



Census 2023 — make sure you count

Information about how to complete the 2023 Census is on its way to residents' mailboxes or door this month.

The census is a nationwide survey that happens every five years. Every person who is in the country on the night of Tuesday 7 March 2023 needs to do the survey.

The responses are combined to produce statistics that provide a picture of life in Aotearoa and how it is changing. Peoples' identities are kept private and confidential.

Council Chief Executive David Ward says iwi, community groups, local and central government, and businesses all use findings from the census to inform strategic decision making and future planning.

"We know that Selwyn is one of the fastest growing districts in the country. Information from the census helps us determine what services and infrastructure we need to invest in for our communities. By taking part, you help us gain a better understanding of what you, your community and the wider Selwyn district needs for the future," he says.

Stats NZ, which is running the census, is doing things differently than in previous years. This year, there will be more people out and about collecting the census forms and more assistance is available for people who want help to fill out their forms. People will also have more choice about how they take part and can fill out the census forms either online or on paper. There will also be more formats available for disabled people.

To learn more about the 2023 Census, visit census.govt.nz.

Road projects to help safe school access

Upgrades around six Selwyn schools will be helping pupils travel more safely to school this year.

The Council has been upgrading roads, pavements, entrance ways or signage around six schools over summer.

Upgrades have been made to the popular shared cycling and walking pathway on Springston Rolleston Road outside Rolleston College to improve access and address the problem of people parking on the pathway. Additional line marking, signage, upgrades to entrance ways and increased marking of cycle and pedestrian areas have also been added around Rolleston College. While new signage has been added around the McLaughlins Road access to Darfield High School, with additional line marking to be added. This work follows on from new parking bays and a shared cycling and walking path that was added on Boundary Road last year, to assist safe access to Lincoln College.

A new pedestrian crossing has been added on Broadlands Drive outside Clearview School and is being added across Markham Way near the Rolleston School entrance, along with a shared walking and cycling path along Markham Way.

A new kea crossing has also been installed outside Clearview School along with traffic calming and road frontage upgrades to support slower speeds and improve safety for pupils walking or cycling to school.



The first stage of safety improvements outside West Rolleston School has also been completed with a new, 2.5 metre wide shared path for walking and cycling on Dunns Crossing Road, additional line marking and upgrades around the kea crossing. The Council and Waka Kotahi have been working with the school on a package of safety improvements to tie in with Waka Kotahi plans to develop the State Highway 1 intersection with Dunns Crossing Road as the future main southern entrance to Rolleston.

Plans are also in place for safety upgrades outside Leeston School on Darcy Street, while the Council has supported Waka Kotahi's upgrade of State Highway 73 through West Melton, which will improve safe access to West Melton School.

Water wisely this summer

Be smart with your water use around the yard, as warm conditions continue.

Being water wise saves money and helps ensure there is enough available at a steady pressure for everyone to use.

People are encouraged to avoid watering between the hours of 6–9am and 4–9pm, when usage normally peaks and puts pressure on the water supplies.

Residents can also make the most of their water by following these tips:

- Water every few days (not daily). Watering every day encourages roots to grow at the surface, making them more vulnerable to dry spells.
- Water for short intervals to let the soil absorb more water. For example, water for three 5-minute intervals over a couple of hours, instead of continuous watering for 15 minutes.
- Use a watering can or hose to give you more control of where the water goes, so you don't water the driveway, footpath or buildings.
- Only water what needs it. Consider letting your berm dry off during summer.
- Use mulch or cover the soil with organic matter to help your garden retain moisture.
- Check for leaks in your hoses and taps.
- Use the right sprinkler head to ensure it is applying a gentle amount of water. Some sprinklers apply more water than the soil can absorb.
- Choose drought-resistant plants, as these don't require as much water.

For more advice on using water wisely, visit selwyn.govt.nz/watersense.

Duck, dip, dive — dodgeball

Calling all dodgeball enthusiasts and newbies to the sport: Selwyn Sports Centre is now taking team registrations for its upcoming dodgeball competition.

The fast-paced, action-packed sport is suitable for all ages and abilities, with games happening every Tuesday night from 7 March.

Teams of six players can register for the competition. Each team will be able to play multiple games every week.

Registration is \$30 per team per week.

To learn more and register, visit selwynsportscentre.co.nz.



New access as work continues to Rolleston Town Centre

After a milestone year, the next stage of works is continuing in the Rolleston Town Centre.

The past year saw the first commercial premises, the youth space and new roads and car parks opened, with work on further commercial premises and car parks ongoing.

The access to Christensen Parade from Rolleston Drive (past the Rolleston Community Centre) will be closed until the end of April while the final car parks are constructed. The Rōhutu Way entrance from Tennyson Street is open and a temporary road will connect Rōhutu Way to Christensen Parade. This entrance remains one-way with cars exiting via the temporary road to Christensen Parade and then Moore Street.

