



Kick off your Summer in Selwyn with a Season of Fun Events and Activities

Summer in Selwyn is making a splash once again, bringing the community over 40 whānau-friendly events and activities from January to February 2024. From paddle boarding to BMX coaching, nature photography to Pickleball, there's something for everyone.

The district's latest 'What's on in Selwyn' guide featuring all the Summer in Selwyn sporting, cultural, and family fun experiences is out now and available online and at Council service centres.

Get ready for a season filled with favourites like the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Kite Day. Don't miss your chance to come and have a go at snorkelling and scuba diving, or sew your own book bag and create a LEGO masterpiece when the Edge Connector mobile library comes to an area near you.

Jump and Juggle bouncy castles return to the Selwyn Sports Centre this year, and the Emergency Services Family Fun Day at the Rolleston Community Centre will highlight Selwyn's emergency service providers, their equipment and skills. With live entertainment, fun activities, and food stalls, it promises to be a fantastic day out for the whole whānau.

Download your copy of the 'What's on in Selwyn' guide featuring a handy Summer in Selwyn event calendar at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Summer in Selwyn

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024

Event guide out now!

Pick up a copy from any Council facility, or view and book online:

selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn

Latest updates to District Rule Book Available

The District's rule book has been updated to help people looking for the latest information.

Decisions from public hearings on the proposed District Plan were announced in August with a period of appeals closing in October.

Any parts of the plan that were not appealed are now in effect and the Council has updated the Decisions Version of the Partially Operative Selwyn District Plan with an Appeals Version which identifies which rules are now in effect and which rules are subject to an appeal.

The Appeals Version will be updated as appeals are resolved and provisions become operative.

The Appeals Version of the plan and further information about the district plan is available to view at selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview, along with links to view further information on the appeals.



Biodiversity Consultation Drop in Sessions Next Week

How do we protect and enhance our natural heritage?

We're looking for your support in growing a strategy to protect, restore and enhance Selwyn's unique biodiversity.

Biodiversity describes everything living on land, in fresh water and the sea; and encapsulates the diversity of all flora and fauna. In Waikirikiri Selwyn we have a unique blend of biodiversity not seen anywhere else.

How should we work with the community and landholders and where should we prioritise to protect, restore and enhance this unique heritage?

Our plan, with goals and actions to do this is set out in the Selwyn Biodiversity Strategy, which is out for your feedback until 7pm Friday 15 December.

To help, our biodiversity team is holding three drop-ins next week for you to talk with the team and ask any questions.

The three drop-ins will be held at:

- Darfield Library, 3-7pm 13 December
- Council Rolleston Offices, 3-7pm 14 December
- Leeston Library, 3-7pm 15 December.



Resilient Economy Shows Impressive Growth

Waikirikiri Selwyn remains one of the fastest growing economies in the country, new economic figures show.

Latest figures from economic analysts Infometrics show Selwyn's economy grew by 3.5% GDP over the year to September 2023, making it the third fastest growing territorial authority.

This growth was supported by robust employment and consumer spending. A 5.9% growth in employment of Selwyn residents over the year to September underlines the growing diversity of the Selwyn economy with growth in every industry except agriculture.

This employment surge is underpinned by strong population growth, estimated at 5.2% for the year to June 2023. Consumer spending in Selwyn has seen an impressive increase, with a 12.4% growth over the year to September 2023. This growth accelerated to 15% in the September 2023 quarter, highlighting the district's robust economic health. This trend not only points to economic prosperity, but also signifies a high level of consumer confidence within the district.

While house values in Selwyn experienced a moderate decline, sales were up by 9.1% over the year to September 2023, compared to the 13.7% fall nationally during the same period.

The figures suggest a slow down in new house building, with the 291 new dwellings consented in the September quarter the lowest quarter since 2019. The continued growth in the economy highlights how the district's economy is becoming more diversified and less reliant on construction.

Mayor Sam Broughton expressed optimism about Selwyn's economic trajectory, "Our community's resilience and adaptability are evident in these figures. We remain committed to fostering a vibrant economy that not only grows but does so sustainably, creating opportunities for our residents and businesses alike and supports strengthening our community."



Notices

INTENTION TO GRANT A DEED OF LEASE – LINCOLN RUGBY CLUB

Pursuant to Section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, notice is hereby given of an intention to issue a Deed of Lease to Lincoln Rugby Club for the term of ten years with two rights of renewal of ten years each, over approximately 4.4m2 of land, being a Recreation Reserve legally known as Reserve 4200 Rural Section 41606 and Rural Section 42054, Block V, Halswell Survey District, held in Gazette Notice 1986 p 2229, commonly known as Lincoln Recreation Reserve, for the purposes of installation of an electronic scoreboard.

