

Explosive holiday show wows



Explosions, fire and a dinosaur delighted a packed house of hundreds in a highlight of the Council's holiday programmes.

Experienced science communicator Amadeo Ballestero wowed around 500 people, mainly children at the Rolleston Community Centre with his first Canterbury Explosive Science show.

Mr Ballestero recently moved to Canterbury after 20 years in Science Outreach with the Otago Museum, where his shows were hugely popular across the lower South Island, combining explosions, fire, sound and more to share his passion of science with young audiences.

His popularity has spread to Canterbury with the first 300 tickets for the Selwyn show being snapped up in minutes, Rolleston Community Centre Manager Oana Jones says.

The show lived up to expectations, with experiments using hydrogen and helium balloons, dry ice, explosions and a burning Rubens Tube demonstrating the movement of sound waves.

"It was good to see how quickly people embraced the idea. Everyone seemed to have a great time and we got really good feedback. We're already planning another show for the next school holidays and considering a supervised holiday programme."

The show was part of a busy holiday calendar of events across the district at Selwyn Libraries, Community and Recreation Centres.

Activities included technology and craft events, author book readings, the Christchurch Walking Festival and even a visit from the furry friends from Southern Huskies New Zealand.

The libraries Edge Connector vehicle ran a full programme visiting communities most distant from the Selwyn Libraries, bringing books, technology kits and craft events. While, the Selwyn Sports Centre hosted its second holiday programme with 24 young people enjoying an active week of sports, activities and outings.



Darfield Kirwee pipeline works progressing

The Darfield Kirwee pipeline is now 85% complete, with the project team now working on seven fronts to complete the final works along roadways in the coming months, before the last pieces are completed.

Several sections of roadworks along the route are expected to reopen in coming weeks with the pipeline work rapidly progressing. This includes Aylesbury Road between Wards and Miles Road, which will allow road users to go from SH1 to SH73 and from SH73 to Two Chain Road before needing to detour to Walkers Road. The one way system between SH1 and Burdons Road is still in place.

A critical part of the works to run pipes under SH1 and the rail line is progressing well with the first two of three pipes under the highway being completed. With the crossings of State Highway 1 and the railway line nearing completion work has been able to start on Burnham Road, which will be one-way between State Highway 1 and Burnham School Road to allow connection to the already laid line.

The safety of road users and our staff is of extremely high importance to the Council and we thank those that have been following the traffic management in place. We appreciate these works cause disruption to your day and are working as efficiently as we can to complete these and have roads returned for use.

The pipeline is on track to be completed at the end of June 2022. You can check on progress and updates at selwyn.govt.nz/darfieldkirweewatstewater

The Council will hold further discussions with the wider Darfield and Kirwee community about connecting to the pipeline in the future.



Council staff and volunteers helping rural communities with RAT kits

Across rural Selwyn areas, Civil Defence volunteers have been out making sure vulnerable people have access to Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits.

A group of 27 volunteers from the Council's Civil Defence Community Response Teams (CRTs) answered the call in March to help distribute the kits, Selwyn District Emergency Management's Community Resilience Coordinator Sue Jenkins says. Council staff including rangers, parks and reserve staff and building team members also lent a hand.

"The CRT members have been wonderful, they've all been so keen to do it. They all just put their hand up and said absolutely! Civil Defence have really appreciated the support from other Council staff as well."

Over March and April, 650 RAT kits were distributed across 20 remote locations including Arthur's Pass, Castle Hill, Lake Coleridge, Springfield, Sheffield, Waddington, Whitecliffs, Horoātā Glentunnel, Coalgate, Dunsandel township, Kaianga/Dunsandel, Bankside, Southbridge, Rakaia Huts, Lakeside, Brookside/Irwell, Selwyn Huts, Greenpark, and Motukarara.

After being contacted by a community member in need, each CRT member arranges contactless delivery.

Community Response Team volunteer Judith Campbell says she really enjoys working alongside Selwyn District Council and said it was great to be able to look after her community at the Rakaia Huts.

One recent delivery was to a residents at Rakaia Huts, who has lived there for 50 years.

"We said to him if for any reason he was unwell and needed to do a test, Dave or myself would go and help him do the test. He was very appreciative," she says.

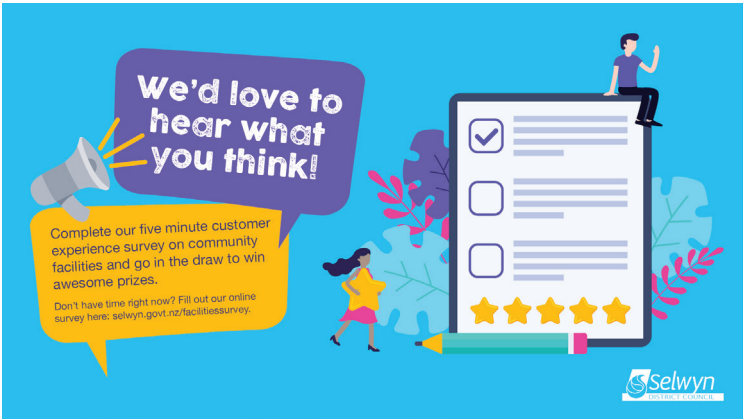
Community Response Teams were created to ensure there are people all over the district who can support their community in an emergency and provide vital information to Civil Defence on what was happening in their community during an emergency. Currently there are 32 teams with 180 Community Response Team volunteers looking after 832 different communities throughout the Selwyn district.

