

# PAHŪ! EXPLODING AT TE ARA ĀTEA



Miranda Parkes' crumpled canvas work "Open Relationship" in the foreground with Clara Wells' animated moving-image work "The Search & The Return" behind.

A new six-month long exhibition, just opened at Te Ara Ātea, has completely changed the 'vibe' in the building.

Pahū! is inspired by the observations of visitors who have visited Te Ara Ātea in Rolleston for the first time. It opened on Thursday and holds some surprises, according to Co-Leader of Te Ara Ātea, Mat Logan.

Pahū means burst or pop, so visitors to Te Ara Ātea will encounter unexpected artworks in unexpected places; in glass cabinets but also exploding from the walls and ceiling.

Mat says it's an exciting opportunity to show just how well Te Ara Ātea can blend art exhibitions, a public library, community spaces and heritage experiences in one place.

"Some people might not normally visit a public art gallery but do visit Te Ara Ātea, so they will get the chance to see significant contemporary New Zealand art of the highest standard," he says. "We think visitors will really enjoy the exciting and surprising artworks on display."

Pahū! features works by Janna van Hasselt, Judy Darragh, Miranda Parkes, Turumeke Harrington and Clara Wells, each responding to the multi-use nature of the showcase building with an air of mischief.

Pahū! curator Chloe Cull, Arts Programme Coordinator at Te Ara Ātea, says that the artists have approached this exhibition with a sense of celebration, hoping to surprise visitors with bold colours, shapes, and materials.

Clara Wells and Turumeke Harrington have even used Te Ara Ātea to inspire some new works. Wells' work spans 20 metres of curved wall from the main entrance and transmits messages across an ethereal background.

Harrington's work Hei Aho acts as a place marker. It is underpinned by cultural stories and taonga species like flounder (pātiki) and the cabbage tree (tī kōuka). Tī kōuka was used by her Ngāi Tahu ancestors as signposts on the Canterbury plains. Her work is a glowing beacon in the first-floor window of the building.

Mat says the plan is for exhibitions at Te Ara Ātea to rotate about every six months.

## The key to safer driving in Selwyn

The rain poured down outside Te Ara Ātea last Tuesday, as the keys to the new Community Driver Mentor Programme (CDMP) vehicle were handed over to Proactive Driving Instructor, John Langan by Lions member, John Benefield (photo, centre left).



This event hosted by Proactive Drive who run the CDMP, acknowledged the Council's sponsorship of the car, alongside other sponsors including Selwyn Lions, Rolleston Lions and Faringdon Rolleston.

The CDMP helps new drivers in Selwyn to obtain their restricted or full licence, by overcoming barriers stopping them from learning how to drive — such as cost and access to a vehicle or lessons.

The Council supports each learner with three driving lessons from a driving instructor from Proactive Drive. This sponsorship significantly reduces the cost for the learner.

Faye Lammers, Selwyn's CDMP Coordinator says it is a privilege to be involved with a programme which has so many positive outcomes.

"The sponsorship of this vehicle is incredibly important. Having a licence not only increases confidence and the ability to be independent, it also opens up employment opportunities and reduces the isolation often experienced in a rural district."

Currently there are about 30 driving mentors involved with this programme throughout Selwyn.

## Selwyn Stars showcases young local talent

The Selwyn Stars for 2022 have been crowned. The talent search finals held at the Rolleston Community Centre featured 12 finalists as young as 5, performing a range of acts from singing and dancing to playing the bagpipes, drums and violin.

First place went to 13-year-old Maddison McDonald who performed Lost, a lyrical dance choreographed by Chloe Levings. Maddie has been working with Chloe since the age of 9, inspiring her to perform whenever she can.

Second place was Belle Switalla, aged 12. She performed Circus, a jazz solo. Belle dreams of being a professional dancer. Her goal is to go to New Zealand School of Dance and hopefully one day dance on Broadway.

11-year-old Libby Houghton took third place, singing and tap dancing Naughty, from the Broadway musical Matilda, based on the popular book by Roald Dahl. The song celebrates the idea that sometimes you have to cause a little mischief and be a bit naughty.

More than 40 competitors entered Selwyn Stars this year. The winners took home prizes including an iPad mini, Instax mini camera and UE Wonder Boom.

Other winners included Ethan Jack, a magician, and drummer Natalie McKay. The audience engagement prize went to Amelia Albin performing a Bollywood dance, and the prize for enthusiasm was won by dancer Carys McDonald.



## Local elections – do you know what ward you're in?

Selwyn voters at the upcoming local elections are being encouraged to familiarise themselves with new ward boundaries – as most of them have changed.

Unprecedented population growth has resulted in a new Rolleston Ward replacing the former Selwyn Central, with three councillors instead of the current four.

All other wards keep the same representation, but West Melton is now part of the Malvern Ward, while an area between Burnham and Rolleston moves to the Ellesmere Ward.

