



Library membership  
increasing

## Selwyn Libraries celebrates growth in memberships and loans

More than 10,000 new members have signed up to Selwyn Libraries in the past year.

Both memberships and loans grew, with library members increasing to over 28,000 people, an increase of 39%, compared to around 17,000 in the previous year.

Digital and physical loans were also up by 27.5% over the same period, with over 500,000 issues.

Manager Arts, Culture and Lifelong Learning, Nicki Moen attributes the result to providing welcoming spaces, inclusive programming and a growing focus on digital content.

“We’ve focused on being good hosts regardless of whether our members are visiting us online or within our spaces,” says Nicki.

“It’s nice to see more people using our libraries, which is heartening considering the Covid-19 lockdown and the associated restrictions it placed on our service. It really confirms the importance of libraries as places to come together as a community. Our diverse and talented team provide a wonderful service.”

Despite the lockdown, the Libraries team ran over 2,500 programmes at its four libraries and in outlying communities via the Edge Connector Vehicle.

“The result also reflects our commitment to reaching all corners of our district and bringing newcomers into our spaces. We’re also very keen to welcome people back that haven’t visited us in a while. We’re currently working to remove some historic fines to make this easier too,” says Nicki.

Selwyn Libraries are located in Rolleston, Leeston, Lincoln and Darfield. Rolleston Library will close in November this year to coincide with the opening of Te Ara Ātea on Tennyson Street—which will house the new library as part of its services.

To become a Selwyn Libraries member or talk about clearing historic fines, visit [selwynlibraries.govt.nz](http://selwynlibraries.govt.nz) or pop in to your local library.

## Support to help young people follow their dreams

Support is available once again for Selwyn young people to achieve in higher education.

Applications are open for the Council’s annual Tertiary Education Scholarships, supporting Selwyn young people who are leaving school and heading into higher education or training next year. Scholarships of up to \$3000 provide payment towards fees, and costs associated with buying books and equipment required for their study or training.

The scholarships are available for year 12 and 13 students who live and study in Selwyn and are planning to undertake full-time post-secondary school education or training at a recognised New Zealand university, polytechnic or training institution next year.

Applications are encouraged from students who have achieved outstanding success in academic, sports, cultural, arts, social responsibility or other areas, either at school or in their community. Those who have overcome barriers or hardships to achieve are encouraged to apply.

Applications are open until the end of September.

For the first time this year, young people will have the option to make a video submission talking about their passion and goals.

To find out more about the scholarships, including application forms, students can visit [selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships](http://selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships).



## On the Roads

Due to flood repairs, Keens Road is closed from Wrights Road, Pig Saddle Road is closed from Hartleys Road to Wyndale Road, Hartleys Road is closed from Whitecliffs Road to Pig Saddle Road, Algidus Road is closed from Homestead Road to State Highway 73 and Mount White Road is closed from State Highway 73.

Flooding repairs are also taking place on Harper Road from Homestead Road, Coleridge Road from Homestead Road to Zigzag Road, Washpen Road from State Highway 77, Homestead Road from Algidus Road to Lyndon Road, Southfield Drive from Jacobsens Place to Edward Street and Derretts Road from Ardlui Road to Bealey Road. Traffic management is in place on these roads.

## Selwyn launches Flood Relief Fund

Selwyn residents who suffered hardship or damage to their property during the recent floods can apply to the Council for financial support.

The Council has opened the Mayoral Relief Fund for Selwyn residents affected by recent flooding who have not been able to access other support such as insurance or government funding.

A funds allocation panel, including Mayor Sam Broughton and Selwyn Recovery Manager Al Lawn, will assess new applications and allocate funding through August. The fund will close once the total has been allocated.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the fund is a further way for the Council to help those affected by the flooding.

“Our Civil Defence teams and local volunteers did a fantastic job of looking after people during the flooding and afterwards. We have also seen government and other agencies providing support. This fund is limited but will support those who have suffered hardship.”

The \$4 million Canterbury Flood Relief Fund has also opened to support farmers through the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). If you believe you are eligible, please apply.

For more information, criteria and application forms, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/floodrelief](http://selwyn.govt.nz/floodrelief) or email [mayoral.relief.fund@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:mayoral.relief.fund@selwyn.govt.nz).



## Sharing space on shared paths

You may have noticed more of these signs popping up on certain paths around the district. This sign shows that the path is a ‘shared path’.

A shared path is a path that can be used by pedestrians, cyclists, mobility devices and wheeled recreational devices (such as skateboards and scooters).

Shared paths are wider than a standard footpath to safely accommodate more user types. Next time you are using a shared path please be considerate of others using the path. It is important that you look out for others, slow down, and pass with care.

Cyclists should use their bell to let others know that they are approaching and all users should keep left unless passing, to give other users space.



## Small Business Workshop

Fraud can take many forms and often comes from the most unsuspected sources. While New Zealand often performs highly in international corruption ratings, our small businesses and not-for-profits are not immune to fraudulent activity and the disruption this can cause.

The final of three sessions with Sidekick Selwyn Accountants and Business Advisors are designed to empower you with tips and tricks to save time and money, facilitate risk reduction and highlight the benefits of surrounding yourself with a good team.

