

SELWYN START-UPS DRAW NATIONAL ATTENTION



From carnivorous plants to customised camper vans – an innovative group of Selwyn entrepreneurs got national attention last week.

Minister for Seniors Ayesha Verrall dropped in to hear from 12 Selwyn residents who have been part of a first of its kind programme in New Zealand, helping late in life entrepreneurs bring their business ideas to life.

The Starting a Business Later in Life programme was organised by the Council together with business coach and mentor Dr Chris Kirk and received funding from the government's Te Tari Kaumātua, Office for Seniors.

Minister Verrall visited Te Ara Ātea to meet with course members and organisers to learn how it worked, with a view to possibly funding the programme to expand beyond Selwyn.

The course involved the group meeting weekly for four weeks for group workshops as well as working with a business mentor on researching and planning their business. With the workshop phase over, the course members will continue to be supported through an enterprise hub where they can meet with each other and their business mentors weekly to discuss ongoing issues.

The ideas included plans for Selwyn's first authentic Mexican taqueria, massage therapy and support for people recovering from depression and anxiety, a lawn care business, an art retreat, customised picture frames, a bed and breakfast and converting a historic home to an event space.

Helen Pidwerbesky, who is planning a business as a professional organiser, told the Minister the group had been a huge support.

"I particularly found working with people around the same age important. Quite often we don't know what the young ones know so it was good to be with people with the same questions and knowledge."

The group has put a huge amount of work into the course, Dr Kirk says and he has high hopes for them.

"I have spent a good deal of my life teaching and workshopping with under graduates and graduates and I have been very impressed with the attitude of the people in this programme. Age and experience is your edge to getting started, but I'm looking for 12 businesses out the end."

Next stage of Kirwee Reserve extension under way

A new playground, cricket nets and other upgrades are being installed at the Kirwee Reserve as the next stage in the reserve upgrade, which started last year.

Two new pedestrian entrances are being added from the Tramway Road side of the reserve in addition to other tidy ups to the Tramway Road side of the reserve and some ground levelling. New cricket practice nets are being built to support the use of the reserve for cricket over the summer months.

Construction of the new playground has also begun. The new playground will replace the existing playground and be located in a new central area in the reserve and is due to be open in mid-June. It will feature a mix of equipment designed for a wide range of ages, including a basket swing, slides and a see saw, along with shade sails, picnic tables and a bike rack.

The first stage of the Reserve Development Master Plan saw a cricket oval, new irrigation, new sports field lighting and a pump track installed last year.

The Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee and the Council have worked together on the Master Plan. Project Manager Sandrine Carrara says "it's great to progress this second stage of works, and really exciting for the local children of Kirwee get to spend time on a new fantastic playground in the near future".



Community turns out for planting day

There was a great community turn out as the Council and West Melton Community came together to replant areas of Preston Downs reserve in native plants.



The planting day last week was arranged after the West Melton Resident's Association contacted the Council, with the Council and Corde supplying the plants and guidance on planting.

A large group of willing volunteers planted around 500 plants in two hours across the area.

Council Reserves Operations Manager Jonathan Crawford says it was a great day.

"It was just fantastic. We have people turning up half an hour early and they were really passionate about the planting. It was a really positive event and testament to the West Melton community."

Dog registrations start soon

If you're a dog owner, a dog re-registration notice will arrive in your inbox or letterbox by 1 July. If you have changed your email or postal address since last year's registration, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or contactus@selwyn.govt.nz, so your details can be updated.

All dogs older than three months must be registered every year (July-June period) as per the Dog Control Act 1996. There's a \$300 fine for an unregistered dog.

Dog registration fees help fund community education and the Dog Smart programme in schools, our free microchipping for the district's dogs, the Council's 24/7 dog control operation and the dog pound.

If paid before 1 August 2022, the discounted registration fee is \$45 for one dog. If paid after, the full registration fee is \$60.

