

Birthday fun for all at Te Ara Ātea

Live music, story times, art and craft making, technology fun and treasure hunting will all be part of the celebrations at Te Ara Ātea on Sunday to mark a busy first year.

The multi-use community facility on Tennyson Street, Rolleston will be buzzing with a collection of its most popular events from the year for its first birthday party.

Events will run from 10am–4pm Sunday 4 December, starting with a sprinkle of magic in a fairy storytime, followed by the ever-popular NanoGirl bringing her exciting science and technology show at 11.30am. There will also be face painting, live music, technology, and the chance to make a woven pendant or try block printing.

Throughout the day a scavenger hunt will be running exploring the heritage items in the building, and during the morning there will also be sensory tables available and an art activity creating a Selwyn landscape.

It will be a great day to reflect on and celebrate the success of the past 12 months Te Ara Ātea Co-Leader Mat Logan says.

“It’s been a really busy year, with the place so full of people and so much happening. It will be nice to be replaying some of the hits, with things for everyone whether you enjoy listening to a story, making art, technology, science experiments, chilling with some live music, learning about our heritage, picking up a book, some food from the café or getting your face painted.”

In the past year there have been more than 164,000 visits to the building, over 900 workshops and programmes, and over 310,546 items checked out from the library collection.

In the past week Te Ara Ātea won a 2022 New Zealand Architecture Award for Interior Architecture, to go with the Canterbury Architecture Award it won during the year and the 2022 Creative New Zealand Award for Cultural Wellbeing at the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Excellence Awards.

For the full timetable of events visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Annual report on district’s dog control services now available

More than 16,400 dogs were registered in Selwyn last financial year, according to Selwyn District Council’s latest dog control report.

The Council adopted the Dog Control Policy and Procedures Report 2021/2022 (Section 10A Report) at its meeting on 23 November, and residents can now view the report on the Council website.

It shows once again Selwyn residents have been great at registering their dog, with the hard work of the animal control team seeing all 16,441 known dogs registered for the 2021/2022 financial year. The Council has already registered 98% of dogs for the 2022/23 financial year.

It shows 87 per cent of the 60 dogs taken to the pound during the year were able to be returned home, while five were successfully rehomed.

Animal control officers responded to 1,234 complaints about dogs in the community, with the majority of these being for wandering or found dogs (837) and barking (230).

As part of its activities, the Council provided a free monthly microchipping service, and delivered Dog Smart education programmes in five schools and groups throughout the year. COVID-19 impacted the number of schools being able to participate.

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, Council is required to report on its dog control activities for the year.

To view the full report, visit selwyn.govt.nz/dogs.



Summer in Selwyn

DECEMBER 2022 – FEBRUARY 2023



Plan your summer! Jam-packed events guide out now.

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New sign unveiled at historic Lincoln railway bridge

A piece of Lincoln’s rail history was acknowledged in the town this month, at the unveiling of a new history sign.

Representatives from the Selwyn District Council and Lincoln and Districts Historical Society gathered at the nearly 150-year-old Lincoln Railway Bridge on 22 November as the sign was installed.

The bridge was built in 1874 as part of the Christchurch to Southbridge branch railway line. The railway dramatically changed Lincoln as it grew to become an important railway junction.

Road improvements, increased car ownership and the dropping of road freight charges in the 1960s saw the Southbridge branch line close, and eventually the Lincoln railway station closed in 1966.

Black and white photographs of the Lincoln railway station, a timetable from 1927 and a Christchurch to Lincoln train ticket are included on the sign, along with a timeline and history of the railway.


The project was a collaboration between Lincoln and Districts Historical Society, NZ Railway & Locomotive Society, and Selwyn District Council.



It’s going to be a hot summer – Help keep water flowing for everyone.

- Don’t water
- Check weather conditions (avoid watering on hot days – overcast is best)
- Water wisely

For smart watering tips visit: selwyn.govt.nz/watersense



Time to step up and save lives this summer

It's time to step up for summer.

