



New Council takes up the opportunity to serve

There was a warm welcome at the inaugural meeting of Selwyn’s new Council as the councillors were sworn in to serve for the next three years.

The new councillors, and their family and friends were welcomed at the ceremony at Te Ara Ātea with a mihi whakatau led by representatives of Te Taumutu Rūnanga for the Council’s inaugural meeting on Wednesday last week.

Te Taumutu representative Rulon Nutira spoke of the history of settlement in the district and laid down a challenge to the Councillors as he congratulated them.

“This is the writing of a new chapter for the people of Waikirikiri Selwyn and Ngati Ruahikihiki. Councillors; we deserve the best, we expect nothing less. We look forward to walking with you through the next chapter. You have heard the call of the community, congratulations on your new roles.”

Mayor Sam Broughton called on the Council to be brave and encouraged all councillors to make decisions centred on love and partnership.

‘I want our Council to continue to make great decisions for Selwyn’s future. The level of expectation in our community is high and there are numerous opportunities to explore. I believe our current success has been the result of strong partnerships with mana whenua, businesses, community groups and families and I would like to see this continue.

The meeting saw three new councillors and seven returning councillors sworn in, and Councillor Malcolm Lyall unanimously elected as Deputy Mayor.

It was also the inaugural meeting of the Malvern Community Board, where the five board members were sworn in. Ken May was elected chair and Bruce Russell as deputy chair.

Creative Communities brings special Filipino performance to Rolleston

Traditional Filipino music and Christmas carols will take centre stage at Te Ara Ātea on Saturday 26 November, when the Musika Filipinas Aotearoa Choir come to Rolleston.

This is the first time the group will perform in Selwyn, thanks to the support of the Council’s Creative Communities Scheme funding.

Creative Communities supports community-based arts activities, with the aim of increasing participation in, and access to, the arts.

The scheme is delivered in partnership between Creative Communities NZ and councils. Applications for the latest round of funding are now open until Friday 25 November.

Musical Director Kristian Rubi says the Christchurch-based choir has been rehearsing twice a week in preparation for the free concert.

“We’re really excited about coming to Rolleston. We have a few members who live in Selwyn including our president and one of our sopranos. It’s inspired us to give back to the community.

“Selwyn is a fast-growing community and there are many Filipinos here. We love reaching out to communities and sharing our culture and music with people,” he says.

The performance, ‘Ating Musika’ (Our Music) will include songs adapted from Filipino to English and Te Reo Māori. It will be split into two acts, with the first featuring Filipino songs, and the second act being a tribute to one of the group’s favourite traditions – Christmas.

Kristian says for many Filipinos, Christmas preparations begin in September, with celebrations happening until Chinese New Year.

“I really recommend artists and groups go into the Selwyn community because it is thriving, especially in arts, culture and performances,” Kristian says. “It’s great to provide entertainment and cultural experiences for the community.”

The Ating Musika coral concert will run from 3pm on 26 November at Te Ara Ātea, with doors open from 12.30-12.55pm. Admission is free.

To find out more about the Creative Communities Scheme or to apply visit selwyn.govt.nz/creativecommunities.

Selwyn Response Team achieve national accreditation

Selwyn’s volunteer emergency responders are now officially among the best in Aotearoa.

The Selwyn Response Team (RT) recently became the third NZ-RT team in the country to achieve new national accreditation standards, showing it meets the requirements to respond to local emergencies and support emergency response teams around the country.

The accreditation comes at the same time as national recognition of Selwyn’s Civil Defence volunteers by Disaster Risk and Resilience expert Professor Tom Wilson. At the recent Selwyn Emergency Services hui, Professor Wilson said that with 290 Civil Defence volunteers, the district is recognised as a national leader in emergency response.

Selwyn RT Deputy Team Leader Belinda Mathers says the team have been steadily growing their skills since they first got together in 2017. They are now able to provide support during the full gambit of emergencies from storms and floods to earthquakes and mass casualties. “We have been called on a number of times to support emergency response, including during flooding events, storms, and after the mosque attacks.”



NZ-RTs are qualified response teams throughout New Zealand who work alongside and assist emergency services such as Fire and Emergency New Zealand and other responding agencies during emergencies.

“Training includes everything from traffic management to setting up a Civil Defence centre and rescuing people from heights,” Belinda says. “During the accreditation assessment, the team were tested on their ability to undertake urban search and rescue, make emergency roof repairs, protect communities with sandbags, and set up a pump to divert water away from homes.”

Council Civil Defence Manager Al Lawn says the accreditation is recognition of the dedication and expertise of this skilled team of volunteers.

“We have 30 highly dedicated people in the team, who meet every week to train weekly. They range in age from their early 20s to their 60s and have a diverse range of skills, from technical expertise to strong interpersonal skills – all of which are critical in an emergency.”

“The common factors amongst them all are that they thrive in physically and mentally challenging environments and have a deep commitment to serving communities.”

Further submissions open on new housing intensification rules

A chance for affected parties to have their say on submissions on new housing intensification rules, in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton, is now open.

The further submission consultation follows the notification of mandatory variations to the Proposed Selwyn District Plan and to eight private plan changes to the Operative Selwyn District Plan in August earlier this year, which allow for more housing and at greater heights in relevant residential areas.

“This is an opportunity for those affected, certain interested parties and the Council to respond to an original submission,” says Council Group Manager Development and Growth Tim Harris.

A total of 118 submissions were made on the variation to the Proposed District Plan and 26 submissions were made on the variation to the private plan changes.

