



Taste of culture for this year's Faces of Selwyn

Faces of Selwyn returns to the air waves this month with seven stories from residents sharing their journeys to Selwyn and how to cook their favourite dishes.

The first two stories went live on air on PlainsFM radio station this week on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13, and the remaining stories will air on Thursday 15, Monday 19, Tuesday 20, Thursday 22 and Friday 23 of September, as part of Culturefest.

This week, Deep Kumar, Agnes Guda and Farin Nisa share their passion for cooking their favourite food from Italy, the Philippines and India.

Deep explains why he loves cooking traditional Italian cuisine at his restaurant Bicycle Thief in Tai Tapu and cooking an Indian curry at his home in Rolleston. He describes the sounds of chorizo and prawns sizzling on a pan, knives and forks tapping on plates and people eating, as music to his ears.

Agnes shares why pork sinigang is the perfect dish from the Philippines to have on a cold winter's day.

And on Thursday 15, try peda for dessert with Farin Nisa, as she shares her journey from Fiji to Rolleston.

Next week, turn on your stove, get out your pots and pans, and tune into 96.9FM at 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Hear how to make Samoan Saka from Keith Morrison, discover Razi Syed's simple side dish of Indian Naan, find out what Mafatty and an African Braai is from Rue Jeché and lastly, learn a Palestinian family fatteh recipe from Hiba Elhanafy.

These podcasts will also be available to listen to on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and on our website: selwyn.govt.nz/community/faces-of-selwyn. For more Culturefest events visit selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest.

Voting papers are on their way

Watch out for voting papers in your mailbox later this week – as voting gets under way in Selwyn's local elections.

Voting papers will be mailed to all enrolled voters over the next few days, and the official voting period opens on Friday (16 September). Voting is by postal vote and closes at 12 midday on Saturday 8 October.

"This is a really important opportunity for Selwyn residents to have a say on the district's future – and it only comes around once every three years," says Deputy Electoral Officer Stephen Hill.

"We encourage people to take time to find out about the candidates in their area, then complete the voting forms and drop them into the post."

Voting papers can be posted at any NZ Post postbox, and the Council is also providing ballot boxes at the Council offices, all Selwyn libraries, and many community and recreation centres.

As well as Selwyn council elections, voting papers will also include candidates standing for your Environment Canterbury constituency. Voting papers include instructions on how to cast your vote.

If you don't receive voting papers, it may be because you're not enrolled, or have recently moved into the district or changed address – but you can still vote by special vote.

"I'd encourage anyone who hasn't yet enrolled or updated their details to do so and cast a special vote."

You can request special voting papers from the Council at electoral.officer@selwyn.govt.nz or 0800 SELWYN (0800 735 996), or call in to the Council offices or any Selwyn library during open hours.

More information on enrolling, voting and special votes – as well as candidate profiles, ward maps and other information – is available at selwyn.govt.nz/elections.



Name and location confirmed for new Leeston Community Centre

A name and location have been decided for the new Leeston Library and Community Centre, which is expected to open within the next three years.

The facility, which is one of Selwyn District Council's major projects in its Long Term Plan for 2021-2031, will be built next to Leeston Reserve. The decision was confirmed at the Council's August meeting, after consultation with the local community.

The community centre and library building will be called Whata Rau – a name that has been generously gifted by Te Taumutu Rūnanga. It references the food platforms that could historically be seen by travellers on the flat landscape of Kā Pākihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha (the Canterbury Plains). The platforms signalled pā and the likelihood of food and manaaki/hospitality.

In gifting the name, the rūnanga noted that the name recognises the many platforms and storage houses of knowledge and resources to be found throughout the district. Whata Rau were the epitome of manaaki – care, respect and hospitality - which is at the heart of venues such as community centres and libraries. The name also references the abundance of resources from Te Kete Ika a Rākaihautū, Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere).

"Whata Rau is a very generous gift from Te Taumutu and I would like to wholeheartedly thank the Rūnanga," Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says.

Construction is planned to take place in the 2024/2025 financial year.

Last week for feedback on medium density rules

This week is the last opportunity to have your say on new housing intensification rules and how they will apply in Selwyn district.

New legislation requires five of the largest urban environments in New Zealand – including parts of Selwyn – to enable an increase in housing supply, through a new Medium Density Residential Zone in relevant areas.

"While changes set out by the Government to encourage housing supply are not optional, people have the chance to shape the details of what is affected," Council Group Manager Development and Growth Tim Harris says.