It's that time of year again, the season of parties, work do's, beach days and barbecues where we break out the drinks. We all know what to do, or what not to do, we have all heard the different tag lines over the years:

- If you drink and drive, you're a bloody idiot.
- Stop a mate from driving drunk, bloody legend.
- Sorry, that's a fail.

And yet our family and friends are still crashing and being killed on Selwyn roads due to impaired driving.

There is no excuse for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It's time to step up and save lives. Driving impaired simply isn't worth the risk, to life, to family, to friends, to work.



Plan ahead and sort out how you, your family and your friends are going to get home safely. There are plenty of options available, if you take some time to sort your safe ride home before you head out.

Stay alert to your family and friends' intoxication levels - if they look like driving, be brave, save their lives or potentially the lives of others, get them to use another option to get home. It can be hard to step up and question others, but what's a little discomfort if it saves a life?

Think about the risks, don't do it, and stop others from doing it. Get home safe this summer.

Notices

Alcohol Notices

Thirsty Acres Limited (Thirsty Acres, formerly Kirwee Tavern) has applied for an on licence and an off licence. Objections to these applications are open until 12 December.

The Ellesmere Victualler Limited (Fresh Choice, Leeston) has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 14 December.

For more information on these applications visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

Dog Microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Friday 18 November at:

- Darfield Library and Service Centre, 9-9.30am
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre, 9-9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11-11.30am
- Leeston Library and Service Centre – no clinic this time.

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped.

- Clinics last for 30 minutes
- Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive
- Microchipping will not take place if wet
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston are alternated monthly.

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

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 14 December 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel



On the Roads

A stop/go is in place for repairs to Waimakariri Gorge Road between Woodlands Road and the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge. Please be prepared for delays of up to 30 minutes.



Stop/go systems are also in place for resealing on Dunns Crossing Road from Brookside Road to Bourlez Mews and on Selwyn Lake Road from Leeston Road to Lake Road South and for repairs on Ayelsbury Road from Wards Road, Bealey Road from Charing Cross to Clintons Road, Telegraph Road from SH1 to Two Chain Road, Trices Road from Sabys Road to Longstaffs Road and Rakaia Terrace from Arlui Road to Sharlands 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.

Event Guide

Thursday 1 December

Adult Book Club

Lincoln Library, 6.30–7.30pm

Book discussion groups are a fun and popular way to expand your reading subjects, meet people in your area and share your thoughts and ideas about reading. Free. Bookings not required.

Friday 2 December

Outdoor Movie: The Muppet Christmas Carol

Anderson Square Leeston, 8.15–9.45pm

Join us after the Leeston Santa Parade! Grab some food from the local vendors, bring a seat, bean bag or blanket, and chill out in front of our big screen. Join Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and all the hilarious Muppets in this merry, magical version of Charles Dickens' classic tale. Free. Drop-in.

Saturday 3 December

Elves Workshop

Rolleston Community Centre, 10am–12pm

From the littlest elves at their first Christmas to big elves looking to up their game, this workshop will get you into the Christmas spirit and get you ahead of the holiday season. From gift-wrap hacks to ornaments, tasty treats and table décor, try your hand at a range of crafts in our Elves' workshop. \$5 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Sunday 4 December

Family Water Safety Darfield Pool, 2–4pm

A fun chance for kids to learn how to be safe in and around the water. Have a go with the inflatable boat and life jackets, and learn about safety hurdles, treading water and more. Suitable for kids 5+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Tuesday 6 December

On the Road with Christchurch Symphony Orchestra

Te Ara Ātea, 3.30–4.30pm

Join the musicians from Christchurch Symphony Orchestra for an interactive workshop at Te Ara Ātea. Pick up a ukulele, some drums, chime bars, or bring your own instrument. People of all ages and musical experience welcome. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 8 December

Selwyn Art Series: Traditional English Shoemaking in Aotearoa New Zealand Te Ara Ātea, 6.30–8pm

Bespoke shoemaker, Louise Ayling will share how traditional English shoemaking has influenced her work as an artist and shoemaker in Aotearoa. Her practice features the textual appeal of the country's landscape, light and traditional Māori weaving techniques. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

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