

OVER 11,500
LEARNERS ON THE MOVE
IN 2022!



Over 11,500 Selwyn learners will be travelling back to school soon – that's nearly 20% of our population out and about and on the move.

Selwyn School Road Safety Co-ordinator Stephanie Hautler is asking everyone to keep their eyes peeled for our young people heading back to school by foot and on wheels. "A lot of our little people will be really distracted when heading back to school with the excitement of seeing their friends and meeting new teachers, so it's important to slow down and be alert when driving," says Mrs Hautler.

With the more settled weather, it's a great opportunity to get active with your child. If you are pushed for time, park your car a block back from school so your child can still get the scooting or walking experience. It is good for them both physically and mentally, develops their road safety skills and helps with overall congestion at the school gate.

"Road safety awareness is a vital life skill and starts developing when you are young. Take every opportunity to educate children on how to safely cross a road using their eyes and ears," Mrs Hautler says. "A fluoro yellow vest makes your child visible in poor weather as well as bright sun. Most schools have them available for free or a small cost and they really make a difference."

School travel safety tips:

- Be bright be seen, ask your school for a safety vest.
- Tackle the routes together talking about sneaky driveways and blind corners.
- Get out and active together to reduce the chaos at the school gate.
- Wear your helmets, this goes for caregivers too, young people are watching you!

Road safety resources for parents and children are available from Selwyn District Council by emailing roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz or phoning 347 2705.

Selwyn introduces vaccine requirement for staff

The Council is requiring all its staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Council has introduced its COVID-19 Staff Vaccination Policy last week. All staff not previously covered by the Government vaccination mandate, will have until 4 March to get fully vaccinated.

The decision is in line with the Council's decision in December to introduce a My Vaccine Pass requirement to enter all its staffed facilities.

Council Chief Executive David Ward says the Council's focus throughout the pandemic has been on protecting staff and the wider public and this policy is the next step in doing so.

The current community spread of COVID-19, including the recent spread of the Omicron variant meant the policy is timely in providing staff and the public the maximum protection at Council facilities and events, he says.

"As a Council we have to meet the requirements of the Health and Safety Act, but more than that we want to be doing the right thing to protect our staff and to do our bit in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

"The nature of our work means that significant numbers of our staff are frequently interacting with the public and across different teams within the Council. We supply essential services to the community so it is important for us to do what we can to keep people safe – and vaccination is the best first line of defence."

Council staff at community and recreation centres, the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Selwyn Sports Centre and Te Ara Ātea were already required to be fully vaccinated under the Government vaccination mandate.



Council services on Waitangi weekend

On Sunday 6 and Monday 7 February some Council services will be closed or unavailable due to the Waitangi Day public holiday.

On Monday 7 February the Council offices in Rolleston, all Selwyn Libraries, Rolleston Community Centre, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre and Lincoln Event Centre will be closed.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open from 8am–8pm, Sheffield, Southbridge and Darfield pools will be open from 1–7pm (Darfield pool 7am–1pm lane swimming only). Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open from 9am–4.30pm. Bin collections will occur as normal.

Memories of Lincoln maternity unit sought

Memories of the Lincoln Community Maternity Unit are being sought by the Canterbury District Health Board (DHB).

Lincoln Community Maternity Unit will close in a few months and transfer to the brand new primary care unit, Oromairaki, in the Toka Hapāi Selwyn Health Hub in Rolleston, the DHB says. The new unit is expected to open in early May.

Thousands of people have moved through the Lincoln unit since it opened in 1927 – staff, parents, whānau, visitors and of course the many babies who were born there. As part of the move the DHB is looking to collect some of the many memories from those who passed through the unit.

Photos, stories and mementos from staff (past and present), parents and those born in the unit would be greatly appreciated by the DHB as it prepares to farewell an icon of the Lincoln community.

People can email these to communications@cdhb.health.nz.



On the Roads

Tennyson Street is closed from south of 75 Tennyson Street (the Police Station) to 78 Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive is one-way westbound for the upgrade of the Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive intersection. Detours are in place.

Wordsworth Street is closed from Shelley Street to Moore Street until 6 February for a watermain renewal. A detour will be in place.

Burnham Road is closed to northbound traffic north of the Burnham School Road intersection to State Highway 1 from 10 January to 26 April. A detour will be in place.

Seal widening is taking place on Weedons Ross Road from Kingsdowne Drive to Johnsons Road. Weedons Ross Road will be one-way open to traffic travelling south (towards Rolleston). A detour is in place.

Bridge repairs are taking place on the Mt White Road bridge. Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Waterholes Road between SH1 and Hamptons Road, Trents Road between SH1 and SH76, Greendale Road between Dip Road and Coaltrack Road and Bridge Road between Greendale Road and Coaltrack Road.

Repairs are taking place on Telegraph Road from Essendon Road to Bealey Road. Pavement repairs are taking place on Wards Road between Highfield Road and Kerrs Road. Traffic management is in place for these works. 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 and Chamber offering business support

Expert advice and support will be available for Selwyn businesses through a new Council initiative to support the district's business community.

The Council, in partnership with Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, is offering one on one business support sessions in February, March and April.

Jason MacRae, Business Growth Advisor for Canterbury Chamber of Commerce will be based at the Council's Rolleston Offices to provide advice for Selwyn businesses.

