



## A festival of the world in Selwyn this month

A celebration of the sounds, flavours and fun of cultures from around the world is returning to Selwyn this week.

CultureFest is back for its annual celebration at Lincoln Domain on Sunday 10 September 10am to 2pm — kicking off three weeks of celebration.

Experience the flavours of food from 28 different cultures stretching from Bulgaria to Korea, Nigeria, Japan and beyond and enjoy top performances or have a go yourself with sports, games, dance, songs and more from 18 different cultures taking in Aotearoa to India, Tuvalu to Brazil.

The event will kick off a series of events over the next two weeks, celebrating the many cultures that make up the district.

Everything from Henna Art and Kapa Haka classes to musical performances, and more will be on offer at events across the district.

With new events such as hair braiding and sushi making through to the return of the popular women's only swimming night at Selwyn Aquatic centre, the series will have something for everyone.

Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton says CultureFest is a high point on the Selwyn calendar.

"CultureFest is such a fun and enjoyable time of the year, embracing the many different people that bring colour and life to our district. Over the years the community has really got behind the event and made it a great day out and it's been good to see how people are enjoying the wider event series."

## Faces of Selwyn relives traditions

To celebrate CultureFest and the many migrants that choose to call Selwyn their home, Faces of Selwyn returns for its third time on air.

The popular series engaged a total of 1,527 listeners last year, an increase of 100 listeners from 2021. These numbers are expected to rise again this year.

This year is the first year the series has come full circle, by reintroducing a student collaboration.

In the series' first year in 2019, the University of Canterbury (UC) Journalism Diploma students helped write the stories.

Three New Zealand Broadcasting School students; Charlotte Mulder, Katie Oliver and Davina Zimmer have stepped onboard to host Faces of Selwyn 2023.

Council's Communications Advisor, former UC Journalism student and host, Hayley Tate says it feels good to pass the baton on.

"I think it's an amazing opportunity for these students. I hope they make the most of it."

Broadcasting student Davina says the experience so far has been incredibly rewarding.

"To be able to sit down with these individuals and listen to their stories of how they came to call Selwyn home is so interesting. You read about Aotearoa having a high population of immigrants, but this project puts faces to the numbers which is really nice."

This year's participant Becky Buada from the Philippines says she loved the opportunity to share her journey about what brought her to Selwyn and why she lives here now.

Listen live to PlainsFm at 5pm daily on 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 September to hear how six Selwyn residents from a range of different countries including Argentina and Nepal, celebrate cultural traditions in their new home away from home.

## FACES OF SELWYN 2023



## Find out more about proposed new Emergency Management Bill

Find out more about changes being proposed to how we prepare for and manage emergencies.

The Council is running a workshop on Wednesday 13 September to learn more about the Government's proposed new Emergency Management Bill.

The workshop is open to the public to observe and learn about the bill and how you can make a public submission, if you wish.

The new bill aims to bring practical improvements and small changes to update the existing Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

It aims to ensure improvements such as making sure communities are better prepared to respond to and recover from emergencies and the impacts of emergencies on people, the economy, and the environment are reduced.

Some of the key measures in the Bill include:

- improving outcomes for communities disproportionately impacted by emergencies
- enhancing the resilience and accountability of critical infrastructure
- improving operational effectiveness

The workshop will be held at the Council Rolleston Offices 11am-12pm 13 September and streamed online on the Council YouTube channel.

You can also find out more about the bill and how to make a submission at [civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/legislation/emergency-management-bill/](http://civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/legislation/emergency-management-bill/)

## Welcoming Week 2023 on now

Welcoming Week — Te Wiki o Manaaki is happening across Aotearoa, and is a great opportunity for residents to get to know their neighbours.

The initiative, launched in 2012, celebrates communities embracing newcomers and making sure people feel welcome and supported, no matter their background. It aims to do this through local events and initiatives that help all residents feel like they are part of their community.

Council Community & Economic Development Advisor Kirstin Dingwall-Okoye says Council funding is available year-round for people to organise local street gathering for neighbours to get to know each other, and Welcoming Week is a great time to plan something fun.

"Anyone who lives in Selwyn can apply for Meet Your Street funding and get to know their neighbours with a fun social event like a bbq. It's a great way to feel more connected in your local area." Kristin says.

"Strengthening connections and trust in our communities contributes to a happier and safer neighbourhood for everyone."

For more information and to check if you are eligible for Meet Your Street funding, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet](http://selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet).

Funding applications must be submitted and approved by Council before the event takes place.

## Catch up with Mayor Sam Broughton

If you want to have a yarn with Mayor Sam Broughton, here's your chance. Sam will be holding a series of drop-ins across the district in September and October. Come and join him for a chat.