“Topics attracting most attention included rezoning land from rural to residential, and the new medium density residential zone, including the permitted density rules allowing for up to three houses, three storeys high without requiring a resource consent,” Mr Harris says.

Further submissions can only be made by someone who has already made a submission on the variations, a person with an interest greater than the public in general (for example if they own property that someone submitted to have rezoned), someone representing a public interest group, or the local authority itself.

To help with queries about the submission process, people can also contact a free Friend of a Submitter service, provided by the Ministry for the Environment.

More details on the Friend of Submitter and viewing submissions, or making a further submission are available at selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay, and can be viewed online at all the Council libraries and service centres

The further submission period is open until 5pm Friday 18 November.

Four simple tips to stay safe on our roads

Just four simple tips can make a big difference to keeping our roads safe for everyone. Work them into your personal life and make our community a nicer safer place to live.

Plan Ahead, Stay Alert, Slow Down, Drop Back!

Plan Ahead

Know your route; the appropriate lane you need to be in, where you're going to take a break and how you're going to get home after a couple of drinks. Check the weather, check your vehicle. Take the time to plan, to ensure you arrive safely. Plan ahead to spend time with family, friends, or doing what you love instead.

Stay Alert

Be alert to what's around you; the environment, road signage, other traffic, intersections, and your own intentions. Eliminate distractions. Expect the unexpected. Stay alert to your environment and surroundings, the impact your actions are having on others, and how your friends and family are coping.

Slow Down

A small reduction in speed has a significant increase in surviving a crash. Speeding can increase your risk of death or serious injury in a crash by over 40 per cent. Those few minutes aren't worth your life. We are all guilty of trying to do too much and never having time to enjoy the good things, so why not try and slow down a little in life.

Drop Back

Make the effort to increase following distances, give yourself greater reaction time, allow yourself to see further down the road. Action will always beat reaction, don't put pressure on the car in front, there may be unexpected consequences. Take a moment to step back and appreciate the truly important things around us.

Four simple points of action put into practice will make our lives less stressful and reduce the trauma on the roads in Selwyn.



Notices

Canterbury Anniversary Day Council operations

Council facilities will be closed on Canterbury Anniversary Day - Friday 11 November. This includes Rolleston Offices, Selwyn Libraries and Service Centres, Council managed community centres and the Selwyn Sports Centre. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is open 8am-8pm. Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open normal business hours 9am-4.30pm. Rubbish and recycling collections will take place as normal.

Dog microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Friday 18 November at:

- Leeston Library and Service Centre, 9-9.30am
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre, 9-9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11-11.30am
- Darfield Library and Service Centre - no clinic this time.

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped.

- Clinics last for 30 minutes
- Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive
- Microchipping will not take place if wet
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston are alternated monthly.

Any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN 735 996.

Alcohol notices

James Adrian Shand & Mary Patricia Jamieson (Straight 8 Estate, Burnham) have applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 22 November. For more information see selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

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 0800 SELWYN (735996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 23 November 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 28 November 4.30pm, Darfield Library

* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Kirwee Township Committee – Triennial AGM

Monday 21 November 7.30pm

Pavilion, Kirwee Reserve

Lincoln Community Trust - AGM

Wednesday 23 November 7.30pm
Lincoln Community Care

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc.

Monday 28 November 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield-Waddington Township Committee

Thursday 17 November 7.30pm Sheffield Hall

Springston Community Committee

Wednesday 16 November 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve



On the Roads

A stop/go is in place for repairs to Waimakariri Gorge Road between Woodlands Road and the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge. Please be prepared for delays of up to 30 minutes.

The Beattys Road Ford is closed for repairs. A one-way system is in place on Marsh Road between SH1 and Meadowlands for pavement repairs. Stop/go controls are also in place for repairs on Telegraph Road between SH1 and Two Chain Road, Leeston Road between Volkman Road and Hanmer Road, Drain Road between Leeston Road and King Street, and Trices Road between Longstaffs Road and Sabys Road.

Please take care around work sites, follow site signage and treat people with kindness. Follow the QR code with this story for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.



Event Guide

Thursday 10 November

English Learners Conversation 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 conversation club. All language learners welcome. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Thursday 10 November

Men's Health and Wellbeing with Mike Pero

Te Ara Ātea, 6.30-8pm

Be motivated this November with the inspiring story of Mike Pero, celebrating men's health and wellbeing. motorcycle racing champion, pilot, entrepreneur, TV personality and businessman, Mike has discovered a health and wellbeing routine that works for him. Mike is proud to share his story, if it helps others achieve their goals and dreams. He still considers himself as the boy next door that just did OK. Suitable for 13+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 11 November

A Very Merry Macramé

Sheffield Community Centre, 7pm-8.30pm

Spend some time creating a sweet little macramé Christmas decoration for yourself or as a gift. 13+ years. \$5 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Sunday 13 November

Outdoor Pool Opening Parties

Darfield Pool, 1-3pm

Grab your friends, family, togs and jandals, and come and celebrate the opening of our outdoor pools. Make a splash on the inflatables. Awesome spot prizes up for grabs! Normal pool admission applies. Drop-in.

Monday 14 November

DIY Dog Treats

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre 4-5pm

Do you have a dog who loves treats? Pop down to make some yummy hand-crafted snacks for your pooch! \$2 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Wednesday 16 November

Park Jam

West Melton Community Park, 3.30-5.30pm

Show off your skateboarding moves or learn some new ones! Bring your own gear or hire for free. Coaching available with experienced instructors. Awesome prizes up for grabs! Free. Drop-in.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT
SELWYN.GOVT.NZ/EVENTS

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Ph 347 2871

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Gerald Street, Lincoln
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