

Evening of sport celebrating new facilities



An exhibition of youth and community sport helped open Selwyn’s newest sports facilities.

The football and hockey matches the opening of the artificial turfs at Foster Park on Friday night, ready for the winter sports season. The full-sized hockey turf is the first in Selwyn, allowing the sport to grow and club games for all age grades to be held in Selwyn.

Canterbury sporting icon and New Zealand Cricket Vice President Lesley Murdoch led the opening ceremony before competition football matches between the Selwyn United Colts teams and Christchurch United and an exhibition hockey match between Waikirikiri Division 2 side and a mixed Canterbury invitational team.

Selwyn has high rates of sports participation and the turfs are the next step in the Council’s development of facilities to support sports and recreation over recent years. These range from new community and recreation centres, parks, walking trails, pump tracks and skate areas up to the award-winning Selwyn Sports Centre, Mayor Sam Broughton says.

These developments are part of what has made Selwyn one of the most desirable places for Kiwis to live, Mayor Broughton says.

“These new turfs provide further opportunities to not only host national tournaments and events, but to enjoy sport at all levels and ages, with options all year round. Our investment in projects like this is part of our commitment to supporting the well-being of our people. It’s a way to improve mental and physical health and social connection through high-quality facilities and services that support people to be active in a number of ways.”

Waikirikiri Hockey Club and Selwyn United Football Club will be the primary users of the turfs, along with the respective regional bodies and the turfs will also be available for hire to general users.

The \$4.3 million turfs project was approved by the Council after receiving submissions during consultation on last year’s Long-Term Plan. The turfs are funded from development contributions and the Reserves Rate.

The turfs were installed by Polytan New Zealand – world leaders in turf technology with experience in building turfs from community facilities through to the hockey surfaces for the last four out of five Olympic games.



Southbridge Hall ready to make new history

A project to restore the historic Southbridge Hall has been completed ready for the community to make new history in the building.

A community fun day will be held on Sunday 29 May to celebrate the reopening of the hall, with activities for the kids, free sausage sizzle and more.

The project has seen a replacement of the existing 26 Crittal style windows with identical steel replicas, re-rendering and full repaint of the exterior, new roof claddings and upgrades to the Thompson Memorial Library and the Southbridge Community Pool. The Crittal style windows are rare in New Zealand and particularly Canterbury.

The current hall was built in 1930, after the original wooden hall burned down. The project to restore the hall included a great deal of care to ensure the historic features of the hall were retained as required for a heritage building and to retain that history for the town.

The restoration faced a number of disruptions from various COVID-19 pandemic restrictions which delayed the completion of the project.

It included the restoration of the Thompson Memorial Library, named after Charles Darlington Thompson who was town clerk for 23 years and the town librarian and donated his whole estate to fund the library when he died.

Along with restoring the hall, the Council also upgraded the heating systems for the Southbridge Community Pool. This project completes upgrades over the past seven years along the main street of Southbridge including the rebuild of the changing rooms, public toilet and admin areas at the pool and to the Southbridge Reserve, providing a link on both sides of the high street for key community facilities.

It is exciting to see the restored hall reopened for the community, Council Group Manager Property Douglas Marshall.

“Southbridge Hall is an important historic building for Southbridge and for the whole district and we’re really grateful for the huge amount of work the project team has put in over a stressful time to complete this restoration. It’s good to see this community asset, which people have enjoyed for so long, ready for Southbridge residents to enjoy.”

Major health services to open at hub

Key services will be opening soon at the Toka Hāpai Selwyn Health Hub.

The Canterbury District Health Board held a blessing last week as it begins the final steps to opening its services at the hub to the public in early June.

The karakia whakatau where (karakia to settle the house) blessed the DHB’s Oromairaki Maternity Unit, along with its Community Dental Service, Child Adolescent and Family (CAF) Mental Health Service and Public Health Nursing spaces.

The blessing was led by representatives of Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu, Puamiria Parata-Goodall and Corban Te Aika. The purpose of the karakia whakatau where is to acknowledge those who have worked to create, build and ‘dress’ the facilities.

The Canterbury District Health Board says this is the next step as it finalises opening the units to the public. The Oromairaki Maternity Unit is due to open on 31 May followed by the Child and Adolescent Family Health and Public Health Nursing spaces in early June. Community Dental will move into the new facilities during the July school holidays.

The Toka Hāpai Selwyn Health Hub was built by the Council to provide increased capacity for health services as the district grows. Spaces are leased to the health service providers. It was completed in May 2021, ready for tenants to begin fit outs of their areas. Other tenants include Pacific Radiology and Evexias physiotherapy. The hub is also currently hosting a community RAT distribution centre.



The Great Youth Bake-Off

Calling all young Selwyn foodies – here’s your chance to show us your skills and win great prizes.

9-23 May 2022

Find out more at selwyn.govt.nz/selwynbake

Post a photo of your baking using local ingredients to Facebook or Instagram, use #selwynbake and tag @selwynyouth, or send your entries to youth.council@selwyn.govt.nz and you’re in the draw to win. Find out more at selwyn.govt.nz/selwynbake.

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SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL

Alcohol Notices

Fenloc Holdings Limited (The Flaming Rabbit, Lincoln) has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 31 May.

Dog Microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Friday 27 May at the following places:

- Leeston Library, 9–9.30am
- Lincoln Library 10.15–10.45am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11.30am–12pm
- Darfield Library 12.45–1.15pm

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.

