



Sizzling summer activities on the way for Selwyn

Roller skating, kite flying, outdoor movies and picnics are all on the way for Selwyn this summer, thanks to the Council's annual Summer in Selwyn events programme.

Copies of this year's brochure are now available to pick up from Council facilities or download online, with activities for every member of the family.

The fun starts on Friday 2 December with an outdoor screening of The Muppet Christmas Carol movie in Leeston, while customised skateboards will be up for grabs the following weekend at the opening of the Rolleston Town Centre Youth Space on 11 December.

Mayor Sam Broughton says this year's activities are bound to delight.

"Whether you're eight or 80, there is something for everyone in the brochure. Popular favourites like the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Summer Pool Parties are back, and there are a number of new events planned as well."

"Selwyn is an amazing place to be in summer, so be sure to make the most of it at the more than 60 activities in this year's Summer in Selwyn programme," he says.

New activities this year include Jump and Juggle bouncy castles at the Selwyn Sports Centre on 20 January, and a chalk art competition in Lincoln, West Melton and Rolleston.

The brochure also features sport, library and recreation events at Council facilities, and showcases some of the district's best family-friendly bike trails.

Pick up a copy of the Summer in Selwyn brochure at a Council facility or view it online at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Thousands enjoy Te Ara Ātea in first year

As it approaches its first birthday Te Ara Ātea is already showing itself to be one of the most popular community facilities in the district.

More than 164,000 visits have been made to the arts, culture, learning and community space on Tennyson Street since it opened on 2 December 2021. That included 15,000 people who attended over 900 workshops and programmes ranging from live music, language learning, heritage and cultural activities, to JP clinics, craft workshops and even reading aloud to dogs.

Te Ara Ātea hosts a fully integrated public gallery and museum experiences over two floors with; 22 heritage exhibition cases with items telling stories of the district and Rolleston town.

It also includes a popular café and Selwyn's largest library collection with 41,000 items. By mid-November Te Ara Ātea had seen 310,546 items checked out and signed up 4335 new Selwyn Libraries users.

It has been special to see the huge numbers enjoying everything on offer, Council Arts Culture and Lifelong Learning Manager Nicki Moen says.

"It's been a fantastic first year of operation and business has far exceeded what we expected. We're thrilled to have so many people regularly visit us from across Selwyn District. It's been a real delight to our team over the year to see so many older people visiting with their children and grandchildren.

"Te Ara Ātea is a treasure for our community. Right now, if you visited you'd see people upstairs studying for exams, people in the café and enjoying the Pahū art exhibition, the books, exploring the heritage displays and kids playing with the craft and technology kits. The other day it was so full there wasn't a free seat to be found upstairs."

Te Ara Ātea also won both a Canterbury Architecture Awards and the Creative New Zealand Award for Cultural Wellbeing at the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Excellence Awards during the year.

A celebration of the first year of the facility will be held on Sunday 4 December, 10am-4pm. For details visit selwynlibraries.co.nz.



Council building consent accreditation renewed

The Council's building consent team has had its accreditation renewed to continue issuing building consents after its latest assessment.

The assessment is required by law every two years.

The building team was commended by International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) as one of the country's top performers during its accreditation assessment last year, on behalf of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

While praising the team for its great work it identified four non-compliance issues, which were partially addressed during the assessment, and requested ongoing evidence of the Council's work in these areas.

This included building consent processing timeframes, which were exceeding the statutory timeframe of 20 working days. However, with sustained progress on consent times, the accreditation has been confirmed and MBIE is confident the Council is doing everything it can to address the pressures it is under; with the highest numbers of building consent applications in the country and a national shortage of consent staff.

Council building manager Vanessa Mitchell says the accreditation came after huge work from staff.

"We're the busiest team in the country right now and still seeing good improvements thanks to the massive work effort the team has put in. It's great to see that recognised by IANZ and by MBIE. We've tried new and innovative things to work both with the industry through our partnership programme and to address the national shortage of consent staff through our internships and we're seeing the results with our first round of interns in work and our second intake nearly finished their training."

Kakaha Park Opening – Stage One

Saturday 26 November
10am-2pm
Leadleys Road
(near Birchs Road)
Prebbleton

- **10am** – Hop on your bike and try out the awesome snake track and other trails.
- **12pm** – Bring your dog and enjoy the new dog park.
- **10.30am and 12.30pm** – Join us for a walk and talk on key features and the future development of the park.
- Music and lawn games throughout the day.

Why not, bike or walk to the park. Follow the rail trail along Birchs Road, that runs between Prebbleton and Lincoln.

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New citizens welcomed

There was a celebration of new beginnings as 44 new citizens were welcomed at the Council's monthly citizenship ceremony.

The Lincoln High School kapa haka group opened the ceremony at Te Ara Ātea with a rousing performance before Deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall and New Zealand Defence Force Major Stephen Challies welcomed the guests and led them through the ceremony.

