



Activities galore these school holidays

Young people in Selwyn will be spoilt for choice these school holidays, with fun activities and events planned from 1-15 October.

Make your own slime, a teen pool party, inflatable world, and a range of sports will be available to keep kids, teenagers and families entertained all holidays.

Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says it's always a delight to deliver activities that put a smile on so many faces.

"Our holiday events are designed to be creative and diverse, so there's something for everyone. We're really pleased to be offering a range of activities these holidays that are sure to be a hit with young people throughout the district."

Activities include a wind chime workshop, indoor archery and holiday favourite, Fun Science with Amadeo. His magic science show will feature extreme illusions and big booms guaranteed to excite.

These events and more can be found on the Council website at selwyn.govt.nz/events. Alternatively, pick up a term four 'What's on in Selwyn' brochure from Selwyn libraries and Council facilities.

The Selwyn Sports Centre will also be running daily sport activities from Monday to Friday both weeks of the holidays, including roller skating, taekwondo, futsal, tennis and ultimate frisbee. The programme is open to kids aged seven to 12, costing \$40 to \$50 a day. Places are limited and registrations are essential. To book in, visit selwynsportscentre.co.nz.

Aquatic Centre's partial closure for maintenance

Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be partially closed during the week of 10-16 October for necessary maintenance work.

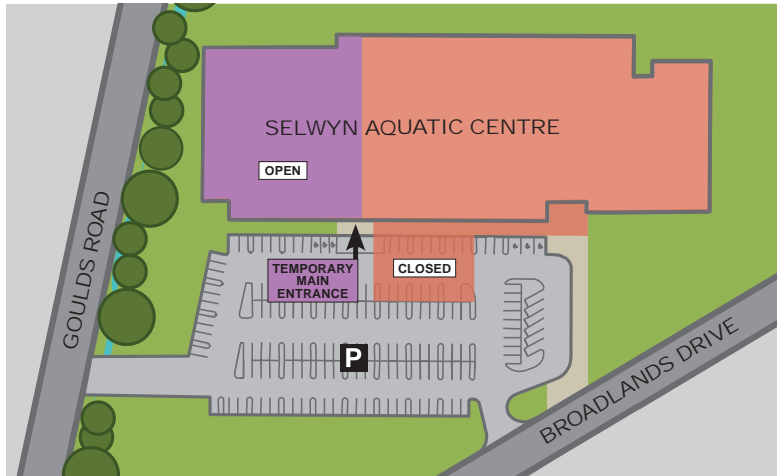
The new extension to the Aquatic Centre will remain open throughout, with lanes available for general use and a programme of events for users.

While the work is underway, the main entrance will be closed and a temporary entrance will be open next to the new extension. Some car parks next to the building will also not be available.

Maintenance will include work on pipes, pumps, some flooring and the mountings for the roof-mounted air exchange units.

The necessary maintenance has been planned for as short a time as possible, at a low-use period and with pools still available, to minimise the disruption for users, Aquatic Centre Operations Manager Nick McConaghty says.

"Having the extension means we can still have a pool available for all users while we carry out this necessary maintenance. We have a good programme of events and classes still happening, including school holiday events for kids. The Selwyn Sports Centre is also running its regular school holiday programme."



Next steps for new housing intensification rules in Selwyn

Public consultation on new housing intensification rules, which will allow for more housing and at greater heights in relevant residential areas in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton, closed last Friday. We have provisionally received 114 submissions on the variation to the Proposed District Plan and 16 submissions on the variations to eight private plan changes to the Operative District Plan.

The Council is now working through the submissions to summarise the submission points, so we can notify our summary of submissions for further public consultation. This will not be a call for new submission points, but an opportunity to support, oppose or comment on someone else's submission already made. We will let the public know who can make a further submission and how to do this when we reach this stage.

We expect to hold public hearings in May 2023. At these hearings independent commissioners will consider all submissions and officer reports recommendations.

The Council must notify a decision on the variations by 20 August 2023. It's important to note that all variations will proceed through a new streamlined planning process. This means there is no right of appeal to the Environment Court.

Selwyn businesses hopeful of positive end to the year

New survey results show Selwyn businesses are expecting to increase jobs, investment and profitability, after a tough first six months to the year.

The results come from the Selwyn Business Survey, a six-monthly Council-organised initiative to take the temperature of district businesses.

Results from the most recent August survey show local businesses are hopeful of profits recovering over the next six months.

Eighteen per cent of businesses were expecting their profits to increase over the next six months, while 11 per cent reported an intention to hire more staff.

