



A project to tell the stories behind the many faces of Selwyn is returning – this time to the airwaves.

In celebration of CultureFest and Selwyn’s growing diversity, the third series of Faces of Selwyn launches this week. This year's stories will be shared as a podcast series with 13 Selwyn residents from different cultures around the world discussing their lives, passions and how they came to call Selwyn home.

It begins at 5pm on Tuesday 28 September and will be broadcast every Tuesday to Thursday, until Thursday 14 October on community access radio PlainsFM 96.9FM.

Professional musician Paul Ubana Jones begins the series discussing touring the world and why he calls Southbridge home.

“Southbridge felt good, it felt friendly, yeah it was peaceful, I think the tempo was good. It wasn’t frantic like a big city.”

After hitchhiking from London to France, Paul moved to Switzerland where he met and married a beautiful Swiss woman, Corinne, who also became his manager.

Corinne and Paul have four children. Their first two children were born in Zurich, the other two were born in New Zealand.

Paul says after 48 years of being a professional musician, he has not grown tired of it.

“It’s really kept my spirit young,” he says.

Selwyn youth councillors, Maggie Cahill and Reece Mutohori also feature, sharing their journeys to Selwyn from Ireland and Zimbabwe.

Mayor Sam Broughton says he is really looking forward to Faces of Selwyn 2021.

“Faces of Selwyn is a great opportunity for us to celebrate the growing diversity we have here in Selwyn. Selwyn has been the fastest growing district over the last 10 years, which has been driven by people wanting to raise their families here. I am really looking forward to hearing where people have come from and their connection to Selwyn.”

This week also tune into PlainsFM at 5pm on Wednesday and Thursday to hear Hafsa Ahmed, Jian Liu and Maggie Cahill’s stories.

The podcasts will be available on:
Spotify, Apple iTunes and PlainsFM (plainsfm.co.nz) by searching 'Faces of Selwyn' Or at
selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn

Selwyn businesses increasingly confident

Selwyn businesses are hiring more staff and investing more as confidence grows.

The Council’s business survey, completed every six months, shows business confidence has increased dramatically since the previous survey in February.

Businesses reported an improving year and are positive about the coming six months, despite the survey being taken over the start of the most recent COVID-19 Alert Level 4.

The third Council business survey saw responses from 115 businesses. Almost a quarter of businesses (23%) reported growing sales in the past six months, compared to a 10% decrease in sales in the previous survey.

The survey showed 27% expect sales to grow further in the next six months and 14% expect their profitability to improve, despite rising costs—a higher level of optimism than the national average.

Hiring was also up with 10% of businesses having increased staff numbers and 16% expecting to hire more staff in the next six month. This is a sharp turnaround on the previous two surveys which both found falling staff numbers.

The most recent survey was conducted from 10 to 20 August 2021, crossing the change to Alert Level 4 on 17 August. There were 77 survey responses before the alert level move was announced and 38 responses afterwards. Despite this, there was little difference in the responses before and after the alert level change, with a slight increase in confidence from responses after the move to Alert Level 4.

While the global pandemic continues to bring some uncertainty and supply chain disruptions, investment rose and 17% of businesses expect to increase investment further over the next six months.

The survey results were great to see after some uncertain times for Selwyn businesses, Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says.

“Through these surveys we’ve seen the resilience of businesses in Selwyn and the community support. It’s heartening to see the hard work of the past year paying off and is very encouraging to hear of increasing investment and more people employed, as businesses tap into the great opportunities in Selwyn.”

Drop-in vaccination clinics in Selwyn this week

Anyone wanting their COVID-19 vaccination will be able to drop-in at three clinics in Selwyn this week.

The three community pop-up events organised by the Canterbury District Health Board and the Council will take place at:

- Wednesday 29 September, 12–6pm
Rolleston Community Centre
- Thursday 30 September, 12–6pm
Rolleston Community Centre
- Friday 1 October, 9.30am–2pm, Lincoln Event Centre

No appointment is needed to attend, but if someone attends who has an existing vaccine appointment, they are asked to cancel that so it becomes available to other people. The DHB will have staff on hand to assist with this if people would like to do this on the spot.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the council is thrilled to have been part of getting these events to Selwyn by providing venues.

“We wanted to do our part in keeping help keep Waikirikiri Selwyn safe by providing council venues for the drop-ins. The best way we can all play our part in keeping Selwyn safe is by getting vaccinated. I encourage everybody that can to make the most of this opportunity and get their vaccination done locally and with the convenience of not having to book,” says Sam.

Canterbury’s Acting Senior Responsible Officer for the COVID-19 response, Ralph La Salle, is encouraging people in Selwyn to make use of this opportunity.

“These drop-in events provide a local, comfortable and familiar environment for people to get vaccinated in the communities they live in,” he says.

“Everyone is welcome – bring a friend or the whole whānau and get yourselves protected from COVID-19 before the school holidays begin at the end of next week. Rangatahi must be twelve or older to receive a vaccination.

“These drop-in events aim to make vaccinations more accessible and increase protection levels for our communities. People are also able to receive their second dose vaccinations at these clinics.”

DHB figures show approximately 70 percent of Canterbury’s eligible population has received a first dose vaccination.

Vaccinations remain free and available across the Canterbury region to everyone aged 12 and over.



On the Roads

Scouring repairs are taking place on Thwaites Road from Hororata Road to Hawkins Road, Scotts Road from Hororata Road to Plantation Road, and College Road from Breadings Road and Parkins Road.

Flooding repairs are taking place on Pig Saddle Road from Wyndale Road to Hartleys Road, Zig Zag Road from State Highway 77 to Coleridge Road, Snowdon Road from Coleridge Road to High Peak Road and Flagpole Road from Whitecliffs Road.