Further landscaping work, new public spaces and upgrades to the Rolleston Reserve will follow this year.

Looking to make a difference in your community?

The Selwyn Emergency Support Team is looking for new volunteers to support our communities when emergencies happen.

Come along and find out more at our information evening:

7–8pm Monday 13 February
Te Ara Ātea, 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston

For more information or to register visit selwyn.govt.nz/events





Kerbside recycling facility open day

When your yellow bin gets emptied, do you know where the recycling goes?

Now you can find out by heading to an open day at the EcoSort recycling facility in Christchurch this month to find out what happens to recycling once it has been collected.

Council Resource Recovery and Waste Manager Andrew Boyd says that in Selwyn, recycling picked up by the kerbside collection service is taken to EcoSort, along with recycling from neighbouring districts.



The open day will be an opportunity to learn about the facility’s recent \$16.8m upgrade, tour the materials recovery facility, ask staff questions and get an up close look at a recycling truck.

“Having an understanding of where your recycling goes and how the different machines process it can be a great way to reinforce good recycling habits, such as making sure your recycling is clean and that you’re only putting accepted materials in your yellow bin,” says Andrew.

The free open day is on 18 February 9am–1pm at 21 Parkhouse Road, Wigram (next to EcoDrop). Parking is available on Michelle Road, with limited onsite parking for permit holders. To find out more, visit ccc.govt.nz/ecosort

Notices

Alcohol notices

The Famous Grouse 2009 Limited (Lincoln) has applied for the renewal of an on licence and an off licence. For more information visit 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).

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

Council*

Wednesday 8 February 1pm
Rolleston HQ Offices

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Monday 13 February 4pm–6pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Community Services Committee*

Wednesday 15 February 9am
Rolleston HQ Offices

Transport & Infrastructure Committee*

Wednesday 15 February 1pm
Rolleston HQ Offices

Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Tuesday 21 February 9am
Rolleston HQ Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 27 February 4.30pm
Darfield Library

Sheffield-Waddington Township Committee

Thursday 16 February 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall



On the Roads

Springston Rolleston Road remains one-way open to southbound traffic from Broadlands Drive to Delapre Drive until 2 February. Aylesbury Road is one-way northbound from SH1 to Godley Road weekdays 6am–7pm, and closed from 7pm–6am and during weekends. Burnham Road will be one way open southbound for the installation of a water pipe.

Repairs are being carried out on the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge and temporary traffic lights will be in place on 8–9 February 9am–3pm—expect delays of up to one hour. Stop Go controls are in place for repairs on Courtney Road from Bealey Road to Miles Road, Downs Road from Sleemans Road to Osbournes Road and Edward Street.

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.



Event Guide

Thursday 9 February

Selwyn Libraries at Glentunnel

Glentunnel Community Centre, 2.30–4pm

We are bringing the library to you! Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, interact with our robots, create with LEGO® or design your own gift cards. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required

Thursday 9 February

Chalk Art Competition

Lincoln Event Centre car park, 3.30–4.30pm

Have a creative family who loves to chalk? Come battle it out to see which family will take away the title of best chalk art. Chalk packs are available for purchase on the day or bring your own. Great prizes to be won. For more competition locations and times or to book visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Friday 10 February

Outdoor Movies — School of Rock (PG)

Greendale Reserve, 7–8.30pm

Bring a picnic and your seat, bean bag or blanket and settle in for a screening of School of Rock on the big screen! Overly enthusiastic guitarist, Dewey Fin gets thrown out of his band and finds himself in desperate need of work. Posing as a substitute music teacher at an elite private elementary school, he shares his love of rock with his new class. Free. Drop-in.

Saturday 11 February

GINcurious with Curiosity Gin

Darfield Library, 11am–12.30pm

Discover the history of gin, methods to distill gin and the different types of gins available. Enjoy a demonstration on how you can make your own gin at home using the contents of your spice rack and fruit bowl with just a few pots and pans, a bottle of vodka, and some juniper berries! Suitable for 18+ years. There will be no alcohol consumption during this demonstration. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Sunday 12 February

Hororātā Picnic in the Park

Hororātā Domain, 11am–2pm

Bring your picnic and a blanket and join us for a free, fun and relaxing community picnic with lots of exciting things to do. All ages welcome. Free. Drop-in.

Sunday 12 February

A Month of Sundays

Lincoln Library, 1pm–2.30pm

Celebrate local talent at this family friendly event. Bring along a picnic and enjoy a free summer concert from Canterbury Cellists, playing everything from Disney and pop to classical music.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT
SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS

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