

# Musical 'Month of Sundays' hitting the stage

Sunshine and music will come together in Selwyn this month, as the district kicks off a 'Month of Sundays'—a celebration of local musicians and bands.

The free, family friendly entertainment will be available every Sunday afternoon from 1-2.30pm throughout February, and people are encouraged to bring a picnic to sit and enjoy the show.

The performances will begin at the Lincoln Library Green on 5 February with the Ministry of Sound, who are renowned for showcasing local talent. The Canterbury Cellists will then take the stage the following weekend at the Lincoln Library, playing everything from Disney to pop and classical.

The music will move to Te Ara Ātea on 19 February for the award-winning Rolleston Brass. The 30-piece band will play a variety of music and musical styles for families to enjoy.

A Month of Sundays will have its last performance on 26 February at Te Ara Ātea with the popular trio, The Port Hillbillies playing a mixture of Bluegrass, Old Time and Americana.

The Month of Sundays is part of the district's action-packed Summer in Selwyn programme, which features more than 60 different activities for residents to enjoy.

To learn more visit [selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](http://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)

## New members sought for Selwyn Emergency Support Team

Selwyn residents who want to make a positive difference in their community during an emergency are being urged to come to a free information evening at Te Ara Ātea in Rolleston on Monday 13 February, 7–8pm.

The Selwyn Emergency Support Team (SEST) is looking for at least 10 new volunteers to join the group, and is holding an information session this month to help potential candidates learn what's involved.

SEST is a group of community volunteers of different backgrounds and skills, with a common commitment to supporting local communities when emergencies happen. The team is part of the Selwyn Civil Defence response and is managed by the Council Emergency Management Team.

Deputy Team Leader Angie Milner says SEST is looking for adults of all ages and backgrounds.

“The most important things are that you are a people person and can stay calm under pressure. We provide all the training, so you don't need previous experience. If you think you'd like to be a part of SEST, this information evening is for you.”

SEST has been running for almost five years and has been deployed to a variety of emergencies. This included opening a Civil Defence Centre during recent flood events in Selwyn, conducting welfare checks on the West Coast, and helping other agencies during the pandemic to deliver meals and make telephone welfare calls to elderly and vulnerable residents.

“We train every fortnight on Monday evenings from 7 to 9pm,” Angie says. “We're a very community-minded team and we'd really like more volunteers to join us.”

To register for the evening and find more information, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

### Summer Selwyn

#### Family Kite Festival

Sunday 5 February, 1–4pm  
Foster Park, Rolleston

The team from Peter Lynn Kites are back this summer with their amazing show kites!

See the spectacular kites and enjoy a 20m inflatable obstacle course, the interactive Lu Uno Wall at the Selwyn Sports Centre, coffee trucks and more.

All ages welcome.

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## Rates reminder

Keep an eye out in your emails and post: the latest rates invoices will be arriving this month for the third quarter of the 2022/23 rating year.

The invoice covers the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023, and is due for payment (without penalty) by 15 March 2023.

If you do not receive your invoice, please contact our Customer Services team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or email [contactus@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:contactus@selwyn.govt.nz).

If you have recently moved to a new address in Selwyn, please phone or email the Council to update your details.

### Helpful tips to manage your rates

- #### 1. Check your eligibility for a rates rebate

If your income has recently changed, you may be eligible for a rebate through the Government's Rates Rebate Scheme.

The scheme provides a rebate of up to \$700. It is calculated on your household income, the amount of rates you are charged, and the number of dependents you have. You must have lived at the property at the start of the rating year (1 July 2022).

To apply for the Rates Rebate Scheme, visit Council's main office in Rolleston, or arrange an appointment at the Darfield, Leeston or Lincoln Library and Service Centres.
- #### 2. Pay by direct debit

Never miss a payment deadline by setting up direct debit payments for your property and water rates. Direct debit allows the Council to deduct regular payments from your bank account to pay your rates, on a schedule that suits your budget. You can arrange your payments to be weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly.

To set up direct debit, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/rateseasypay](http://selwyn.govt.nz/rateseasypay) (for property rates) and [selwyn.govt.nz/watereasypay](http://selwyn.govt.nz/watereasypay) (for water rates). Alternatively, pick up a direct debit form from the Council offices or our Library and Service Centres.
- #### 3. Get your rates by email

Reduce paper and be more environmentally friendly by signing up to receive your rates invoices by email. Setting it up is easy. Just visit [selwyn.govt.nz/change-your-details](http://selwyn.govt.nz/change-your-details) to update your preferred method.

## Driver Mentor programme celebrates students' success

The Community Driver Mentor Programme (CDMP) has celebrated the success of eight Selwyn students receiving their restricted licence.

The programme helps new drivers obtain their restricted or full licence, by overcoming barriers stopping them from learning how to drive, such as cost and access to a vehicle or lessons.

The Council provides funding for Proactive Drive Charitable Trust to run the programme in Selwyn.

The CDMP matches a learner driver with a mentor to practice driving skills taught at Proactive Drive.

Tim Hartnell, Proactive Drive's Programme Manager says, “Mentors are integral to the success of CDMP and we are very grateful for the time and personal cost our mentors donate so learner drivers can become better, safer drivers for life.”

The bond between learner and mentor is special and friendships are often forged.

At the Selwyn graduation at Te Ara Ātea, the students showed their appreciation for the programme and thanked their mentors.

Graduate, Frederick Toetoe says getting his restricted licence has improved his self-esteem, motivation and given him more freedom. Having moved from the North Island, he says the experience helped him to navigate different areas in Selwyn and Christchurch.