The Malvern Community Board keeps five members elected from the Hawkins and Tawera subdivisions, plus a new subdivision covering West Melton.

The total number of councillors drops from 11 to 10, elected from the four wards, with the mayor to be elected across the entire district.

Nominations for Council, Community Board and Mayor opened on Friday and close at midday on Friday 12 August. Voting packs will go out the following month, with postal voting open from 16 September to election day, Saturday 8 October .

To check what ward you are in, see our maps online at [selwyn.govt.nz/elections](https://selwyn.govt.nz/elections) – including an interactive map where you can enter your address and see the ward it's in.

Our web page is also the place to keep up to date with the latest elections information – including a list of confirmed candidates which will be regularly updated through the nominations period.





Notices

Notice of 2022 triennial local authority elections

The following elections will be held by postal vote on Saturday 8 October 2022.

Selwyn District Council (First past the post electoral system)

- Election of the mayor
- Election of two councillors for the Ellesmere Ward
- Election of two councillors for the Malvern Ward

- Election of three councillors for the Rolleston Ward
- Election of three councillors for the Springs Ward
- Election of two members for the Hawkins subdivision of the Malvern Community Board
- Election of one member for the Tawera subdivision of the Malvern Community Board
- Election of two members for the West Melton subdivision of the Malvern Community Board

View the full notice at [selwyn.govt.nz/publicnotices](https://selwyn.govt.nz/publicnotices)

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](mailto:changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Malvern Community Board  
Monday 25 July 2pm Darfield Library

Council Meeting\*  
Wednesday 27 July 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices

Council Meeting\*  
Wednesday 10 August 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices  
\* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Rolleston Residents Assn Inc.  
Monday 25 July 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

Springston Community Committee  
Wednesday 20 July 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Whitecliffs Township Committee  
Calling all Whitecliffs residents to a meeting to discuss forming a new Whitecliffs Residents Committee  
Monday 8 August 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre



On the Roads

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline  
Ansons Road is now reopened.

Courtenay Road from the railway lines to SH73 is expected to be closed from late July until early September, to allow installation of pipes under the rail.

Burnham Road will be reopened this week.

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 early 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

Guardrail repairs are scheduled on Bealey Road, Darfield, between Greendale Road and Clintons Road. Stop-go is in place.

Soakhole construction is continuing on Genesis Drive, West Melton, from Sandy Knolls Road. Culvert repairs are under way in Rakaia Terrace Road between Te Pirita Road and Ardlui Road. Drainage maintenance is in progress at Hummocks Road, from Greendale Road to Kowhai Drive. Please pass with care at these locations



Flood repairs - repairs to recent flood damage on roads are continuing in multiple locations across the district.

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](https://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).

Event Guide

Wednesday 20 July to Sunday 14 August

**Exhibition - 'Earthy'**  
Down By The Liffey Gallery, 1 James St, Lincoln  
Wed to Thur 11.30am-2.30pm  
Fri to Sun 10am-4pm

The exhibition features creativity in detail and pops of blues produce fine works by potter Bev Jones complimenting the layered brushstrokes by artist Stephanie Watson, depicting wider spaces and depths in landscapes.

Friday 22 July

**Betty's World**  
Lincoln Event Centre, 2.30-3.15pm

Welcome to the world of Betty Spencer! Join Betty as she takes to the stage with a suitcase full of hammers, bicycle parts, magical newspapers, the odd mandarin and her amazing mind reading Pig Penny. The show features unicycling, magic, juggling, circus tricks, clowning and comedy.  
\$3 per child, caregiver free.  
Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Friday 22 July

**Light up the Books**  
Te Ara Ātea 7-8.30pm

Join us for our biggest night of the year where we celebrate our library with lights, activities and music! With endless entertainment from The Court Theatre, Selwyn Community Choir, UV Face-Painting, Nanogirl's Bubble Show, and a range of activities and roaming characters, this is an event not to be missed! Free. Bookings not required.

Friday 22 to Sunday 31 July

**Te Mataaho: Viewfinder**  
Te Ara Ātea  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9am-6pm, Thu 9am-8pm, Sat-Sun 10am-4pm

There are views of this district we are familiar with: the birds-eye view of gridded plains, sunsets over Waihora, snowcapped peaks of Ka Tiritiri o te Moana. But which views are important to the people of this community and how do they choose to portray this place? Local artists present views they deem to be important, providing a window into life in Selwyn.  
Free. Bookings not required.

Saturday 23 July

**Indian Cooking Skills**  
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

Professional chef Monika Rastogi of Food, Art, Science will teach you how to cook tasty and healthy Indian dishes.  
Session 1: 10am-12pm, 5-10 years.  
Learn how to separate cream from whole milk, make cashew nut milk and dry masala potatoes.  
Session 2: 1-3pm, 10-16 years.  
Learn how to make semolina crepes/pancakes, potato cauliflower and spinach, feta cheese, and kale saag with paneer, and how to identify different combinations of spices.  
\$10 per child.  
Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

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