The survey also revealed Selwyn businesses are feeling more confident than the national average to increase investment over the next six months, with 18 per cent of businesses planning to invest more, compared with -2.6 per cent of businesses nationally.

The impacts of the rising costs nationally and internationally were evident, with more than four-in-five businesses reporting increased costs. Forty-four per cent of businesses said they had increased their prices in the past six months, in line with these rises, and similar numbers expect to increase prices again in the coming months.

Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says it was good to see the positive outlook despite the economic challenges.

"It's particularly pleasing to see businesses reporting that they're planning to hire and invest over the next six months. It shows the underlying strength of the Selwyn economy that even in tougher times our businesses are generally holding up well."

New brochure out now.

Pick up a copy from any Council facility or view it online:
selwyn.govt.nz/events

Exciting upgrades completed at Darfield Library

Artistic scenes, impressive heritage displays and interactive experiences have all come together at Darfield Library. The changes were part of extensive renovations to the facility, which the Council finished last month.

A large feature wall showcasing historic images of the district's working dogs welcomes visitors into the upgraded facility, while a new scenic wall panel has been installed throughout the Tamariki area. The panel is an illustrated reimagining of the Malvern landscape heading west to Arthur's Pass, with train, animal and hot air balloon magnets available for kids to stick along the wall.

A permanent seed library made of decorative rural letter boxes provides visitors with an enticing choice of plants to share and grow, and a large wall map of the alpine landscape has also been installed.

Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says Council is proud to have refreshed the library and service centre with modern updates that provide an appropriate celebration of Malvern, and gateway in to the area.



"Contemporary libraries provide a space for communities to connect and enjoy a range of activities, which is quite different to the traditional libraries of old. I'm sure many people will enjoy the new updates at Darfield. Our teams have taken great pride in the project."

The Council was pleased to work with experienced exhibition designers, Workshop E to help create the upgraded library spaces. The company has worked on several celebrated museum and library projects throughout the country, including Rolleston's Te Ara Ātea.

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 28 September 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

*Livestreamed on the Council Youtube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Springfield Township Committee
Tuesday 4 October 7.30pm
Tawera Memorial Hall
Springston Community Committee
Wednesday 19 October 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve



On the Roads

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

All fords on Essendon Road, Coaltrack Road, Mills Road, McLaughlin Road and Warrens Road are closed for repairs. Coes Ford is open with traffic management in place.

Repairs are also taking place on Telegraph Road between Essendon Road and Charing Cross, Robinsons Road between Ellesmere Road and McDrury's Road and on Selwyn Lake 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.

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Event Guide

Wednesday 28 September

Are you ready? Emergency preparedness presentation

Glentunnel Community Centre, 7pm–8.30pm

Find out what simple steps you and your family can take to get ready for an emergency. Supper will follow the session. For more information contact: sue.jenkins@selwyn.govt.nz

Thursday 29 September

English Learners Conversation Club

Te Ara Ātea, 1.30pm–2.30pm

Improve your everyday English skills and confidence in a casual setting. Sessions are focused on the needs of learners, so no two classes are the same. Whether you are looking to learn, or simply just socialise, join us at our weekly conversation club. All language learners welcome. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Saturday 1 October

Te Whakairo (Days of Ice)

Darfield and Leeston libraries, 10am–4pm

In this short film, we watch two talented carvers, James York and Poutama Hetaraka as they create a traditional Māori entranceway for Scott Base, the New Zealand Research Station in Antarctica. Learn about their experiences in Antarctica as we discuss the meanings in their traditional and ancient carving techniques, and look at how an indigenous world view can collaborate with western science. Free. Bookings not required.

Saturday 1 October

Magic Science Show

Rolleston Community Centre
10.30am, 11.30am and 12.30pm

Experience the magic of science and the science of magic these school holidays with another spectacular science show featuring Fun Science with Amadeo. There will be extreme illusions, unbelievable reactions, and inevitable big booms! \$2 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Saturday 1 October

Nigerian Hair Braiding

Te Ara Ātea, 10.30am–12pm

This Nigerian Independence Day learn about the culture and meaning of Nigerian hair braiding with hair stylists Rebecca (Shadow Braids) and Nneka (Braids by Nayka). Bring a model to try creating these hairstyles yourself, or simply enjoy the demonstrations. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Sunday 2 October

Board Games Club

Te Ara Ātea, 1.30pm–3pm

Love board games? Head along to Te Ara Ātea to play a variety of exciting games. Suitable for those new to board games, as well as regular players. Free. Bookings not required.

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