Vaccine pop-up clinic at Foster Park

The Canterbury District Health Board and the Council have organised a vaccination pop-up clinic at Foster Park on Saturday 7 May.

The vaccination clinic will be open at Foster Park near the Selwyn Sports Centre from 10am–3pm for anyone who wishes to be vaccinated.

For all sports players who wish to be vaccinated, vaccination will be given after their games have been played.



Alcohol Notices

JRAN Holdings Limited (Liquorland Prebbleton) has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 17 May.

Private Plan Change Requests 74 (West Melton): Call for Submissions

The Council has accepted a new private plan change request for notification which means the public can now have a say on this request. The decision on whether to approve or decline the request will be made by the Council at a later stage.

Hughes Developments Limited has requested to rezone 20 hectares of land in West Melton from rural land to residential land. If approved, this would enable the development of approximately 130 residential sites. Information on this request and how to make a submission is available at selywn.govt.nz/pc74.

Submissions must be lodged by 5pm on Thursday 2 June 2022.

Private Plan Change Requests 72 (Prebbleton): Notification of Council Decision

The Council resolved to accept the Commissioner’s recommendation to approve Trices Road Rezoning Group request to rezone approximately 28 hectares of Rural (Inner Plains) zoned land in Prebbleton to Living Z. The location to which this request relates is on the southern side of Trices Road and the eastern side of Birch’s Road, Prebbleton.

The full text of the decision can be read online at selwyn.govt.nz/pc72 and at the Council’s Rolleston Headquarters, or online at Council libraries and service centres.

Anyone who made a submission on PC72 may appeal to the Environment Court against the respective Council’s decision. Appeals must reach the Court by 5pm Friday 17 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 changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

- 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

- Kirwee Community Committee
Monday 16 May 7.30pm Kirwee Hall, A&P Showgrounds
- Springston Community Committee
Wednesday 4 May 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve
- Whitecliffs Township Committee
Monday 9 May 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre
- 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. 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

Repairs are taking place on Old West Coast Road between Bleak House Road and Pinegrove Road and Telegraph Road between Creyke Road and Wards Road. Stop-go systems are in place for these works. A one-way system is in place on Gerald Street between Vernon Drive and West Belt for pavement repairs. Swamp Road Bridge between Bluff Road and Pig Saddle Road is closed for repairs.

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.



Find out more about the Annual Plan

The Council’s draft Annual Plan is out now for consultation. We want to hear from you about our proposed plans for the coming year. Come to one of our drop-in sessions to talk to Council staff or your local councillors about the proposals in the Annual Plan and how they might affect you.

To find out more or make a submission: selwyn.govt.nz/annualplan22

Wed 4 May 3-5pm Leeston Library	Sat 7 May 9.30am-1pm West Melton Market @ 254	Sun 8 May 10am-1pm Rolleston EnviroMarket	Sun 15 May 9am-12pm Selwyn Sports Centre
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Event Guide

Thursday 5 May

On The Road with Christchurch Symphony Orchestra
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 3.30–4.30pm
Here’s your chance to jam along with members of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra! Play some of their instruments or bring along your own. No prerequisite skills required. Suitable for 10+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 6 May

Appy Seniors – Intro to Smartphones
Leeston Library, 9.30–11.30am
Appy Seniors is a new 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.

Friday 6 May

Family Bingo Night
Lincoln Event Centre, 6–7.30pm
Bring the family and try your luck at bingo. Line up all the numbers on your card to win some cool prizes. \$3 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 7 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 7 May are: Darfield – Analise Twemlow, Leeston – Lynette Diaz, Lincoln – Veranda Cocktail, Te Ara Atea – Moonflower.

Sunday 8 May

Kokedama Workshop
Glenroy Community Hall, 10am–12pm
Amy from Moss and Me will teach you how to craft a beautiful green addition using the Japanese art of Kokedama – growing a plant in a ball of moss-covered soil, wrapped with string. Part of the Selwyn Libraries Edge Connector visit. Suitable for 15+ years. \$20 Selwyn Libraries members, \$40 non-members. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. Payment can be made on the day, or in-library beforehand.

Monday 9 May

Music Creation Workshop – Song Writing
Te Ara Atea, 6.30–7.30pm
Ryan Chin, local artist, multi-instrumentalist, producer, and session musician brings this series, covering the whole process of song writing, producing, recording, and mixing. Book into as many as you like. Part 1 – Song Writing Suitable for 13+ years. Free. Bookings required. Book or find more sessions at selwynlibraries.co.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 Atea
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.T.NZ/COUNCILCALL.