People from 14 different countries ranging from Sri Lanka, Brazil and Zambia to Germany, Ireland and the Philippines took the oath to become citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand and were welcomed with a gift of a native kōwhai to mark the moment they spread their roots in their new home.

The next citizenship ceremony will be held in on 15 December.



Reconnecting Selwyn with international agencies and students overseas

Helping reconnect Selwyn schools with international students was the aim at an event supported by the Council earlier this month.

Directing managers from international agencies and staff from Selwyn's high schools met for the Selwyn International Education Networking event, hosted by Mayor Sam Broughton. After two years on hold due to Covid, the event was an opportunity for networking and learning about the benefits of international students studying in Selwyn.

It was great to be able to host an event linking Selwyn's education providers with international student agents, as our international student programme bounces back Mayor Sam says.

"Getting the programme up and running again brings considerable economic benefits for our district, as well as supporting the cultural diversity for youth in our community. It also provides opportunities for language growth and building our international relationships."

Waseda Study Overseas Centre South Island Area Manager, Miki Furuse said she was hoping to make new connections and gather information to help recruit Japanese students.

"During Covid, we lost contact with the schools, but I am excited to start building relationships with them again. Students want to live in rural areas and the ski programmes are also really popular."

Rolleston College Deputy Principal, Pete Buyers says he made new connections and it was the start of some great opportunities.

"I really enjoyed seeing the pride we have in our region and what it has to offer anyone who lives here long or short term."

In 2019 research done by New Zealand Education showed that the total economic value of students studying in New Zealand was \$4.93 billion. While 55 percent of these students studied in Auckland, Canterbury had the second highest percentage of students in the country of 12 percent.



Notices

Alcohol Notices

Halcyon New Zealand Company (Otahuna Lodge Tai Tapu) has applied to renew its on licence. Townhill Limited (Thirsty Liquor Darfield) has applied to renew its off licence. Objections to these applications are open until 28 November.

Clearwater Investments Limited (Melton Estate) has applied to renew its on licence. Objections to this application are open until 6 December.

For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

Submissions open on Kirwee Domain implement shed lease

The Council proposes to grant a lease to the Kirwee Rugby Football Club over the implement shed on the Kirwee Domain pursuant to section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977. The lease is over half of the implement shed and will be used as a fitness training area. Submissions are now open on this Council proposal. Any submissions should be addressed in writing to the Acquisitions Disposals & Leasing Officer at Council, by email to property@selwyn.govt.nz, or by post to PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643, by 5pm, Friday 23 December 2022.

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 23 November 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 28 November 4.30pm, Darfield Library

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 14 December 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Lincoln Community Trust - AGM

Wednesday 23 November 7.30pm
Lincoln Community Care

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Monday 28 November 4pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc.

Monday 28 November 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre



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. The Waireka Road Ford is closed for repairs. Stop/go controls are also in place

for repairs on Trices Road from Sabys Road to Longstaffs Road and Arlui Road to Sharlands Road.

Priority give way controls are in place on Bealey Road from Charing Cross to Clintons Road for pavement repairs.

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

Friday 25 November

Children's Book and Board Games Club

Leeston Library, 3.30-4.30pm

Head along to Leeston Library every Friday afternoon to share your latest reading adventures, play board games and enjoy some fun crafts. Free. Bookings not required.

Saturday 26 November

A Berry Merry Christmas

Darfield Community Garden, 5-6.30pm

Join our Edge Connector Vehicle and Nourish to celebrate the end of another year with something quite special - a berry bonanza! Learn how to grow and look after berries, try some out, then take your pick from 11 different types of berry plants to take home for your own garden. Bring your family and a picnic if you want to join in for dinner. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Sunday 27 November

BYO Roller Skate Christmas Disco

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 3-4pm
Dress up in your best Christmas outfit and skate around to some festive music for our last skate session for the year! Helmets are essential. Caregiver required for children under 10 years and under - no learner skaters. \$2 per skater. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Monday 28 November

Christmas Craft Roadshow

Hororata Community Hall, 4-5pm
Come down your local community centre for some Christmas crafting fun! \$2 per child. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events. The roadshow will also visit Glentunnel, Springfield, Darfield, Rolleston, Prebbleton, West Melton, Lincoln and Sheffield. Check the Council website for full details.

Tuesday 29 November

Device Drop-In Tuesdays

Te Ara Ātea, 11am-1pm
These informal support sessions can help you familiarise yourself with your digital device. Whether it's a tablet or mobile phone, we can help you with the basics.

Until 20 December 12

12 Classes of Christmas Challenge

All Recreation facilities
Participate in 12 group fitness classes between 28 November and 20 December and go in the draw to win. Three prizes up for grabs at each facility.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT
SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS

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Gerald Street, Lincoln
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