

Celebration of Selwyn flavours returns



The finest tastes of Selwyn will be celebrated over the month of May with the return of Taste Selwyn.

Selwyn is a pantry full of the freshest seafood, fruit, vegetables, grains and meats, with a huge variety of foods from water buffalo cheese, saffron, wasabi, micro greens and white truffles.

Every year Taste Selwyn brings producers and Selwyn eateries together to create dishes with the freshest ingredients.

This year, 19 participating eateries will be turning out dishes for people to savour. There will also be opportunities for people to see behind the scenes and learn the secrets of making their own delicious dishes like the professionals, with cooking demonstrations and producer workshops.

Philip Caunter from Melton Estate says Taste Selwyn last year was a great success for them as they got to pair their wine with dishes from five different eateries, some which they had not worked with before.

He says the festival not only let the public have a taste of Selwyn, but it allowed producers to find new outlets for their products.

“We discovered some food producers through Taste Selwyn that we didn’t know about, including Poaka and Sovereign Salmon. It also gave me a good reason to talk to these people and try their products at the winery. It was worthwhile doing.”

For those over 18, there’s also an opportunity to win while enjoying your eating. Following on from the success of last year’s competition, people are being encouraged to take a photo of your dish and share it with us on Facebook and Instagram by using #tasteselwyn and tagging @selwyn.nz. The photos go in the draw to win a Melton Estate Platter and wine-tasting among the vineyards, or spot prizes including a new range of Taste Selwyn collector tea-towels.

For more information on Taste Selwyn visit selwyn.nz/taste.

West Melton Community Park work

A new community space is under construction in West Melton, to complete the West Melton Community Park.

Construction on the park began with the skate area which was built in 2021. A new barbecue area, playground and half-court basketball court is under construction, due to be completed in mid-May, weather depending.

The area next to the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre and the West Melton Domain will also have extra additional seating, landscaping and planting.

An additional public toilet and car parking will be built in the coming months.



Council contractor rated best in Canterbury

Selwyn infrastructure company CORDE has been recognised as Canterbury’s best contractor company.

CORDE (formerly Sicon Limited and Blakeley Construction) won the Civil Construction New Zealand (CCNZ) Canterbury Contractor of the Year at the CCNZ Canterbury awards earlier this month. The Council-owned civil contractor also won the CCNZ Canterbury Environmental Award for the second year in a row. CCNZ is the leading industry body for civil construction representing over 600 companies around Aotearoa.

The award recognised CORDE’s innovation and quality across a wide range of projects and its rapid solutions solutions for community infrastructure damaged by weather events. The companies’ work covers construction and maintenance of assets including water infrastructure, parks and reserves, roading and resource recovery.

It was a well-earned reward for the company’s work in recent years, CORDE Chief Executive David Wilson says.

“It’s a huge privilege to be awarded Contractor of the Year by the CCNZ for the quality outcomes of our construction projects this year. CORDE are also really proud to win the Environmental award for the second year running. We’ve invested heavily in our people, our new machinery and the latest technology to build a business of international quality. It really is an exciting time to be working at CORDE.”

Mayor Sam Broughton says it’s positive to see the Council-owned company picking up the award and seeing another showcasing the quality of Selwyn businesses.

“We have many high quality businesses in Selwyn that take pride in setting a high standard and representing this district well. It’s good to see CORDE getting recognition for the work they’ve put in across the South Island and to see a Council-owned business earning the recognition of their peers in the industry for their work.”

Selwyn water systems continue to rank among the best

Selwyn continues to have some of the cheapest water and newest and most reliable water networks in New Zealand.

For the second year running, Selwyn had the cheapest volumetric water charge in Aotearoa and among the lowest overall charges for water according to the 2020/21 National Performance Report from Water New Zealand – an independent not-for-profit organisation representing water professionals and organisations.

The report again showed Selwyn has the newest water and wastewater pipes, and second youngest stormwater pipes. It also has among the fewest water, wastewater and stormwater pipes rated as being in poor condition, and fewer than average drinking water supply interruptions.

The Council continues to invest above the national average per property in capital expenditure for drinking and wastewater, with its new network contributing to comparatively low operational expenditure needed to maintain the network.

Council Infrastructure Group Manager Murray Washington says it’s good to see the district’s water systems continue to perform well.

“As the fastest growing district in the country, we’ve also got the fastest growing water infrastructure, which puts a lot of pressure on our staff who are passionate about doing a good job for this community. It’s good to see their hard work reflected, showing that while we have work to do, overall we’re delivering a really good service for Selwyn.”

Council Call

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TE ARA ĀTEA
56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

DARFIELD LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notification of Council Decisions on Private Plan Change Requests 75 & 78 (Rolleston)

The Council has resolved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation to:

- * Approve Yoursection Limited's request (PC75) to rezone approx 25 hectares of Rural (Inner Plains) zoned land on the western side of Lincoln Rolleston Road, Rolleston to Living Z
- * Approve Urban Estates Limited's request (PC78) to rezone approx 63 hectares of Rural

(Inner Plains) zoned land on the eastern edge of Rolleston, with frontage to Lincoln Rolleston Road and Selwyn Road, Rolleston to Living Z

The full text of the decision can be read online at selwyn.govt.nz/pc75 and selwyn.govt.nz/pc78, at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters, or online at Council libraries and service centres.

