

Plenty still to come for Summer in Selwyn



Thousands of residents have been enjoying Summer in Selwyn events around the district, halfway through the summer fun.

This year's packed events calendar has seen a huge range of events from crafts to sports, movies, and markets—with the Council still looking to run as many events as possible under the Red setting, right up to the end of March.

Among this year's new events, ninja training was a hit, providing big smiles for the aspiring ninjas.

The annual Teddy Bears' Picnic saw 1200 children and adults and even more teddies enjoying a fun day out in the sun. Along with pony rides, face painting, bouncy castles and the annual teddy bear parade children and bears were excited by a visit from Spiderman and a host of Disney princesses.

New events to come include social sport taster sessions at the Selwyn Sports Centre, learning archery with the Ellesmere Archery Club, events about our environment with sessions on the migration of Selwyn's bird flocks and native plant propagation, a Star Wars quiz and learning the art of mixing your own mocktails for the adults among others.

The Council is reviewing all events and the possibility of these continuing under the Red setting. With vaccine pass requirements in place it is hoped that many events can still continue, but some may need to be cancelled, or will have capacity limits in place.

For a full list of events go to selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Council services and facilities at Red setting

All Council services and facilities are now operating at the Red setting of the Traffic Lights COVID-19 protection framework. All services and facilities will be open as normal. However, there may be some changes to capacity limits at some facilities, based on 1m distancing.

Events are being reviewed and some may be cancelled. Masks remain mandatory in public areas. Vaccine pass requirements at public facilities remain unchanged.

We will continue to update and advise any changes as more information becomes available.

For updates see selwyn.govt.nz/covid19



Capacity limits may apply



Vaccine pass required



Masks required in all public areas




Water wisely and save

With the hotter, dryer weather we're encouraging people to get smart with your water use to save money and ensure we can all keep enjoying a reliable water supply.

Getting smart on when and how we water our gardens through simple habits improves garden growth and means paying less on water rates, which have increased this year from .50c per cubic metre to .60c per cubic metre. Smart watering and managing water use includes watering every few days rather than every day and watering for shorter periods, for example watering for three five-minute intervals over a couple of hours to let the soil absorb more water.

Checking for leaks in taps and hoses, using a watering can or hose rather than a sprinkler system and ensuring sprinklers or watering systems are watering the garden or lawns not the pavement also help with improving the effectiveness of your watering, to help your garden grow better while using less water.

When to water your lawn

-  Don't irrigate: Between 6–9am or 4–9pm daily.
-  Check weather conditions before watering. While there are no water restrictions at this time, we recommend you check weather conditions before watering. Watering your lawn during the middle of the day during hot days, or when a nor' west is blowing results in a lot of water evaporating and watering in these conditions is not recommended. Watering on a cooler, overcast day is a better option as this provides the best opportunity for water to soak into your lawn or garden.
-  Irrigate wisely



Opportunity to make a difference with Selwyn Response Team

A chance to make a difference to people's lives during emergencies is being offered by the Selwyn Response Team.

The team, which responds on the front-line to Civil Defence emergencies, is recruiting for new members and will be holding an information evening from 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 February at the Rolleston Council Offices.

Team member Robert Love says members will talk about how they respond to Civil Defence emergencies such as earthquakes, fires and floods and what's involved in being a member.

"There's a role for people from all walks of life to be doing. We're not asking for superhero stuff. Everyone brings their own unique skill set and it's great to have a range of experience. The team is very keen to expand its diversity of responder to reflect the local Selwyn community."

It is part of the Council's Civil Defence Emergency Management structure and members are trained to a national standard in light urban search and rescue, flood response, storm response, communications, and other specialist tasks.

The team responded to floods in Selwyn and Buller in May and July last year, helping with evacuations, welfare checks and building assessments. It has also responded to the 2019 Nelson fires, the Christchurch mosque shootings and during the 2020 COVID-19 Level 4 lockdown helping people without places to stay, those living in campgrounds, foodbanks and the wider community.

"It's a great role for helping in the community, challenging yourself and being part of a team that's pretty driven to provide for the community and learn new skills," Robert says.

Love of Selwyn stays strong

Selwyn residents continue to rate the district as a great place to live with a strong sense of community. For the fourth year in a row the Council's annual residents survey shows over 90% of people rate Selwyn as 'a great place to live'. The survey was released in December.

In the 2021 survey, 92% of residents reported the district was a great place to live – the same result as 2020 and consistent with the results in 2018 (91%) and 2019 (93%).

Despite being the fastest growing place in the country, the sense of community remains strong in the district, with three quarters of residents saying they felt a sense of belonging and community.

Overall, 66% of residents rated the Council's performance as good or very good, up 6% from 2020 and consistent with the ratings from 2017-2019.

Residents were also asked to rate a range of services and facilities the Council provides, with rubbish collection (93% rated good or very good), playgrounds (90%), libraries (88%) and sewage and wastewater services (88%), the highest rated.

Community facilities continue to be well used and enjoyed by residents. Public halls have been used at least once in the past year by 76% of respondents, while 85% have visited a park or reserve and 63% have used the public library network.