The sessions are for Selwyn businesses of all sizes and stages looking to grow or overcome challenges. Based on individual needs, each business will be provided with feedback and suggestions along with expert connections and resources to move their business forward. The support sessions are 45 minutes each.

Dates for support sessions:

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| 9 February | 23 February |
| 9 March | 23 March |
| 6 April | 20 April |

Bookings essential. To make an appointment email Jason: jasonm@cecc.org.nz



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

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Kedar Sai Limited (A Pocket Full of Spices, Rolleston) has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 15 February. Leeston Rugby Football Club Incorporated has applied for the renewal of a club licence. Objections to this application are open until 17 February. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 66 BECOMES OPERATIVE

Rolleston Industrial Developments Limited private plan change request Plan Change 66 (PC66) to rezone Rural Outer Plains land in Rolleston to an Industrial

Zone has been approved by the Council. No appeals were received to this decision. PC66 will become operative on 11 February 2022. The Operative Selwyn District Plan may be inspected online at selwyn.govt.nz/eplan or at any of the Council's service centres and libraries in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston. More information on this private plan change is available on the Council website at selwyn.govt.nz/pc66.

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 63 BECOMES OPERATIVE

Merf Ag Services Ltd and Matthew Reed private plan change request Plan Change 63 (PC63) to rezone Rural Outer Plains land in Darfield to a

Living 1 Zone, with additional land to be rezoned to a Living 1 (Deferred) Zone has been approved by the Council. No appeals were received to this decision. PC63 will become operative on 11 February 2022. The Operative Selwyn District Plan may be inspected online at selwyn.govt.nz/eplan or at any of the Council's service centres and libraries in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston. More information on this private plan change is available on the Council website at selwyn.govt.nz/pc63.

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 meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 9 February 1pm
Rolleston HQ building
* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate-Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tuesday 1 February 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Monday 14 February 7.30pm

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Pavilion
Sheffield Waddington Township Committee

Thursday 17 February 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall

Whitecliffs Township Committee
Monday 14 February 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre



On the district's gambling venue rules

Selwyn residents are being asked to have their say on the number of gambling machines allowed in the district and where they can be placed.

The Council is required to review its gambling venue policy every three years and consultation on the Draft Gambling Venue Policy 2022 is now open.

The policy controls where in Selwyn Class 4 gambling (pokie machines) and TAB NZ venues can be established, and how many gaming machines can operate at each venue. The Council doesn't have authority to:

- control hours of operation of TAB or pokie venues
- close down an existing gambling venue
- be involved in decisions about what happens to proceeds of gambling.

There are currently 122 pokie machines operating at 13 venues in Selwyn district, all outside residential areas. There are no TAB NZ stand-alone venues in Selwyn.

The Council's current gambling policy sets a cap of 114 pokie machines allowed in the district, although an error means this should have been 124 machines. It allows existing pokie machines to be moved to new venues, provided they keep the same number of machines and meet all other policy criteria. Machines are not allowed in residential areas. The draft policy proposes keeping the same rules, with a maximum of 124 machines allowed in the district.

The Council wants to hear from residents on whether they agree with the proposed policy, including maximum number of pokie machines, the rules around relocating machines to new venues and that gambling venues continue to be allowed only outside residential areas in the district.

You can find out more or have your say on the draft policy at selwyn.govt.nz/gambling. Consultation closes at 5pm, Friday 4 March 2022.



START YOUR FITNESS JOURNEY

ACTIVITIES IN SELWYN

- ▶ Group fitness and aqua classes
- ▶ Recreational swimming
- ▶ Indoor fitness track
- ▶ Sports equipment available

FIND OUT MORE SELWYN.GOVT.NZ/RECREATION



Event Guide

RED SETTINGS PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE. VACCINE PASSES REQUIRED FOR THOSE OVER 12 YEARS THREE MONTHS OLD FOR ALL FACILITIES AND FOR BOOKED OR TICKETED EVENTS. CAPACITY LIMITS ARE IN PLACE.

Thursday 3 February

West Melton Skate Jam and Picnic in the Park

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 3.30–5.30pm and 5–7pm

A great way to introduce young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool. All before our popular annual community picnic with music, kids entertainment, a free sausage sizzle, face painting and more. Bookings required. Book at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 3 February

Adult Book Club

Lincoln Library, 6.30–7.30pm

Join a fun group of likeminded people to expand your reading subjects, meet people in your area and share your thoughts and ideas about reading. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 4 February

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.

Tuesday 8 February

Stephanie Parkyn Author Talk
Te Ara Ātea, 10.30am–12.30pm

Bestselling Kiwi author Stephanie Parkyn will speak about her latest novel, The Freedom of Birds. The story follows a troupe of storytellers, circus artists and theatre performers at the fall of Napoleon's Empire. She will share some of her historical research, images of her travels and introduce you to her novel's characters. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Tuesday 8 February

BYO Roller Skate

Tuesday sessions
Darfield Recreation Centre, 4–5pm

Come skate around to some music and test your skating skills through some games. \$2 per skater. Helmet essential. Caregiver required for under 10 years or learner skaters. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events or at Darfield Library.

Wednesday 9 February

Selwyn Response Team information night

Council Rolleston Offices, 7.30pm

Come and learn about our front-line emergency response team and how you could join the team and be a part of helping our community in an emergency. Hear from response team members about their work and training in light urban search and rescue, flood response, storm response, communications, and other specialist tasks.

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