresh out of university.

“We’re focusing on wellbeing and cultural wellbeing, learning their mihi and pepeha, setting goals and exploring their strengths. They’re a great group. They’ve all got a unique skill set they bring to the group and that mix makes the group pretty special.”

Intern Billy McDonald says he applied for Trailblazers as a good way to transition to work after completing his degree in Political Science and Sociology.

The work experience is very valuable at a time when a lot of people are moving roles and the job market is less certain due to the pandemic, he says.

“For the first six months of this year I had been job hunting. I was going up against a lot of people who were in their 30s and 40s with a lot of experience in other roles so an internship like this gives you a foothold. I can say I have had experience I wouldn’t have and apply for things I couldn’t have before.”

## New event applications process launching

Event organisers will find it easier to get started with a new online application process with the Council.

The Council is bringing forward a new online Events Application form, which will be available from Friday 29 October and will be working with event organisers as they become familiar with this easy to use online process.

The new automated system – built in response to feedback from event organisers – will help organisers to submit applications and keep track of their progress as the application proceeds through various Council teams within specified timeframes.

The purpose of the online process is to make an event application to Council as simple, reliable and quick as possible. This could be for such matters as obtaining necessary permissions and consents, permission to use land, organising road closures and rubbish bins.

What’s new:

- A new look with intuitive steps
- Ability to save the progress and return to the application at another time
- Ability to view the progress of the application
- Connect directly with council departments when more information is required
- Connect all events applications into one process such as:
  - a. Public Places Bylaw
  - b. Liquor Licenses
  - c. Drones Application
  - d. Building exemption
  - e. Traffic Management
- Ability to copy a previous application
- Unique identifier – so progress can be tracked via Customer Services
- Ability to share information with FENZ and Police, so they are aware of the events happening in our district (with organisers permission)

## Mayoral Relief Fund open

The Council has a fund available to support residents of Selwyn who have suffered hardship or damage to their property as a result of the May 2021 flooding.

For more information, criteria and application forms, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/floodrelief](https://selwyn.govt.nz/floodrelief)

Or email [mayoral.relief.fund@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:mayoral.relief.fund@selwyn.govt.nz)

The Mayoral Relief Fund will close when all funds have been allocated.

## Faces of Selwyn – a colder, yet peaceful and quieter start to the day

One hot day in 2007, Hafsa Ahmed and her family began a one way trip to New Zealand, to complete her PhD at Lincoln University.

She says the change in climate was a bit of a shock.

“I came straight to Christchurch on a winter’s morning from 35 degrees to 11 degrees average. We’ve never experienced, when we were in India anything close to this winter.”

Since then, Hafsa has worked for several different organisations across Canterbury, and now at lectures Lincoln University.

Through the Lady Khadija Charitable Trust she founded five years ago, Hafsa volunteers in the community, taking on projects focusing on social cohesion.

Born into a Muslim family, Hafsa said coming to New Zealand helped her to rediscover her faith.

“When I would travel to Selwyn pretty much every day for my university I would get that time to reflect and that has strengthened me in my faith.”

After the March 15 2019 terrorist attack, Hafsa established a weekly podcast, Open Table, on PlainsFM – talking to people of different faiths, covering a range of difficult topics and finding a common ground.

“For me it’s about grass root level, that we can influence change and allow people to have that reflection. Even with the podcast, it’s not telling them, ‘This is what you need to do’, it’s a conversation so they can listen to it and do that reflection on their own.”

After moving to Selwyn two years ago, Hafsa says she enjoys being away from the busy roads. And while she hasn’t got used to New Zealand’s cold winters, she doesn’t miss the traffic or the hot Indian summers.

“I don’t think I would trade one for the other. I miss it, at times, I’m homesick especially when it’s festival time. You miss the whole experience of festivities... but there are times when we go, oh thank god we are here because summer is like very hot there, you’re hitting 45 degrees!”

*Faces of Selwyn tells the stories behind the many Faces of Selwyn. For the latest series, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn) to find the Faces of Selwyn podcast episodes.*



## Chat with Mayor Sam

If you want to have a yarn with Mayor Sam Broughton, here’s your chance.

Sam will be holding a series of six drop-ins across the district in the week starting 1 November. The drop ins are open to all residents, no need to book, just pop in for a chat.

“I’m open to a conversation about anything that is important to you and about Selwyn,” Mayor Broughton says.

“Keep an eye out on Facebook for the drop-in closest to you, it will be great to hear your thoughts and ideas as well as answering any questions you may have.”

### Monday 1 November

Rolleston – Robert Harris Café, 11.30am–12.30pm

Prebbleton – Union Fare Eatery (previously Hartnells Café), 3.15–4.15pm

### Tuesday 2 November

Darfield – Darfield Bakery, 11.45am–12.45pm

West Melton – Les Délices Bakery, 3.30–4.30pm

### Thursday 4 November

Leeston – Suburban Eatery, 11.30am–12.30pm

Lincoln – Coffee Culture, 2.30–3.30pm

# 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



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

Malvern Community Board\*  
Tuesday 26 October 4–6pm via

zoom  
**Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 27 October 1pm  
Rolleston HQ Offices  
**Audit & Risk Subcommittee\***  
Wednesday 3 November 9.30am  
Rolleston HQ Offices or via Zoom  
**Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 3 November 1pm  
Rolleston HQ Offices TBC  
**Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee**  
Monday 8 November 4pm – 6pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre  
*\* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*  
**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
Doyleston Community

**Committee**  
Wednesday 3 November 7.30pm  
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park  
**Springfield Township Committee**  
Tuesday 2 November 7.30pm  
Tawera Memorial Hall  
**Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee**  
Monday 8 November 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre  
**Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee AGM**  
Sunday 21 November 1.30pm  
at Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall  
433 Days Road, Springston South. All welcome.  
For more information phone 3295 079 - Helen Duckworth, Secretary

Have your say on the future of Selwyn parks

Selwyn residents are being asked for their say on future planning for the district’s parks looked after by the Council.