- Please follow all Covid safety procedures.
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact the Animal Control Team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

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 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Malvern Community Board
Monday 23 May 4pm Darfield Library
Council Meeting*
Wednesday 25 May 1pm Council Rolleston Offices
Council Meeting*
Wednesday 8 June 1pm Council Rolleston Offices
Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wednesday 15 June 11am Council Rolleston Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Kimberley Reserve & Hall Committee
Tuesday 14 June 7.30pm Kimberley Hall
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Monday 13 June 7.30pm Kirwee Reserve Pavilion
Rolleston Residents’ Association Inc.
Monday 23 May 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre



On the Roads

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline project

Burnham Road between SH1 and Burnham School Road will be one way until early June
Aylesbury Road between SH1 and Burdons Road is one way northbound from SH1

until end of May

Ansons Road between Miles Road and Pole Road is closed until early June

Courtenay Road between Miles Road and Kirwee (SH73) is closed until end of June

Miles Road between Aylesbury Road and Courtenay Road is closed until mid-May

Weedons Ross Road seal widening

Weedons Ross Road is one-way open to traffic travelling south (towards Rolleston), for the duration of the project. The work area is currently from Johnsons Road to Finlays Road and will move south as sections are completed. A detour is in place. Please follow the one-way system for the safety of all road users and workers.

Other repairs and upgrades

Repairs are taking place on Telegraph Road between Courtenay Road and Grange Road. Repairs are also taking place on Marshs Road between Meadowlands Road and Shands Road, on McDrurys Road between Leadleys Road and Robinsons Road and on Ellesmere Road between Tancreds Road and Edwards Road. Stop-go systems are in place for these works.

A stop-go system is in place on Colliers Road from Bluff Road for culvert construction.

Swamp Road Bridge between Bluff Road and Pig Saddle Road is closed for 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.



Partnership programme ready to expand

Hundreds of building consents have been fast-tracked in the first year of an innovative Council project working with the building industry. The Council developed the Professional Partnerships Programme to allow the fast tracking of some consents where it is safe to do so.

In the first year of the partnership 25 companies and designers were accepted as partners and 279 applications were received for fast-tracking consents. The Council has reviewed the programme and is making changes to improve it and encourage a wider uptake. These include an incentive scheme with a silver tier to reward active partners completing excellent work.

The partnership has been a good way to support the industry and the community, Council Building Team Manager Vanessa Mitchell.

“When we introduced this it was a first of its kind programme, so we’ve all been learning as we go. We’ve set a good foundation for continuing to improve the programme and see it grow. We’re still facing pressure from the volume of consents, but this is one of the innovative tools we’re using to support the whole community by helping clear consents faster.”

The partnership is one of a number of measures taken by the Council to address the national shortage of consent officers and record high consent applications in Selwyn. These include developing an on the job training programme for new consent officers.



Event Guide

Thursday 19 May

Waste Free Living with Kate

Rolleston Community Centre, 6–8pm

Ever wondered what happens to your waste once you put your bag or bin out? Noticed the excessively increasing amounts of packaging? Are you recycling right? Kate Meads is back with another popular session to help. Kate will take you on an entertaining yet engaging journey learning about what the problems are and what we can do about it. Tickets \$27.00, get a Goodie Bag worth \$100. Book at facebook.com/SelwynDistrictCouncil/events

Friday 20 May

Appy Seniors – Zoom and Gold Card

Leeston Library, 9.30–11.30am

Appy Seniors is a new community project to help seniors engage in the digital world using apps on their smartphones. Join us each week for a look at different apps. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. If no spaces are available, please call (03) 318 7780 to be added to our waitlist.

Saturday 21 May

Unplugged with the Ministry of the Mind

All Selwyn Libraries, 11am–1pm

Celebrate New Zealand Music Month by supporting local musicians performing live and ‘unplugged’ in all four Selwyn Libraries throughout May. Free. Bookings not required. Acts for 21 May are: Darfield – Lynette Diaz, Leeston – Moonflower, Lincoln – Analise Twemlow, Te Ara Atea – Veranda Cocktail.

Saturday 21 May

Southern Celtic Fiddle Orchestra

Te Ara Atea, 1.30–2.30pm

Enjoy Celtic music from Ireland, Scotland, Northumberland, the Shetland and Orkney Islands with the Leeston-based Southern Celtic Fiddle Orchestra. Formed in 2006, they love to entertain not only those in Selwyn but masses from all over the South Island. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Sunday 22 May

Stone-hammering Jewellery Workshop

Te Ara Atea, 11.30am–12.30pm and 1.30–1.30pm

Join Ōtautahi artist Areta Wilkinson (Kāi Tahu) in this special hands-on workshop to create your own unique piece of jewellery using ancient technologies. Using copper pieces and river stones Areta will demonstrate the stone hammering method she uses to create her adornments on display at Te Ara Atea in Moa Hunter Fashions. Suitable for 12+ years. All materials provided, please wear comfy clothes as participants will be seated on the floor. \$15 Selwyn Libraries members, \$30 non-members. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. Payment can be made on the day, or in-library beforehand. If no spaces are available, please call (03) 318 7780 to be added to our waitlist.

Monday 23 May

Selwyn Ukelele Groups

Darfield Library, 11–11.45am

Come and see our local ukulele group perform. Enjoy listening to popular tunes as you browse and see why this instrument is becoming more popular than ever. Free. Bookings not required.

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