

SELWYN WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS TO AOTEAROA



Selwyn has hosted its first New Zealand citizenship ceremony in 12 months – welcoming 78 new residents from 14 different countries.

More than 260 people turned out at the Tai Tapu Community Centre last week to congratulate the new citizens in a special event, organised after ceremonies were put on hold due to COVID-19.

The ceremony featured a welcome from Mayor Sam Broughton and a kapa haka performance by students from Tai Tapu School.

Selwyn’s newest Kiwis have come from all over the world including South Africa, the United Kingdom, India, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, and included many families.

Among them was the Colloty family from South Africa who have been in the district since arriving in the summer of 2015. Dave Colloty says he, his wife Jolanda and their two boys were made welcome from the day they arrived.

“We love the Selwyn District and the country feel,” Dave says. “We’ve lived in Prebbleton and now in Lincoln and our boys, Geordan and Declan, are getting the quality education they never could have obtained in South Africa.”

Each new citizen who attended the ceremony had already received their official citizenship certificates in the post – the Colloty family got theirs in October last year – but were presented with a special welcome certificate by Mayor Broughton.

Many of our new citizens have been waiting a long time due to delays caused by Internal Affairs moving to a fully online processing system. This means the citizenship process can take a year or more. If you are a resident thinking about becoming a citizen, visit the Immigration New Zealand website as soon as possible to start the process of making Aotearoa your country, as well as your home.



The Colloty family (L-R) Jolanda and Dave Colloty, Declan and Geordan, with Mayor Sam Broughton

Time running out for election nominations

Thinking of standing for Council, Mayor or Community Board elections in Selwyn? Act fast, as you only have a few days left to get your nomination in.

Nominations close at 12 midday sharp on Friday (12 August).

The Council’s deputy electoral officer Stephen Hill is urging potential candidates to get their nominations in as soon as possible.

“We know many candidates leave their nomination till the last minute,” he says. “They may be wanting to keep an eye on who else is running – but it’s definitely risky to leave it till late.”

“There are no extensions – so an early nominations gives us time to ensure candidates have all their details right and have included everything on their application.

Mr Hill says it’s been good to see a number of first-time candidates putting their names forward, and to have a range of ages, backgrounds and ethnicities represented.

“Anyone who is passionate about the future of Selwyn, who wants to make a difference in their local community and to help shape the district’s future should consider standing.”

Nomination forms, along with detailed information on the election process, are available from Council service centres or online at selwyn.govt.nz/elections.

Friday is also the last date for voters to enrol to receive voting papers by mail – people can still enrol after Friday but will need to request a special vote. To check your enrolment, visit vote.nz.



Kirwee Reserve open for play

The next stage of the Kirwee Reserve upgrade is now complete with the new playground and cricket nets in place ready for spring.

The final inspection has been completed and Project Manager, Sandrine Carrara says the new playground has officially opened, even though the outer fencing is staying up however while contractors finish levelling and re-sowing the outer grassed areas.

The new playground features a basket swing, slides and a seesaw, with facilities including shade sails, picnic tables and a bike rack. The old playground will be removed by contractors in the next few weeks.

The upgrade started last year when new pedestrian entrances were added at Tramway Road. The first stage saw a cricket oval, new irrigation, new sports field lighting and a pump track installed.



Driver behavior identified as focus for road safety

There’s a drive to encourage motorists in Selwyn to pay more attention on the roads.

Selwyn’s road safety team is urging drivers to pay better attention to the quality of their driving – with poor observation by drivers identified as a major factor causing crashes.

Statistics from police crash reports show what factors contribute most to fatal and serious injury road crashes – with driver inattention a major cause of accidents in the district.

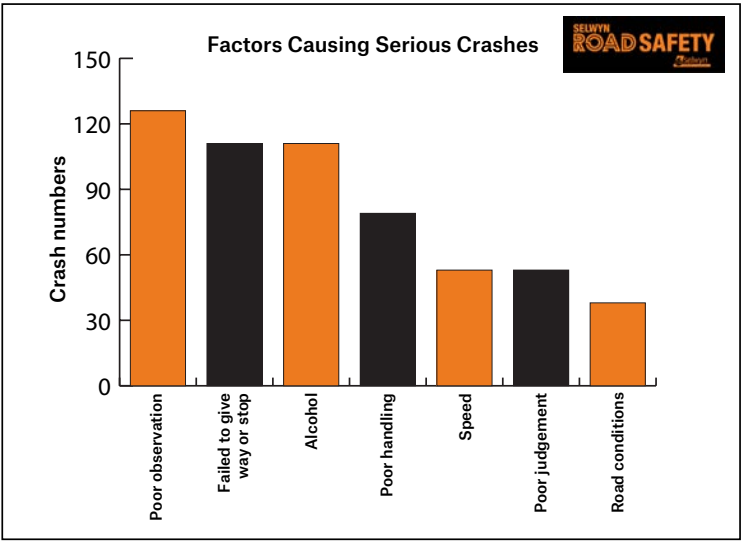
Data from the last 10 years shows there were 344 serious crashes in the district in which 447 people were killed or seriously injured.

