

New pool fun a hit with parents and children



Expectant mothers, new parents and young children have been flocking to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre to enjoy new classes helping them get active and have fun.

The trial of three new weekly pool sessions, Aqua Natal – for expectant mothers, Aqua Fit for Parents and a Sensory Time for young children, have proved a big hit, Council Aquatics Programmes and Events Manager Sammy Lawson says. All three rapidly booked out and have been expanded or have plans to expand.

Aqua Fit for Parents is a first of its kind programme in New Zealand, which she first thought of while lifting children during a song in an adults and children swim class a few years ago, Ms Lawson says.

“I thought, ‘This is quite a work out, I wonder if there would be interest in doing a work out, but with babies?’ I asked the parents and they all said, ‘Yes’. It’s more about the parents doing the work out, while the kids have fun. For half of it the kids are in a floating ring and the other half of it they’re the weight for the exercises.”

With no suitable pool the idea, along with the long-standing plan to run Aqua Natal – a popular programme at other pools – had to wait until the Selwyn Aquatic Centre extension when changes to the programme pool made both possible.

While the first Aqua Fit for Parents session booked out in 10 minutes and Aqua Natal quickly had to be expanded to meet demand, Sensory Time proved the biggest hit, she says.

The Tuesday morning sessions had to be doubled from one hour to two when 80 people showed up to the first one.

Ms Lawson says she built on similar classes in other places and her own training in speech and language therapy to create the play sessions for parents and children under five.

“We’ve gone all out really on different sensory activities, bubbles, mirrors, funnels, lights, things that move, with a teacher there to support.”

**Sensory Times 9–11am Tuesdays,
Aqua Natal 6.15–7pm Tuesdays
Aqua Fit for Parents 9.30–10.30am Thursday**

For more information or to enquire about booking call 03 347 2734.



New partnership to develop plans for urban growth

Selwyn residents will have a say on urban growth plans for the greater Christchurch region next year under a strengthened partnership between mana whenua, local and central government.

Minister of Housing Hon Megan Woods, Minister of Local Government Hon Nanaia Mahuta, and members of the existing Greater Christchurch Partnership including Selwyn District Council, have established an Urban Growth Partnership for Greater Christchurch – the Whakawhanake Kāinga Committee. The new committee brings central government into the existing partnership to add its support to planning for the region.

The Committee met earlier this month and agreed on the next steps for its first project – the development of a joint Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, which will integrate with work already under way on an Indicative Business Case for high capacity and frequency public transport (Mass Rapid Transit).

Residents will be asked for feedback early next year (2023) on a draft of the Spatial Plan which sets out how Greater Christchurch will develop to accommodate a larger population and respond to other challenges including housing affordability and reducing emissions.

The Mass Rapid Transit investigations for Greater Christchurch will initially focus on the Riccarton and Papanui corridors and will also explore the expansion of the system to the Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts, as well as different scenarios, such as heavy rail. Greater Christchurch has among the highest dependency on private motor vehicle use of the urban areas in New Zealand.

The Committee is being progressed as part of the Government’s Urban Growth Agenda to improve alignment and coordination between central and local government and mana whenua in New Zealand’s high growth urban areas.

Minister of Housing, Hon Megan Woods, says that major change is ahead regarding urban development throughout the country.

Its focus will be on decarbonising the transport system, increasing resilience to natural hazards and the effects of climate change, accelerating the provision of quality, affordable housing, improving access to employment, education and services.

Extra parking at Foster Park

Temporary parking has been installed at Foster Park while construction of a new car park is completed.

Work is ongoing to build a new car park to replace the former gravel car park on the eastern edge of the park off Broadlands Drive.

The new asphalt car park will have 213 car parks, a kiss-and-go area and new footpaths, along with landscaping, lighting and fencing and is due to open in early June, following delays due to supply chain shortages.

In the meantime, the Council has also made temporary car parking available on Saturdays during the month of May at the northern end of the new car park.

Rolleston College has also made their carpark available, except on the 21 May when the college needs the park for their events.

This parking is in addition to the Selwyn Sports Centre car parking off Broadlands Drive and the car parking at the southern end of Foster Park off Dynes Road.

The Council is encouraging people to also consider other options, such as cycling or walking if you live close by, or carpooling. Or to consider parking at nearby streets and walk from there.



SELWYN STARS TALENT SEARCH

6 MAY – 9 JULY 2022

Register at selwyn.govt.nz/stars

Alcohol Notices

Gulati & Sapra Enterprises Limited (Lazeez Mediterranean Grill, Rolleston) has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 3 June. Leon and Bronwyn McKavanagh (Summerhill Heights Vineyard) has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 8 June.