“It has increased my ability to get a job and go to seminars. It is so much quicker and easier to get to places as I don't have to wait for buses and it also means that I can spend more time with my whānau.”

Notices

Restricted Fire Season

Fire and Emergency NZ advises that Canterbury has moved to a Restricted Fire Season, effective as of 26 January 2023. A Restricted Fire Season means a permit is required for all outdoor fires.

The restriction covers the entire Canterbury, from the Rakaia River north, including the hill and high country, foothills and Canterbury Plains, Banks Peninsula and the Port Hills, Christchurch city, and Kaikōura Plains.

To apply for a permit, visit [checkitsalright.nz](https://checkitsalright.nz)

Hororātā War Memorial Reserve status revocation

The Council is giving notice of a proposal to seek the Minister of Conservation’s approval to revoke the war memorial reserve status of the Hororātā Community Hall on the corner of Hororata Road and Duncans Roads, Hororata (4047 m2 being Part Reserve 954 comprised in Record of Title CB610/4).

Written submissions on this proposal are due by 5pm, 3 March 2023. To make a submission or to find out more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/publicnotices](https://selwyn.govt.nz/publicnotices)

Alcohol notices

**Country Lane Group Limited (The Social Platter Co & Catering Collective, Leeston)** has applied for an On Licence. Objections to this application are open until 14 February.

For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](https://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

Dog microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Friday 10 February at:

- Lincoln Library, 9–9.30am
- Leeston Library, 9–9.30am
- Rolleston Council offices, 11–11.30am
- Darfield Library, 12.15–12.45pm

If your dog is not a working dog, the law requires that they be microchipped.

- Clinics last for 30 minutes.
- Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If you have any questions about microchipping, please call 0800 SELWYN (735996).

Council services Waitangi Day

On Monday 6 February some Council services will be closed or unavailable due to the Waitangi Day public holiday. The Council offices in Rolleston, all Selwyn Libraries, Rolleston Community Centre, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, Lincoln Event Centre, and Selwyn Sports Centre will be closed. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open from 8am–8pm, Darfield and Southbridge pools will be open from 1–7pm, Sheffield pool will be open from 1–5pm, and Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open from 9am–4.30pm. Bin collections will occur as normal.

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.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

<b>Council*</b> Wednesday 8 February 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices	<b>Community Services Committee*</b> Wednesday 15 February 9am Rolleston HQ Offices
<b>Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee</b> Monday 13 February 4pm–6pm Tai Tapu Community Centre	<b>Transport &amp; Infrastructure Committee*</b> Wednesday 15 February 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices

\* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel



On the Roads

Springston Rolleston Road remains one-way to southbound traffic from Lowes Road to Delapre Drive until 2 February.

Ayelsbury Road is one-way northbound from SH1 to Godley Road weekdays 6am–7pm, and closed from 7pm–6am and during weekends for the installation of a water pipe. Blakes Road is closed from Springston Road to Elmwood Drive for water upgrades. Stop Go controls are in place on Courtney Road from Bealey Road to Miles Road, Downs Road from Sleemans Road to Osbournes Road, Rakaia Terrace Road and Wards Road from Sandy Knolls Road 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](https://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).



Event Guide

Thursday 2 February

**English Learners Conversation Club**  
**Te Ara Ātea, 1.30–2.30pm**

Join us to improve your everyday English skills and confidence in a casual setting. Sessions are focused on the needs of learners—so no two classes are the same. All language learners welcome. Free. Bookings required.

Thursday 2–Thursday 9 February

**Tūhura Tuarangi: Aotearoa in Space**  
**Te Ara Ātea**

This space science showcase is out of this world! Developed by Otago Museum, Tūhura Tuarangi is packed with hands-on interactives to play with, build, launch and explore with your whole whānau. Discover the amazing space technologies and world-leading research going on right here in Aotearoa.

Friday 3 February

**Device Drop-In Fridays**  
**Lincoln, Darfield and Leeston Libraries**

Come along to our informal support groups to help familiarise yourself with your digital device. Whether it's a tablet or mobile phone, someone will be able to show you the basics to help you use your device. Darfield Library: 1.30–3.30pm. Leeston Library: 2–4pm. Lincoln Library: 10am–12pm.

Saturday 4 February

**EduTech Fun! Creative Learning**  
**Te Ara Ātea, 10.30am–12.30pm**

Come and discover what STEAM technology is and how it can be part of everyday learning. See how it may lead to the jobs of the future. Enjoy hands-on time exploring and playing with our favourites, with guidance from Creative Trust Programme Manager, Kim Ryan. All kids, adults, students and teachers welcome. Younger children must have adult supervision. Free. Bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Saturday 4 February

**Kickstart Have a Go Motorcycle Riders Event**  
**Canterbury Agricultural Park, 10am–2pm**

A great day to have a look at loads of bikes, see some demonstrations, and even take part. Demonstrations from local Ride Forever Instructors, retailers, food, entertainment, have a go at the "Kickstart Challenge" or enjoy the show and shine. Find out more at [Facebook.com/kickstartcanterbury](https://Facebook.com/kickstartcanterbury)

Thursday 9 February

**Chalk Art Competition—Lincoln**  
**Lincoln Event Centre car park, 3.30–4.30pm**

Are you a creative family that loves chalk? Come down to the Lincoln Event Centre and battle it out to see which family will win the title of best chalk art! Chalk packs are available for purchase on the day or bring your own. Great prizes to be won. Book online at [selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn).

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