Anyone who made a submission on PC75 or PC78 may appeal to the Environment Court against the respective Council's decisions. Appeals must reach the Court by 5pm Thursday 9 June 2022. A copy of any appeal must also be served on the Council.

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

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 27 April 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Monday 9 May 4pm-6pm Tai Tapu Community Centre

Westview Special Fund Committee
Monday 9 May 5.30pm-7pm Darfield Recreation Centre

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 11 May 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices

Malvern Community Board
Monday 23 May 4pm Darfield Library

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 25 May 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Glentunnel Community Committee
Monday 2 May 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

Kirwee Community Committee
Monday 16 May 7.30pm Kirwee Hall, A&P Showgrounds

Whitecliffs Township Committee
Monday 9 May 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre



On the Roads

Tennyson Street Rolleston Drive Intersection Upgrade

A give-way roundabout control is in place for the intersection until the traffic lights have been commissioned.

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline project

Current Closures:
Aylesbury Road between SH1 and Burdons Road is one way northbound from SH1 until end of May.
Aylesbury Road between Wards Road and Miles Road is closed until end of April.
Ansons Road between Miles Road and Pole Road is closed until early June.
Courtenay Road between Miles Road and Kirwee (SH73) is closed until the end of June.
Miles Road between Aylesbury Road and Courtenay Road is closed until mid May.

Upcoming Changes:
Highfield Road has reopened.
Burnham Road between SH1 and Burnham School Road will be one way from 02/05 for one month.
For updates on road closures and on the project visit selwyn.govt.nz/darfieldkirweewastewater.

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

Pavement repairs are taking place on Dalethorpe Road between Coxs Road and McCurdys Road, and Telegraph Road between Grange Road and Courtenay Road and Essenden Road and Bealey Road. Concrete repairs are taking place on Gerald Street between Springs Road and Murray Place, Blakes Road between Elmwood Drive and Norris Street and Old West Coast Road between Redmonds Road and Pinegrove Road.

Traffic management is in place for these works. 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.



Boost for tourism infrastructure

The Council has been successful in securing funding to improve tourism infrastructure for a further four sites.

In the latest round of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund the Council received funding for projects in West Melton, Rolleston, Lincoln and Sheffield, which are due to start in the coming months.

The funding will go towards an additional public toilet on the highway side the West Melton Reserve, a dump station in Rolleston for self-contained camper vans, upgrades of the Liffey public toilets in Lincoln and adding a toilet in the Sheffield Domain on State Highway 73.

The funding is timely to support the continued upgrade and additions to Selwyn's tourism infrastructure as the country prepares for the return of international tourists and increasing numbers of Kiwi visitors, Council Community Projects Manager Cameron Warr says.

"In recent years we've been grateful to the ministry for supporting us in our ongoing upgrades of our tourism infrastructure. We want to make sure our visitors get to enjoy a great Selwyn experience and these projects will help us to do that – especially as we look forward to welcoming overseas tourists back into the region."

Work is due to start in the coming weeks and be completed by the end of October.

Event Guide

Thursday 28 April

Starfish Storytime
Leeston Library, 10–10.45am

Local author Alyse Boaz has travelled all around New Zealand with her book 'Royal Blue', a story about a girl named Lany who finds a stranded starfish. Listen to the story, see some of the original paintings from the book and learn more about starfish and caring for the environment. Free. Bookings required – one booking per family bubble please at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Thursday 28 April

Welcome to the Jungle Disco
Lincoln Event Centre, 2–3.30pm

Dress up as your favourite animal and join us for an afternoon of jungle-themed fun. Featuring disco lights, funky tunes and heaps of spot prizes. Suitable for preschoolers and children up to 8 years. \$3 per child. Caregiver and bookings required. Book at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 28 April

Mother's Day Macramé
Darfield Recreation Centre, 7–8pm

Make some time for yourself to get creative with macramé. Make a simple wall hanging for yourself or as a gift. \$10 per person. Bookings required online at selwyn.govt.nz/events or at Darfield Library.

Saturday 30 April

SPLASH Rave
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 6–8pm

Come along, bring your mates to a party rave at the pool! A perfect way to have fun on the last weekend of holidays. Heaps of prizes up for grabs, with inflatables, fun games, music and a sausage sizzle. Youth aged 13–20 years. Normal pool admission applies.

Monday 2 May

Adult Sign Language Classes
Te Ara Ātea, 6–7pm

Our popular 10-week sign language course is back! Rolleston local Claire Raisin offers an engaging introductory course that is specifically designed for beginners who have minimal or no prior knowledge of NZ Sign Language (NZSL). Join us for this great experience! Commitment to this 10-week course is required. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Tuesday 3 May

Mother's Day Craft Roadshow
Lincoln Event Centre, 3.30–4.30pm

The first of a series of crafting sessions for you to drop in and make Mum something special for Mother's Day. Bookings required, book now at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Selwyn Libraries

Selwyn Libraries' Mega Book Sale

Friday 6 and Monday 9 May, 9am–6pm
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 May, 10am–4pm, Te Ara Ātea

Check out our Mega Book Sale of withdrawn books, puzzles and other media. Items will be priced from \$1 for all children's and young adult items, \$2 for most adult fiction and non-fiction, and a selection of specialty items for \$5.

selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

FOR INFORMATION ON LISTING A COMMUNITY EVENT
VISIT SELWYN.GOV.TN.Z/COUNCILCALL.