Council’s Road Safety Education Advisor, Mike Patterson, says in almost every serious crash the drivers’ actions were a primary contributing factor.

Poor observation and distraction were by far the biggest contributing factors to serious crashes, followed closely by alcohol and failing to give way at intersections; and more than half the accidents involved male drivers on full licences.

Nearly half of the serious accidents happened at intersections and 43% happened on rural or state highways where the speed limits are 80kph or more.

Mike says the overall message is for drivers to change their behavior: plan ahead, stay alert, slow down, and drop back.



Notices

Alcohol Notices

New Zealand Hotel Company (Fables Terrace Downs Golf Resort) has applied for the Renewal of an On Licence. Objections to the application are open until 19 August 2022.

Akshan Enterprises Limited (Super Liquor Lincoln) has applied for a variation of the conditions of its off licence. Objections to this application are open until 26 August.

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 10 August 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices
Wednesday 24 August 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 22 August 2pm Darfield Library/Service Centre
*Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Lakeside Memorial Hall Incorporated AGM

Monday 15 August 7.30pm
Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall
Anyone interested is welcome to attend
Enquiries to the Secretary, Brendon Stillwell.
lakeside1917@gmail.com 027 566 2908

Sheffield-Waddington Township Committee

Meeting Thursday 18 August 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall

Rolleston Residents Assn Inc.

Monday 22 August 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre



On the Roads

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline

Courtenay Road in Kirwee, from just south of the railway line to SH73, remains closed until early September. Vehicle access between Kirwee and properties to the south is via a detour along Bealey Road. Pedestrian access is available from Courtenay Road direct to the township. The closure is for the installation of pipes under the railway line and will be the last one required as part of this project.

From Wednesday (10 August), SH73 south of Kirwee will have traffic lights in place for the next two weeks while pipe laying is undertaken. The lights will be in place from 9am Wednesday and will be removed for weekends, coming down from 4pm Friday – 9am Monday. Our contractors will be monitoring wait times through these works to minimise delays as much as possible. All completion dates are approximate depending on weather

Weedons Ross Road seal widening

The road is now fully open to two-way traffic from Kingsdowne Drive to Maddisons Road. A shoulder closure is now in place for Orion contract works, on the Newtons Road intersection through to end August. Manual four-way stop/go will be required on some days. Please follow signs and controls for the safety of all road users and workers.

Other repairs and upgrades

Flood repairs are taking place around Hororātā and on Whitecliffs Road from Flagpole Road and Algidus Road from Homestead Road. The Armco barriers are being repaired on the Selwyn River Bridge on Bealey Road and on Tancreds Road at Rainey's Road. 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.



Business Support

Jason MacRae, Business Growth Advisor for Canterbury Chamber of Commerce will be based in Rolleston 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. Bookings essential.

Dates for support sessions:

Wed 17th August	Wed 14th September	Wed 12th October
Wed 31st August	Wed 28th September	Wed 26th October

All of these 45 minute sessions will be located in the Huanui Room in Te Ara Atea, Rolleston, between 8.30am – 1pm.
Contact Jane Denton for appointment times.
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Event Guide

Thursday 11 August

Selwyn Libraries at Glentunnel

Glentunnel Community Centre, 2.30-4pm

Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, interact with our robots, create with Lego or decorate a 'Bag of Hope' for a cancer patient receiving radiation treatment. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

Thursday 11 August

Rolleston Through a Lens

Te Ara Atea, 6-7.30pm

Explore Rolleston with professional photographer Gary Mills, who will share tips and tricks for getting the best out of your camera while taking well composed photos of local architecture and art. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 12 August

International Youth Day Pool Party

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 7-9pm

Join us to celebrate International Youth Day with a light display and awesome pool party featuring photo booths, water rollers, inflatables and heaps more. Drop-in, normal pool entry applies.

Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 August

Waste Art Competition and Award Ceremony

Te Ara Atea

Local high school students have created incredible pieces of art using recycled materials to meet the Waste Art challenge put forth by Lincoln Envirotown. This competition challenges the way that we look at waste. Be inspired by creativity and recycling by joining us for the public viewing followed by the award ceremony, which will be held Saturday 13 August 12-1pm. Free. Bookings not required.

Monday 15, Wednesday 17 August

Yoga for Toddlers

Monday 15, Lincoln Library/
Wednesday 17, Darfield Library 10-10.30am

Join us for a special yoga storytime especially for toddlers! We will read stories, then act them out in yoga poses. We will also incorporate a sun salutation, breathing exercises, and a final relaxation pose. Please bring your own yoga mat or towel to sit on. Suitable for 3+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Monday 15, Wednesday 17 August

Yoga for Toddlers

Monday 15, Lincoln Event Centre/
Wednesday 17 West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 3-4.30pm

Spend some time getting creative and modifying a used container into a bird feeder. Caregivers required to stay. Free

FOR INFORMATION ON LISTING A COMMUNITY EVENT
VISIT SELWYN.GOV.TZ/COUNCILCALL.