Last year, we introduced a new metal tag – One Tag – which is designed to last a dog's lifetime and means you won't need to swap a plastic tag every year. You can find more information on dog registration and the One Tag at selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration.



On the Roads



Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline

Aylesbury Road between SH1 and Burdons Road is one way northbound from SH1 until 1 July. Courtenay Road between Miles Road and Kirwee (SH73) is closed until 22 July. Miles Road between Aylesbury Road and

Courtenay Road is closed until 27 May. Burnham Road between SH1 and Burnham School Road will be one way until 1 July. *All completion dates are approximate depending on weather.*

Weedons Ross Road seal widening

Weedons Ross Road is one-way open to traffic travelling south (towards Rolleston), for the duration of the project. The work area is currently from Johnsons Road to Finlays Road and will move south as sections are completed. Finlays Road and Johnsons Road will be closed at the intersection with Weedons Ross Road this week for intersection upgrades. Detours are in place. Please follow the one-way system for the safety of all road users and workers.

Other repairs and upgrades

A culvert is being constructed on Colliers Road from Bluff Road. Stop-go systems are in place for these works.

Swamp Road Bridge between Bluff Road and Pig Saddle Road is closed for repairs.

Repairs and maintenance are taking place on Boultons Road from Kimberley Road to Tramway Road, Wards Road from Telegraph Road to Greendale Road, Sleemens Road from Rakaia Terrace Road, Auckenflower Road from Deans Road to Kimberley Road, Railway Road from Jones Road and Blakes Road from Springs Road to Elmwood Drive.

Please take care 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.



Council services on Queen's Birthday

On Monday 6 June, some Council services are affected due to the Queen's Birthday public holiday.

Selwyn District Libraries and the Council's Rolleston Headquarters will be closed for the day. The Rolleston Community Centre, Lincoln Event Centre, and West Melton Community and Recreation Centre will also be closed.

Rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal. Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open normal hours.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open from 8am-8pm.

Selwyn Sports Centre will be closed.

For any Council enquiries contact 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

Council Call

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

TE ARA ĀTEA
56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

DARFIELD LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

River Works Ararira / LII River

The LII drainage committee will commence weed cutting of the LII river from 1st of June through until 30th June.

River users are asked to be careful during this time as machinery will be operating in the river. A weir/barrier will be in place 200m downstream of the Wolfes Road boat ramp for this period.

This work is in accordance with Environment Canterbury consents CRC000818.1

and CRC000819. For more information please contact the Council on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

Rating information database available for inspection

The Rating Information Database for the Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury (Selwyn properties only) may be inspected without fee at the Council's Rolleston Service Centre, 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston, between the hours

of 8.30am–5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. Access to the Rating Information Database is also available on our website selwyn.govt.nz.

Alcohol Notices

Saket Food Limited (Saket Indian Restaurant, Prebbleton) has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 17 June.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council, Community Board and local committee 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 Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details, email changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Draft Annual Plan Deliberations*
Tuesday 7 June 9am Council Rolleston Offices
Wednesday 8 June 9am Council Rolleston Offices

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 8 June 1pm Council Rolleston Offices

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wednesday 15 June 11am Council Rolleston Offices

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 22 June 1pm Council Rolleston Offices

Malvern Community Board
Monday 27 June 2pm Darfield Library

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Kimberley Reserve & Hall Committee
Tuesday 14 June 7.30pm Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Community Committee
Monday 20 June 7.30pm Kirwee Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Monday 13 June 7.30pm Kirwee Reserve Pavilion

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc.
Monday 27 June 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

Tai Tapu Inc AGM
Wednesday 8 June 7.30pm Tai Tapu Library, following committee meeting at 7pm

Stay safe on the roads this winter

Winter is back, with a new set of challenges for driving - we're encouraging drivers to take a few simple steps to drive safe.