The Council is preparing a Selwyn District Parks Management Plan to give strategic direction on parks across the district, their use and management.

The first stage of consultation on the plan opens on Wednesday 27 October and is open until Wednesday 8 December.

The Council has plans for some individual Council parks in Selwyn, but this overarching plan will help the Council make consistent and quality day-to-day decisions about how our parks are used and managed as well as what needs to be considered when developing and enhancing our parks in the future. The latter is especially important considering our district’s population is rapidly growing, as well as other factors such as climate change.

The plan will also give certainty to the public and mana whenua on how the Council will protect and manage the parks network generally, as well as what it wants to achieve on individual parks so that they remain relevant and meet community needs in the future.

The Council wants Selwyn communities to help shape the draft plan by letting us know what’s important to them when considering the future use and management of Selwyn parks.

We want to hear what people value the most about Selwyn parks, how they could be improved so people use them more and any issues across the parks network.

Anyone can give feedback by visiting [selwyn.govt.nz/parksplan](http://selwyn.govt.nz/parksplan).

All the feedback received will inform the draft Selwyn District Parks Management Plan which will go out for consultation in early 2022.



On the Roads

Scouring repairs are taking place on Wrights Road from Old South Road. Flood repairs are taking place on Mt White Road from State Highway 73 and Lyndon Road from Harper Road to State Highway 73. Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Leeston Dunsandel Road from Domain Road to Irwell Rakaia Road, Cowans Road from Feredays Road to Southbridge Leeston Road and Waimakariri Gorge Road from State Highway 73 to Minchins Road. Culvert construction is taking place on Coleridge Intake Road from Algidus Road. Traffic management is in place for these works, please take care around work sites and follow all site signage.

Selwyn Road is closed between Springston Rolleston Road and Lincoln Rolleston Road for the installation of a new sewer main for the Acland Park subdivision and Burnham School Road is closed from the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant to Burnham Road for construction work on the Darfield Kirwee wastewater pipeline. Detours will be in place for both these closures.



Community Recycling and Bulky Waste Drop-Off Day

Bulky Waste\* | Garden waste | Scrap metal | Tyres  
Child car seats | E-Waste | Cardboard

**Sunday 31 October 2021, 10am–4pm**  
Hawkins Pit, Darfield  
*Entry off Cullens Road, east of Bangor Road*

\*Important: Please refer to strict criteria for bulky waste acceptance  
For more info check out [selwyn.govt.nz/recyclingday](http://selwyn.govt.nz/recyclingday)

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY  
**28**  
OCTOBER

**Special Effects Make-up Workshop**  
Lincoln Library 6.30–8.30pm  
Makeup artist and tutor Rebecca Guyton will give a taster of special effects make up, including techniques using things found around the house. Suitable for 15+ years. Bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz). \$10 per person Selwyn Libraries members, \$20 non-library members. Payment can be made on the day or in-library beforehand and is not required to secure the booking.

SATURDAY  
**30**  
OCTOBER

**Día de Muertos: Day of the Dead**  
Lincoln Event Centre, 11am–1pm  
Come celebrate life and remembrance with wonderful Mexican dancing and fun activities. There will be a community altar "altares de muertos" in the Lincoln Library from 22 October, where you can share photos of your passed loved ones. Free. Bookings required.

SUNDAY  
**31**  
OCTOBER

**Rekindle - Eco-Printing**  
Glentunnel Community Centre, 10am–1pm  
Learn two techniques to print botanical materials onto fabric. Bring rubber gloves, a bag and an item of white or light coloured clothing or fabric made from natural fibres. Feel free to bring any plant material you may want to use. (Eucalyptus, rose, and blackberry leaves and bright coloured flowers work well). Workshop is for adults only. Bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz). \$5 per person for Selwyn Libraries members, \$10 non-library members. Payment can be made on the day or in-library beforehand and is not required to secure the booking.

WEDNESDAY  
**3**  
NOVEMBER

**Watercolour for Kids**  
Leeston Library, 3–4pm  
Local artist Soon-Lee Spicer will give a short demo of how to draw and paint a leaf using watercolours, and guide them as they choose a leaf and paint it. A lovely and achievable way for children to enjoy colour, nature and creativity. Suitable for children 8-13 years. Free. Bookings essential.

WEDNESDAY  
**3**  
NOVEMBER

**Fast 5 Netball social league**  
Selwyn Sports Centre, 5.30–8.30pm  
Fast 5 Netball is exciting, tactical and netball like you’ve never seen before! Join the league playing every Wednesday until 8 December, games are short and sharp with six minute quarters and unlimited rolling subs. A great way to get fit this summer. \$30 per team each night. 16+ years. Teams must supply their own referees. Register by calling Selwyn Sports Centre on 03 347 2888.

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  
Ph 347 2876

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