Registration is essential at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

### Fraud awareness

Thursday 5 August, 6–7pm  
West Melton Community and Recreation 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

ANNUAL SURVEY UNDER WAY

The Council's Annual Residents Survey is now under way. The survey helps the Council to monitor and improve its performance across a number of services like parks, roads, water, libraries and swimming pools by asking for feedback from

residents. Around 400 Selwyn households will be contacted to participate in the survey. There is also an online survey. The survey is open until Friday 6 August.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Halcyon NZ Limited (Otahuna Lodge) has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections to

this application are open until 11 August. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices)

COUNCIL ROLLESTON OFFICES OPENING HOURS

The Council's Rolleston offices will open at 9am on Tuesday 3 August, 30 minutes later than usual, to accommodate a staff event.

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 28 July 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tuesday 3 August 2pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Audit & Risk Subcommittee\*

Wednesday 4 August 10am  
Rolleston Council Offices

Representation Review Subcommittee

Wednesday 11 August 11am  
Rolleston Council Offices

Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 11 August 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

\* Livestreamed on the Council

website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate-Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee

Tuesday 3 August 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee

Wednesday 4 August 7.30pm  
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

Dunsandel Community Committee

Monday 16 August 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Community Centre

Kimberley Reserve & Hall Committee

Tuesday 10 August 7.30pm  
Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Community Committee

Monday 16 August 7.30pm  
Kirwee Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Monday 9 August 7.30pm  
Pavilion, Kirwee Reserve

Lakeside Memorial Hall Incorporated AGM

Monday 9 August 5pm  
Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall, Harts Road, Lakeside

*All interested parties welcome. Inquiries to the Secretary, Rae McCloy. [lakeside1917@gmail.com](mailto:lakeside1917@gmail.com)*

Leeston Community Committee

Monday 2 August 7.30pm  
Leeston Library

Lincoln Community Committee

Monday 9 August 7pm  
Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

Monday 2 August 7.30pm  
Prebbleton Hall

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc. AGM

Monday 23 August 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield-Waddington Community & Township Committee

Thursday 19 August 7.30pm  
Sheffield Hall

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Monday 9 August 7pm  
Southbridge Town Hall

Springfield Township Committee

Tuesday 3 August 7.30pm  
Tawera Memorial Hall

Springston Committees

Wednesday 18 August 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

West Melton District Residents' Association Inc.

Wednesday 11 August 7.30pm  
West Melton Community & Recreation Centre

A gathering place at Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

Continuing our occasional series putting the spot light on some of our community halls and the great service they provide, this week with Darfield Recreation and Community Centre.

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre is becoming something of a star after an increase in people using the hall this year, including a huge Matariki event.

The popular hall decorated in art from surrounding schools and preschools set the scene for Two Rivers Trust's third Matariki in Malvern event at the end of June with 500 people enjoying kapa haka, a Matariki Macarena, a hāngi and hands-on activity stations.

Organisers Kelly Maude and Kay Kala said the cost of hiring the centre was affordable and they were super proud of how the event went, saying it was the best of the three Matariki events they've had.

"It was a fantastic turn out from a very supportive community."

Kay said the kitchen space at the centre worked well for the large event and there was enough room for the four large groups of performers to prepare before they went on stage. She said the layout of the stage helped make the night run smoothly and there was an easy set up and pack down.

The Matariki event was the latest in a series of new events, including many from the Council, driven by a community survey last year, where over 200 people gave feedback on what they wanted to see at the hall.

Events have caused an increase in usage of the centre by community members for everything from Zumba classes to line dancing, bowls, business meetings and craft days.

Fleur Earl, one of two Malvern-wide facilities caretakers says the feedback she received around these events was really positive.

"People said it's nice that we can just go down to our local hall to these events. It's like having a bit of your own open day at your local hall, getting to know where your local hall is and the different spaces it has to offer."



DiscoMania at the Darfield Recreation and Community Centre last week.

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

29  
JULY

Introduction to Wine Making

Lincoln Library 7–8pm

Dr Olaf Schelezki and Dr Stephen On from Lincoln University will discuss winemaking, prospects and challenges faced by the sector, and research being done to protect and grow New Zealand's \$2 billion industry. Free. Bookings not required, visit [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz) to sign up for an email reminder.

FRIDAY

30  
JULY

Children's Book and Board Games Club

Leeston Library 3.30–4.30pm

Head along to Leeston Library every Friday afternoon to share your latest reading adventures, play board games and enjoy some fun crafts.

MONDAY

2  
AUGUST

Teen Artspace

Darfield Library, 3- 5pm

Take on fun projects and learn new skills at our arts and crafts sessions for young people aged 13 years and above.

Including sewing projects, upcycling garments, printmaking, knitting and much more.

WEDNESDAY

4  
AUGUST

Creative Cards Workshops

Lincoln Library, 10am–12pm

Have you ever wished you could make beautiful greeting cards to send to friends? Learn the basics of card making. Kits for making the three cards will be provided at each class for a small fee of \$10 per class. Bookings required, please contact Lincoln Library to reserve your place.

THURSDAY

5  
AUGUST

Macramé for Beginners

Rolleston Library, 5.45-7.45pm

Make a unique wall hanging for your home! No experience is needed for this popular and easy to learn art form, as Toni from The Craft Room will guide you in creating a gorgeous textile to gift or display.

Suitable for 18 years and above. \$20 library members. \$40 non-members. Bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz)



Saturday 7 August, Sheffield Community Hall, 6–7.30pm

Dinners of Selwyn is a potluck dinner where everyone brings a favourite dish to share and celebrate the diversity of our district through the language of delicious food. RSVP by 1 August by calling 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or online at [selwyn.govt.nz/dinnersofselwyn](http://selwyn.govt.nz/dinnersofselwyn).

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  
Ph 347 2876

0800 SELWYN

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