



Merry Christmas from Mayor Sam

This time last year we were all looking for light at the end of a very long COVID-19 tunnel. This year we have been able to enjoy many great community events together including the Hororata Highland Games and our agricultural shows, as well as just being able to smile at one another without masks as we pass one another in cafes and at gatherings. I'm proud to see our district on display and for our agricultural sector to be able to show their best.

Christmas is a time to reflect and spend time reconnecting with those that we might not have seen for a while, slowing things down and simply enjoying conversations. Christmas break is also an opportunity to recharge the batteries and step back from the things that take us away from our loved ones, put down the electronics and reach for a book or a board game.

Liz and I will be taking some time out with our daughter Elliott and our wider whānau to do just that and enjoy the very best that Waikirikiri Selwyn has to offer; I trust you can do the same.

Merry Christmas.

Mayor Sam

Experienced hands bring fresh business ideas

Fifteen Selwyn residents with an ambition to make their business idea a reality have graduated from New Zealand's first-of-a-kind entrepreneurial programme.

The Starting A Business Later in Life programme, a pilot initiative funded by the Office for Seniors and Selwyn District Council, was set up this year to help entrepreneurs over 50 to develop the tools needed to establish their business.

The 15 participants workshopped their ideas and engaged with local coaches and mentors as part of the programme. On 5 December, they were presented their certificates of completion at a graduation ceremony at Te Ara Ātea.

Course director, Dr Chris Kirk says the group had progressed a number of exciting and innovative ideas.

"We've got to a point where people have started their business with a tested business model and things are very promising."

"Older people bring some real assets to the table that they often don't appreciate enough, such as wisdom, experience and work skills. What this programme does is help give them the tools to transition from an employee to an entrepreneur."

Business ideas from the cohort included a mobile phone app for pets, transition navigators for older people wanting to retire or slow down, jet boat repairs, and the development of a hybrid combustion engine/H2O car.

The course initially ran in May and June 2022, and following its success a second course was organised.

"We had a waiting list of people wanting to take part," Chris says.

"My huge thanks to the Office for Seniors and Selwyn District Council for their sponsorship, and also my fellow coaches and mentors. Without them, none of this could have happened."



Warm welcome for new citizens

A celebration of new ties and old was marked at Te Ara Ātea last week as 33 people became new Kiwi at the Council's monthly citizenship ceremony.

People from 11 different countries from Ukraine to the Phillipines took the oath to officially become citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand.

They ranged from new arrivals to those getting their citizenships after being here almost 30 years.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga Chair Liz Brown welcomed the new residents and sang the Taumutu waiata sharing some of the history of their new home, while Major Chris Wilson from the New Zealand Defence Force spoke about the ties between Burnham Army Camp and the district.

Two new citizens shared their journey to becoming Kiwi before each member of the group took the oath of allegiance and was welcomed with a gift of a native kōwhai to mark the planting of their new roots here.



Busy January for roading upgrades

With the warm weather here and the roads quieter over the holidays, our crews are out making the most of the good conditions for doing infrastructure works.

Below is a list of some of the Council works over January and February. Please follow all site signage and directions and be patient with our road workers as they work hard for all of us.

Detours will be in place for all these works. For a full list of road closures and road works view our road closures map at selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.

Aylesbury Road and Burnham Road intersection with SH1

From 9 January–19 February Aylesbury Road will be open to traffic one-way northbound from 6am–7pm and closed from 7pm–6am and during weekends. From late January Burnham Road will be one-way southbound from SH1 to 285 Burnham Road. This work is to allow a drinking water main to be installed under SH1 and the rail line.

Blakes Road

From 4–20 January Blakes Road will be closed from Springs Road to Elmwood Drive, for watermain upgrades. The Springs Road/Blakes Road/Stationmasters Way roundabout will have temporary traffic lights in place. Blakes Road will reopen to two-way traffic from 20 January 2023. Traffic management will remain on Blakes Road while the work is completed.

Broadlands Drive

From 9–26 January Broadlands Drive will be open to traffic one-way northbound (towards the town centre and SH1) between Lowes Road and Goulds Road. From 27–30 January Broadlands Road will be closed. A detour will be in place by Lowes Road, East Maddisons Road and Goulds Road. These works are for roading upgrades and improving safe access to Clearview Primary School.

Markham Way

From 3–31 January Markham Way will be open one-way northbound (from Tennyson Street towards Norman Kirk Drive), while a new shared cycle and pedestrian path is built and safety upgrades are made.

Shands Road

From 9–30 January Shands Road will be one-way southbound between Robinsons Road and Tancreds Road for repairs.

Springston Rolleston Road

From 9–26 January Springston Rolleston Road will be open to traffic one-way southbound from Lowes Road to Delapre Drive.

From 27 January to 24 February Springston Rolleston Road will be one-way southbound from Broadlands Drive to Delapre Drive.

This work is for upgrades to the road surface, services and to improve safe access to Rolleston College.

Weedons Road

From 11–31 January Weedons Road will be closed from Ellesmere Junction Road to Shands Road for resurfacing and repairs.