Any person objecting or submitting to this proposal can do so in writing no later than 5pm on Monday, 8 January 2024. To make a submission or objection or to find out more about this proposal please contact the Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing Department by e-mail to property@selwyn.govt.nz or post to PO BOX 90, Rolleston 7643.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Randhawa Enterprises Limited (Dalchini Taste of India) has applied to renew its On Licence. Objections to this application are open until 23 January 2024. **Kynd Liquor Limited (Liquorland Rolleston Drive)** has applied to renew its Off Licence. Objections to this application are open until 29 January 2024. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

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

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Long Term Plan Workshop*

Wednesday 6 December 8.30am
Wednesday 13 December 9am
Council Offices Rolleston

Extraordinary Council Meeting*

Wednesday 6 December 1pm
Council Offices Rolleston

Extraordinary Finance & Performance Committee*

Wednesday 6 December 2pm
Council Offices Rolleston

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 13 December 1pm
Council Offices Rolleston

* Livestreamed on the Council website
and YouTube channel



Our roading crews continue to be out across the district doing upgrades and repairs to maintain the district's roads. For a map of all our road works around Selwyn follow the QR code or visit selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures. Please take care around work sites and follow site signage.



Selwyn Welcomes 129 New Citizens in Recent Ceremonies

Friends, family, and supporters joined in celebration as 129 new citizens were warmly welcomed at two of the Council's latest citizenship ceremonies held at Te Ara Ātea and Tai Tapu in November.

While the majority of our new citizens originated from South Africa (19), India (17), the Philippines (16), and the United Kingdom (12), the global representation spanned 31 different countries, including Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Poland, and Hungary. These newest Kiwis proudly contribute to the 732 individuals welcomed to the Selwyn community in 2023 from 61 countries.

Throughout the year, the success of these ceremonies owes much to the valued presence of special guests, including Councillors, representatives of Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki, the Defence Force and the Christchurch Multicultural Council. The participation of local school children and kapa haka groups have also made these occasions memorable for our new citizens. Together, they have embraced and celebrated the diverse backgrounds that now enrich Selwyn's community.

Deputy Mayor Lyall who attended the most recent ceremony said, "It was a real privilege to welcome so many new Kiwis and to share such a special and happy occasion with them. Over the year, we have seen a diverse group of people from various corners of the globe, all choosing to make Selwyn their home by becoming New Zealand citizens, which has been truly special."



Event Guide

Thursday 7 December

At Home Exhibition Tour
Te Ara Ātea, 6-6.30pm

Learn about the art at Te Ara Ātea. Join curator Erin Lee as she walks you through the exhibition, At Home, exploring ideas of place, identity and home making. The tour will begin in the community lounge at Te Ara Ātea. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. If no spaces are available, please call (03) 318 7780 to be added to our waitlist.

Saturday 9 December

Christmas Wreath Demonstration
Te Ara Ātea, 1.30-2.30pm

Learn skills from local flower farmer and florist Emily, from Flowers in a Box, as she runs you through the basics of wreath making. You will be introduced to the techniques and materials needed to make a variety of wreaths, perfect for table settings and door pieces. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. If no spaces are available, please call (03) 318 7780 to be added to our waitlist.

Monday 11 December

Mini Gym End of Year Party
Selwyn Sports Centre, 10-11.30am

Let's celebrate the final week of Mini Gym preschool classes with a party! There'll be bouncy castles, face painting, Lu Uno wall and loads more fun. 6+ months to 5 years. \$5 per child. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Monday 11 December

LEGO® Time
Leeston Library, 3.30-4.30pm

Come and play with our new LEGO® collection and make a new creation. Free. Drop in only, with limited spaces. No bookings taken. Recommended for primary school aged children. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday 12 December

Volunteering Canterbury
Darfield Library, 10.30am-12.30pm

Want to volunteer; need a volunteer or advice? A Volunteering Canterbury outreach coordinator is available to talk about anything do with volunteering. Free bookings not required.

Tuesday 12 December

Get Your Skates On Disco
Selwyn Sports Centre, 3.30-5pm

Celebrate the final week of Get Your Skates On with an end of the year roller disco! Open to all ages so the whole family can join in the fun. All gear provided. \$7 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

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SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS

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