Ford repairs are taking place at Greendale Fords and Bridge repairs are being completed on the Acheron River Bridge.

Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Woodville Street from Flannery Street, Prossers Road from Feredays Road to Domain Road, Gordon Street from Alexanders Road to High Street and St John Street from Gordon Street to Brook Street.

Unsealed Metaling is taking place on Glasseys Road from Knyvetts Road to Kinds Road, North Rakaia Road from Knyvetts Road to Feredays Road and Railway Road from Detroit Drive to Jones Road.

Drainage and soakhole work is taking place on Osborn Road from Voss Road to State Highway 75, Gilmours Road from Davis Road to State Highway 75, Otahuna Road from Cossars Road to Rhodes Road and Potters Lane from Old Tai Tapu Road.

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

Council Call

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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

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 72 (PREBBLETON): CALL FOR FURTHER SUBMISSIONS

Trices Road Rezoning Group has requested to rezone approximately 28 hectares of current Rural Inner Plains-zoned land in Prebbleton to Living Z and Living 3, to enable approximately 290 residential sites. Selwyn District Council notified the private plan change request (PC72) for public consultation on 30 June 2021, and submissions closed on 29 July 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/pc72.

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/pc72.

The closing date for further submissions is 5pm Wednesday 13 October 2021.

COUNCIL SERVICES AT ALERT LEVEL 2

The majority of Council services have returned to normal operations and Council facilities

have reopened. There may be limits on the number of people able to enter public facilities and bookings are required for some facilities, events and services.

For the latest information on facilities and services visit selwyn.govt.nz/covid19.

- Scanning or signing in is required at all Council facilities. NZ Covid Tracer App QR codes and registers will be available.
- Face coverings are required in public areas of all Council facilities.
- Please maintain 2m distance in all public areas
- Contactless/card payments are preferred at Council facilities
- Please continue to maintain good hygiene - particularly handwashing

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.

selwyn.govt.nz or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wednesday 29 September
9.30am via Zoom meeting

Council Meeting, incorporating Hearings and Deliberations to the Representation Review *
Wednesday 13 October (approx. 9am start - TBC) – Venue TBC

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tuesday 5 October 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Tuesday 5 October 7.30pm
Greendale Pavilion

Councils and government to work together on growth issues

The Council has joined a new partnership with the government to work on growth issues around Ōtautahi/ Christchurch.

The Council has signed a Memorandum of Agreement to form the Greater Christchurch Urban Growth Partnership between the Christchurch City, Selwyn and Waimakariri councils, Environment Canterbury, Ngāi Tahu, and the government.

The parties will work together on growth issues to help improve housing affordability and access to employment and education, assist in emissions reduction and climate change resilience, and avoid unnecessary urban sprawl.

It will work in parallel with the existing greater Christchurch partnership of local and regional councils and Ngāi Tahu and sets ongoing meetings with cabinet ministers.

It will include a focus on transport and building issues including mass rapid transport.

The partnership, which is expected to be finalised in October, will be a major step forward for the region, Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton says.

“Greater Christchurch is the second largest urban area in the country, but until now we haven’t had a regular agreement with government or a forum to present the greater Christchurch story.

“This gives us a seat at the table, meeting regularly with ministers to discuss what matters to our communities and advocate for decisions that meet our needs.”

Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee members Mayor Broughton and Councillors Sophie McInnes and Malcolm Lyall will represent Selwyn on the partnership committee.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

The Selwyn and Ashburton Youth councils have teamed up to support this year's Mental Health Awareness Week. Head to the the Selwyn Youth Councils facebook page [Facebook.com/nz/Selwyn_youth](https://www.facebook.com/nz/Selwyn_youth) for more including a new podcast for young people with Ciaran Fox from the Mental Health Foundation

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Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Indian Cooking Demonstration

Tai Tapu Community Centre, 10am–12pm

Enjoy an Indian cuisine cooking demonstration and taste a delicious dish, using fresh seasonal vegetables that will bring out the best of tastes, smells and flavours. Koha/donation, suitable for all ages all ages. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

WEDNESDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Experience Indonesia

Lincoln Library, opening hours

Learn about Indonesian culture through the eyes of Dewi and her lovingly collated collection. On display will be wayang golek (Sundanese wooden puppets), angklung (bamboo music instrument), a miniature stone stupa of Candi Borobudur (Central Java), and other ornaments. Free, drop-in. For more times and locations visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

FRIDAY

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OCTOBER

Mexican Fiesta

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 7–8pm

Spice up your life in this Mexican Fiesta session. Learn four different Mexican rhythms (quebradita, Mexican cumbia, duranguense and tribal) and submerge yourself in the culture. Come ready to move and have fun! 16+ years, bookings required, call 03 347 1804.

MONDAY

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OCTOBER

Yoga Storytimes

Lincoln Library, 10–10.30am

A special yoga storytime for children aged 3+. We will read stories, then act them out in yoga poses incorporating a sun salutation, breathing exercises and a final resting pose. Please bring a yoga mat or towel to sit on. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

MONDAY

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OCTOBER

Whānau Friendly Short Film Series

Darfield Library, 1.30–3pm

Bring a cushion and some snacks and enjoy this family friendly short-film medley these school holidays. Selwyn Libraries have teamed up with Show Me Shorts, Aotearoa New Zealand's leading international short film festival. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz. One booking per family bubble please.

UNTIL

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OCTOBER

Learn Filipino

Lincoln, Leeston and Darfield Libraries, times vary

An introduction to the national language of the Philippines with classes for adults and children. Jema Tuazon-Nartea from the Consulate of the Philippines incorporate discussions of culture along with language learning for a series of fun, engaging sessions. Free. Registrations required. Visit Selwynlibraries.co.nz for times and to register.

For information on listing a community event visit selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall

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