All dates are weather dependent.

Council services holiday hours

Here is a summary of Council services and opening hours during the holiday period.

The Council's Rolleston Offices will be closed from 12 midday Friday 23 December, reopening 8.30am Wednesday 4 January.

Rubbish and recycling collections collection days will proceed as normal.

Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed both Sunday 25 December and Sunday 1 January. Standard opening hours operate for the rest of the holiday period (9am–4.30pm).

All Selwyn Libraries and service centres will close at 4pm Saturday 24 December. All libraries reopen 10am–4pm, 28–31 December and close 1–3 January. Normal hours resume from Wednesday 4 January.

All Council-managed community centres will close at 5pm on Friday 23 December. Lincoln Event Centre is open from Wednesday 4 to Sunday 8, January for bookings and group fitness timetables. All centres will reopen on Monday 9 January.

Selwyn Sports Centre will be closed from Sunday 25 December and reopening with reduced classes from Wednesday 4 to Sunday 8 January. Normal hours resume Monday 9 January.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be closed on public holidays: Sunday 25 December, Monday 26 December, Sunday 1 January and Monday 2 January.

Darfield, Southbridge and Sheffield community pools will be closed Sunday 25 December, Monday 26 December and Sunday 1 January. Sheffield Pool will also be closed on Monday 2 January. On all other days, Darfield and Southbridge pools will be open 1-7pm weekdays and 1-6pm weekends and Sheffield pool will be open 1-5pm.

Animal control services are available, operating 24 hours 7 days a week.

The last full day of **building inspections** is Wednesday 21 December. Normal hours resume from Wednesday 5 January.

The Council's **customer contact line** will be operating 24 hours a day over the holiday break, for urgent issues phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

Next steps for new housing intensification rules

A total of 57 submissions were received on new housing intensification rules, which allow for more housing and at greater heights in relevant residential areas in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton.

The further submission consultation in November followed the notification of mandatory variations to the Proposed Selwyn District Plan and to eight private plan changes to the Operative Selwyn District Plan earlier this year.

45 further submissions were made on the submissions received on the variation to the Proposed District Plan, and a total of 12 further submissions were made on the variation to private plan change (PC) 68 and PC72 in Prebbleton, PC69 in Lincoln and PC71, PC73, PC75, PC76 and PC78 in Rolleston.

Our planning team is considering these and preparing a series of officer reports with recommendations regarding the submission points made ahead of the public hearings.

We expect to hold the hearings in May to June 2023, where independent commissioners will consider all submissions, staff recommendations and evidence received.

Anyone who has made a submission will have the right to attend the hearings and present their submission if they wish. We will let submitters know when we reach this stage.

The Council will notify a decision on the variations by 20 August 2023. Given all variations must proceed through a new streamlined planning process, there is no right of appeal to the Environment Court.

For more information on the submissions and variations in general selwyn.govt.nz/proposedplan.

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.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Malvern Community Board

Monday 23 January 4.30pm West Melton Community Centre



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Event Guide

Wednesday 4 January

3 Play

Selwyn Sports Centre, 4–11 January
10am–12pm and 1–3pm

Looking for something fun and active in the school holidays? Come and have a go at the three play sessions. Each day there will be three different sports that you can have a go at. \$3 per person. All ages and abilities welcome. Drop-in.

Saturday 7 January

Arthur's Pass Picnic in the Park
Arthur's Pass Cricket Field, 12–2pm

Come and join everyone for a picnic and a game of backyard cricket. There will be a small mountain bike track for young ones to do circuits, plus if there's a breeze we'll have kites to fly! All ages welcome. Free. Drop-in.

Saturday 7 January

Castle Hill Picnic in the Park
Castle Hill Community Centre and Village Green, 5.30–7.30pm

Come to the community picnic and fun evening of kite flying in Castle Hill. Decorate and fly one of the assorted kites and play with the oversized family games. You'll also enjoy a free barbeque and ice cream. BYO salad and drinks. All ages welcome. Free. Drop-in.

Thursday 12 January

Skate 'n' Splash

Selwyn Sports Centre and Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 10am–4pm

Join us for some roller skating fun, then head to the pool to enjoy the inflatable obstacle courses. An active day out that's guaranteed to be a lot of fun! Kids aged under 8: skating from 10–11.30am and pool from 12–2pm. Kids aged 8 to 15: skating from 12–1.30pm and pool from 2–4pm. \$5 per person/child. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Friday 13 January

Inflatable Fun Day!

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 10am–12.30pm

Come along to the centre for an amazing time on the bouncy castles! Kids aged under 8: 10–11am. Kids aged 8–12: 11.30am–12.30pm. \$5 per child. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 January

FoodLab: The Chemistry of Cooking
Rolleston Community Centre
Saturday 10–11.30am

Darfield Recreation Centre
Sunday 10–11.30am

From cheesemaking to cabbage juice, join us for an afternoon of taste-testing, crazy concoctions and bright ideas for fun science activities you can do at home. \$10 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

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