Dunsandel Bar & Café Limited has applied for an on licence and an off licence. Objections to these applications are open until 13 June. For more information on these applications visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

Dog Microchipping

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

- Leeston Library, 9–9.30am
- Lincoln Library 9.30–10.15am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11.30am–12.15pm
- Darfield Library 1.30–2.15pm

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)

River Works Ararira/LII River

The LII drainage committee will commence weed cutting of the LII river from 1 June through until 30 June.

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. For more information please contact the Council 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 changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 25 May 1pm Council Rolleston Offices

Draft Annual Plan Hearings*
Monday 30 May 9am Council Rolleston Offices

Draft Annual Plan Deliberations*
Tuesday 7 June 9am Council Rolleston Offices
Wednesday 8 June 9am Council Rolleston Offices

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 8 June 1pm Council Rolleston Offices

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wednesday 15 June 11am Council Rolleston Offices

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 22 June 1pm 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 Community Committee
Monday 20 June 7.30pm Kirwee Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Monday 13 June 7.30pm Kirwee Reserve Pavilion



On the Roads

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline project

Aylesbury Road between SH1 and Burdons Road is one way northbound from SH1 until 1 July. Ansons Road between Miles Road and Pole Road is closed until 24 June. Courtenay Road between Miles Road and Kirwee (SH73) is closed until 22 July. Miles Road between Aylesbury Road and Courtenay Road is closed until 27 May. Burnham Road between SH1 and Burnham School Road will be one way until 1 July.

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 Ellesmere Road between Tancreds Road and Edwards Road, on Days Road between Ellesmere Junction Road and Collins Road, The Lake Road between Goulds Road and Selwyn Lake Road, Bethells Road between Corbetts Road and Marshalls Road and Harmons Road between Leeston Dunsandel Road and High Street. Pavement repairs are also taking place on Selwyn Road between Tancreds Road and Edwards Road and Weedons Road between Shands Road and Ellesmere Junction Road. A culvert is being constructed on Colliers Road from Bluff Road. Stop-go systems are in place for these works.

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

Follow the QR code with this story for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.



Protecting precious natives in Rakaia Gorge

An intensive weed control project in Rakaia Gorge will help protect the area's rare and precious native plants and trees. The Council has teamed up with landowners and a range of agencies to help protect the Gorge's rich native biodiversity.

Funding for the project has come from agencies including Environment Canterbury, Ministry for Primary Industries, the Trustpower Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Fund and Land Information New Zealand. The Council has also contributed funding and is helping on the ground along with landowners.

Council senior biodiversity advisor, Andrew Spanton says this is the first project to protect natives across the gorge.

"This multi-partnership project is a great example of landowners, stakeholders and agencies working together to protect and manage our significant areas of indigenous biodiversity."

Event Guide

Wednesday 25 May

The Connection between Nutrients, Nutrition and Mental Health

Dunsandel Community Centre and online, 7–9pm

This seminar presented by Professor Julia Rucklidge, will cover the recent scientific evidence on links between food choices and dietary patterns and mental health. Discover the recent paradigm shift of using broad spectrum micronutrients to address these challenges, suggesting an alternative course of action. \$10 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 26 May

Sewing Lunch Bags Workshop

Lincoln Library, 6–8pm

Jo Emmens from The Stitchery will teach you how to make sustainable and practical lunch bags without any harmful chemicals or plastic. All materials will be provided. Suitable for adults. \$10 per person Selwyn Libraries members, \$20 non-members. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. Payment can be made on the day, or in-library beforehand. Payment is not required to secure the booking. If no spaces are available, please call (03) 318 7780 to be added to our waitlist.

Friday 27 May

Selwyn Library at Dunsandel

Dunsandel Community Centre, 10am–12pm

We're bringing the Library to you. Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, and have a go with our watercolour pens and light pads. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events to set up an e-mail reminder of this event.

Friday 27 May

Music Mania Quiz

Lincoln Event Centre, 6.30–8pm

Celebrate NZ Music Month with our Music Mania Quiz night! Test your knowledge on local music, hits and different genres, while jamming to the best tunes. Suitable for all ages. \$10 per team, limit 6 people per team. Bookings required. Book at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 28 May

Stone-hammering Jewellery Workshop

Te Ara Ātea, 11.30am–12.30pm and 1.30–2.30pm

Join Ōtautahi artist Areta Wilkinson (Kāi Tahu) in this hands-on workshop to create your own unique piece of jewellery using ancient technologies. Using copper pieces and river stones Areta will demonstrate the method she uses to create her adornments on display at Te Ara Atea in *Moa Hunter Fashions*. Suitable for 12+ years. All materials provided. 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.

Sunday 29 May

Te Reo Bilingual Storytimes

Te Ara Ātea, 10.30–11am

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 required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events – one booking per family bubble please.

FOR INFORMATION ON LISTING A COMMUNITY EVENT
VISIT SELWYN.GOVT.NZ/COUNCILCALL.