As the weather changes driving challenges can change quickly with fog, ice, snow, rain, shorter daylight hours and sunstrike. The district has many shaded areas, which prevent roads from thawing on cooler days. Staying alert and taking extra care is essential, but winter driving does not have to be dangerous or intimidating. Especially not if you remember the four key tips for winter driving:

Plan Ahead – Stay Alert – Slow Down – Drop Back.

PLAN AHEAD

Prepare your vehicle before you start your journey. Make sure your wiper blades, headlights and tyres are in good condition and your windscreen is clear inside and out. Before winter really sets in, ensure any necessary maintenance for your vehicle has been completed so you don't get stranded.

Prepare for your trip, know your route, check for weather conditions, road closures, road works. Plan for food, water, kids and pet's needs. Better to have supplies and not need them than get stuck and be hungry.

STAY ALERT

Make sure you can see clearly through your windows in all directions to enable you to see at risk areas on the road. Scanning further ahead gives you time to assess any risk. Be alert for other road users – preparing for and anticipating other's actions can help reduce the need to make emergency manoeuvres in poor weather conditions

Be alert to what's in front of you. Don't get caught out by a stop sign that just appears. Stay alert, plan ahead, keep your driving smooth and controlled – this helps reduce the risk of loss of traction.

SLOW DOWN

Slowing down slightly will greatly increase your ability to react and control your vehicle. We all know that time someone flew past and you're only two cars back from them at the next town. It's not worth the risk.

DROP BACK

Dropping back gives you more stopping distance, time to react and better line of sight to assess the road conditions. Following too close may cause panic in the driver you are following, creating an unexpected behaviour which you may not have time to avoid.

For more tips on safe driving in different winter conditions visit our website at Selwyn.govt.nz/winterdriving.



Event Guide

Wednesday 1 June

Selwyn Libraries at Arthur's Pass

Arthur's Pass Community Centre, 11am–1pm

We are bringing the library to you! Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, have a go at crocheting a granny square using tips and hints from the libraries Creative Bug e-resource. Also if you have any device issues or app questions bring them along and our Digital Assistant will be on hand to help. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

Thursday 2 June

English Learners Coffee Club

Te Ara Ātea, 1.30–2.30pm

Join us to improve your everyday English skills and confidence in a casual setting. Sessions are focused on the needs of learners - so no two classes are the same. Whether you are looking to learn, or simply just to socialise, join us at our weekly coffee club. All language learners welcome. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 3 June

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. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events - one booking per family bubble please.

Sunday 5 June

Mahoe Reserve Working Bee

Mahoe Native Reserve, Boundary Road, Lincoln, 2–4pm

Join Lincoln Envirotown to look after the reserve. Please wear closed toe shoes, gloves and eye protection. Working bees are the first Sunday of every month. Please do not attend if you have COVID symptoms. Visit LincolnEnvirotown.org.nz/event or contact Sue 021 100 1009, mahoereserve@gmail.com

Wednesday 8 June

Selwyn Stars Talent Search

Rolleston Community Centre, 4.30–6.30pm

Can you sing, dance, juggle, do a magic trick or have a special talent that would stop a crowd? Then we would love to see it! Enter our Selwyn Stars Talent Search and see if you have what it takes to get our audience singing, dancing or laughing in their seats. We have over \$1000 worth of prizes up for grabs including an Apple iPad Mini, Instax Mini and an Ultimate Ears Wonderboom. Open to 5–13 years. For more dates, to register and find out more visit selwyn.govt.nz/stars

Wednesday 8 June

Family Trees for DNA Matches

Te Ara Ātea, 1.30–2.30pm

You've done your DNA and there are pages of matches. How do you work out how you're related? Creating quick family trees for your matches may solve your problem. We'll look at different ways of doing these with some hints and tips on the way. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. If no spaces are available, please call (03) 318 7780 to be added to our waitlist.

FOR INFORMATION ON LISTING A COMMUNITY EVENT VISIT SELWYN.GOVT.NZ/COUNCILCALL.