"Anyone can make a submission about new land that is proposed to be rezoned from rural to residential. There are also places that the Council can deem inappropriate to have the new medium density standards applied to. This includes protecting significant infrastructure or the history, cultural or ecological value of a place," he says.

The new housing intensification rules will allow for more housing and at greater heights in current residential areas in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton. Within these areas, landowners will be able to build up to three buildings at a maximum of three storeys high without requiring a resource consent.

You can find out more about the variations to Proposed Selwyn District Plan and certain Private Plan Changes to the Operative Selwyn District Plan, supporting information, and submission forms at selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay, and at Council service centres and public libraries in Darfield, Leeston and Rolleston.

A free Friend of Submitter service is also available, provided by the Ministry for the Environment, to support people in the process of making a submission.

Submissions can be made until 5pm, Friday 16 September 2022.



Springfield flood investigations drop-in session

Thursday 15 September 4pm – 6pm, Springfield Tawera Community Hall

The Council and Springfield Community Committee are hosting a drop-in session to discuss the flooding risk for Springfield. Staff will be on hand to present learnings from the investigation of the May 2021 flood event and options for future flood mitigation. This is an opportunity for the community to provide feedback.

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 14 September 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices
Wednesday 28 September 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wednesday 21 September 11am
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board
Monday 26 September 4pm Darfield Library

Selwyn Sister City Committee AGM followed by ordinary meeting
Monday 19 September 5pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Selwyn District has Sister Cities cultural and friendship relationships and exchange visits with our Sister Cities in Japan; China; Coventry in Rhode Island, USA; and Toraja, Indonesia; Open to all interested. RSVP to Bernadette Ryan 3472 830 or bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz
** Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Rolleston Residents Assn Inc.
Monday 26 September 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Springston Community Committee
Wednesday 21 September 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve



On the Roads

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline
All roads are now open with stop/go in place on SH73 this week. Stop/go controls may be in place at time over the coming weeks on Courtenay Road and SH73 for final tidy ups.

Weedons Ross Road seal widening
Final tidy up works are taking place on the Newtons Road intersection. Stop/go controls will be required on some days.

Other repairs and upgrades
Floor repairs are taking place at Coes Ford. The ford is closed until these repairs are complete.

Repairs and maintenance are taking place on Selwyn Lake Road from SH1 to Leeston Road, Ansons Road from Telegraph Road to Essendon Road and on Gilmours Road, Rainey's Road, Moirs Lane and Waterholes 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.



Ride to Survive



selwyn.govt.nz/motorcyclesafety

Event Guide

Thursday 15 September

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Storytimes
Leeston Library, 10-10.30am
Lincoln Library, 10.30-11am

In celebration of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, our libraries will be hosting Te Reo Storytimes throughout the week where Te Reo will be incorporated through pūrakau, stories, songs and activities. Free. Bookings not required. For more times, locations and other Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori events visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Thursday 15 September

Discovery Time - Interactive Māori Games
Darfield Library, 3.30-4.30pm

Join us to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori with fun and interactive Māori games. Learn familiar games like 'Simon Says' and 'Paper, Scissors, Rock' in Te Reo as well as learning new games like Te Rakau. Free. Bookings not required. For more times and locations visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Thursday 15 September

Intro to K-pop Dance
Te Ara Ātea, 6.30-8pm

Join Annie from Christchurch K-pop Dance Classes as she teaches this exciting introductory session featuring famous choreography from your favourite K-pop idols. K-pop (Korean popular music) is a wildly popular fusion of style and music originating in South Korea. Suitable for teens and adults of all levels of experience. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Until Saturday 24 September

Around The World Crafts
Seven locations district-wide

Head to your local community centre to create some exciting crafts from around the globe. If you attend the Glentunnel, Tawera or Darfield craft sessions, you can take along a plate of your favourite food and be part of a Dinners of Selwyn event too! Free. Bookings required. For times and locations and to book visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 17 – Saturday 24 September

Dinners of Selwyn
Glentunnel, Sheffield, Tawera, Darfield, 5-7pm

Do you want to meet new people, try new food and experience other cultures? Dinners of Selwyn is about bringing people together to celebrate the diversity of our district, while enjoying great food. You will need to take along a plate of your favourite food to share. These are family friendly, alcohol-free events. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Sunday 18 September

Free Japanese Storytime
Te Ara Ātea, 10.30am-11am

Join Early Childhood Educator Miro as she shares yomikikase (storytelling) and songs from Japan. Tamariki will also have the opportunity to learn some simple words and phrases. Suitable for preschoolers. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT
SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS

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LINCOLN LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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