In questions about customers' experience in interacting with the Council, 80% of customers found it easy or very easy to deal with the Council.



Council Call

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TE ARA ĀTEA
56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

DARFIELD LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

RIVER WORKS ARARIRA/ LII RIVER

The LII drainage committee has begun weed cutting of the Ararira/LII River. Weed cutting will be taking place through until 28 February 2022. River users are asked to be careful during this time as machinery will be operating in the river. A weir/

barrier will be in place 200m downstream of the Wolfes Road boat ramp for this period. This work is in accordance with Environment Canterbury consents CRC000818.1 and CRC000819. If you require further information please contact Council Water Services team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Wilderness Lodge Arthurs Pass Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 8 February. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices)

Meetings

Restrictions on capacity and public access may apply under Red traffic light settings. 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 31 January, 4-6pm
Darfield Library

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 9 February 1pm
Council Rolleston offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate-Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tuesday 1 February 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Monday 14 February 7.30pm
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Pavilion

Whitecliffs Township Committee

Monday 14 February 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Widening of Weedons Ross Road begins

Weedons Ross Road between West Melton and Maddisons Road is being widened over the next five months.

The work will be completed in four sections starting with the section from Kingsdowne Drive to Johnsons Road and moving south, with the work due to be completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

While this work is under way a temporary one-way system will be in place on Weedons Ross Road through the works area, with the road open to traffic travelling south bound (towards Rolleston). The one-way system is scheduled to be in place between Kingsdowne Drive and Johnsons Road until early March.

Detours will be in place while these works are taking place.



AOTEAROA BIKE CHALLENGE

1-28 FEBRUARY 2022 aotearoa.bike
Sign up a work team, get biking and be in to win prizes.

On the Roads

Tennyson Street is closed from south of 75 Tennyson Street (the Police Station) to 78 Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive is one-way westbound for the upgrade of the Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive intersection. Detours are in place.

Wordsworth Street is closed from Shelley Street to Moore Street until 6 February for a watermain renewal. A detour will be in place.

Burnham Road is closed to northbound traffic north of the Burnham School Road intersection to State Highway 1 from 10 January to 26 April. A detour will be in place.

Seal widening is taking place on Weedons Ross Road from Kingsdowne Drive to Johnsons Road. Weedons Ross Road will be one-way open to traffic travelling south (towards Rolleston). A detour is in place.

Repairs are taking place on Telegraph Road from Essendon Road to Bealey Road.

Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Robinsons Road between Justine Drive and Selwyn Road and on Greendale Road between Dip Road and Coaltrack Road.

Pavement repairs are taking place on Wards Road between Highfield Road and Kerrs Road.

Traffic management is in place for these works. 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://www.selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).



We're heading back to school
Please watch out for us



Event Guide

ALL EVENTS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW TO MEET RED TRAFFIC LIGHT SETTING REQUIREMENTS. VISIT [SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/events) FOR UPDATES.

Vaccine passes required for all ticketed events for those over 12 years three months old

Thursday 27 January

Darfield Skate Jam and Picnic in the Park

Westview Reserve, 3.30-5.30pm and 5-7pm

A great way to introduce young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool. All before our popular annual community picnic with music, kids entertainment, a free sausage sizzle, face painting and more. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Thursday 27 January

Goal Setting Workshop

Te Ara Ātea, 6-8pm

Gain some extra inspiration and motivational skills to set out achievable goals. Join us to develop some new skills and strategies to plan for your future goals successfully. Suitable for adults only. Free. Bookings required, at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Thursday 27 January

Chinese New Year Paper Cutting

Lincoln Library, 4.30-5.30pm

Chinese New Year paper cuttings are a traditional way of expressing blessings, wishes and hopes for the year ahead. Learn about the Chinese New Year in this paper cutting workshop run by members of the Lincoln Chinese Church. Parental assistance required for young children. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz/events)

Thursday 27 January

Chalk Art

Lincoln Event Centre rear carpark, 1-3pm

Calling all young art enthusiasts! Create your own chalk mural and help decorate our carpark for the afternoon. A fun, creative school holiday activity for the whole family with prizes for the best displays. \$3 per carpark. Event is weather dependent. Book at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Friday 28 January

Try Dive

Southbridge Pool, 10-11am

A quick introduction to the underwater world without requiring any official qualifications. Try scuba diving in the pool. Session includes 20 minutes of poolside training and 30 minutes in the water. Limited spaces. \$10 per person. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Sunday 30 January

Te Reo Bilingual Storytimes

Te Ara Ātea, 6-9pm

Nau mai ki tā tātou wā pānui ia mārama hei whakaroko ki kā pūrākau Reo Māori, ki kā waiata i Te Reo Māori anō hoki. Join us for Storytimes every month to hear some wonderful stories and songs in te reo and English. Free. Bookings not required. Vaccine pass required. Red setting protocols are in place.

FOR INFORMATION ON LISTING A COMMUNITY EVENT VISIT [SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/COUNCILCALL](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall).

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