Date	Time	Venue	Address
12 September	1.30pm	Rolleston — Robert Harris	76 Rolleston Drive (Rolleston Square)
25 September	9am	Prebbleton — Union Fare Eatery	97 Springs Road
6 October	9am	Leeston — Suburban Eatery	112 High Street
6 October	10.30am	Lincoln — Coffee Culture	19 Gerald Street
13 October	11am	Tai Tapu — The Store at Tai Tapu	358 Tai Tapu Road
16 October	9am	West Melton — Les Delices Bakery and Patisserie	736 Weedons Ross Road
30 October	9am	Darfield — Darfield Bakery	62 South Terrace
30 October	10.30am	Springfield — Taste of Kiwi Café	5666 West Coast Road

## Notices

### DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 15 September at:

- Leeston Library and Service Centre, 9–9.30am
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre, 9–9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11–11.30am
- Darfield Library and Service Centre — no clinic this time.

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires them to be microchipped.

- Clinics last for 30 minutes.
- Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive.
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston are alternated monthly.

Any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN 735 996.

### NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL DECISION — PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 79 (PREBBLETON)

The Council has resolved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation to decline Birchs Village Limited's application to rezone approximately 37 hectares of current rural land in Prebbleton to residential land.

The full text of the decision can be read online at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc79](http://selwyn.govt.nz/pc79), at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters, or online at Council libraries and service centres.

Anyone who made a submission on Private Plan Change Request 79 may appeal to the Environment Court against the Council's decision. Appeals must reach the Court by 5pm Thursday, 19th October.

A copy of any appeal must also be served on the Council.

## Meetings

**Public Forums:** Council and Community Board 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 by emailing [meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz)

### COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

**Extraordinary Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 6 September 9–10am  
Council Rolleston Offices

**Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee**  
Monday 11 September 4pm–6pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

**Representation Review Committee\***  
Tuesday 12 September 5pm–6.30pm  
Council Rolleston Offices

**Emergency Management Bill Workshop\***  
Wednesday 13 September 11am  
Council Rolleston Office

**Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 13 September 1pm  
Council Rolleston Offices

\*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel

## Appeal period extended for Proposed District Plan decisions

Council decisions on submissions on the Proposed District Plan were notified last week.

Due to a technical error some submitters were notified of decisions later than intended. As a result the appeal period has been extended. The appeal period will now close at 5pm 6 October 2023.

Any person who made a submission on the Proposed District Plan may appeal the Council's decision to the Environment Court within 30 working days of the service of the notice of decisions. A copy of the appeal must also be served on the Council.

You can find out more about the decisions and the Proposed District Plan at [selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview](http://selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview).



Flood repairs are taking place on Riversleigh Road from SH77 to Flagpole Road and on McLaughlins Road from Elmhurst Road to Coaltrack Road. Both roads are closed. Golf Links Road is also closed for maintenance from SH77 to Old Tai Tapu Road.

Traffic lights are in place for maintenance on Goulds Road from Leeston Road to Ellesmere Junction Road, Old West Coast Road from Minchins Road to Redmonds Road,

Norwood Road from Selwyn Road to Burnham School Road and Rakaia Terrace Road from Ardlui Road to Te Pirirta Road.

Stop Go controls are in place on Ahuriri Road from SH75 to Park Hill Road and on Whitecliffs Road from SH77.

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](http://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).



# Event Guide

Friday 8 September

### Selwyn Libraries at Castle Hill

Castle Hill Community Hall, 10am–12pm

Can't make it to the library this week? Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, place your own holds and collect them on the day, or request a mystery selection through our Click and Collect service. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

Friday 8 September

### Variety Dance Club — Irish Dancing

Selwyn Sports Centre, 6–7pm

Variety Dance Club is going international! Learn a new style of dance from Selwyn's dance instructors. Whether you're a diligent dancer or have two left feet, finish Friday the fun way by learning and moving with your friends and family. \$5 per person per class. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Monday 11 September

### English Learners

Lincoln Library, 1.30–2.30pm

Join us to improve your everyday English language skills and confidence in a casual setting. Sessions are focused on the needs of learners — so no two classes are the same. Whether you are looking to learn, or simply just to socialise, join us at our weekly coffee club. All English language learners welcome. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings not required.

Tuesday 12 September

### Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Storytimes

Te Ara Ātea, 10–10.30am

Celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori by attending one of our popular storytime sessions where basic reo Māori will be included through stories, songs and activities. Suitable for 3–5 years. Free. Bookings not required.

Tuesday 12 September

### Malvern Writers' Café

Darfield Library, 10am–12pm

A writer's group based in the Malvern district that provides writers from all genres and experience — published and non-published — the chance to share their work and offer support in a friendly and non-judgmental environment. Suitable for adults. Free. Bookings not required.

Tuesday 12 September

### Purerehua — Māori Wind Instruments

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre 4–5pm

Create and decorate your own wooden Māori musical instrument (purerehua). 5+ years. \$3 per person. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

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