



At Home Exhibition at Te Ara Ātea

The quest to understand the essence of home takes centre stage at Te Ara Ātea's latest exhibition, *At Home*. Featuring artworks by renowned artists Edith Amituanai (MNZM), Jamie Berry, Megan Brady, Areez Katki, Steven Junil Park, and Marilyn Webb, this exhibition invites visitors to reflect on the varied nature of home.

At Home goes beyond the physicality of houses, looking into the intricate ways individuals and communities create a sense of belonging. From the objects that furnish our homes to the communities that support us, and even the connection to land and waterways, the exhibition reveals the many ways we construct our homes. It's a journey into the heart of what home looks and feels like for those who have built their lives in Aotearoa New Zealand, Waitaha Canterbury, and Waikirikiri Selwyn.

Mat Logan, Culture, Content and Learning Manager said that being able to showcase artists with a range of cultural perspectives reflects the diversity of Selwyn District.

"We're thrilled to bring *At Home* to Te Ara Ātea and these artists highlight that belonging is shaped in various ways. It's more than a physical space, home is where personal stories unfold."

At Home runs from 8 November 2023 until 25 May 2024.



Yubetsu Gifts on display at Darfield Library

The Darfield Library is now hosting a unique collection of cultural gifts from Yubetsu, the longstanding Japanese Sister City of the Malvern Community Board. This partnership, established in July 2000, revolves around the simple yet powerful ideals of friendship and cross-cultural connections.

For over two decades, the towns of Malvern and Yubetsu have nurtured their Sister City bond through biannual visits and cultural exchanges until COVID-19 disruption. The heart of this connection lies in the annual student exchange programme, where students from Darfield High School and Yubetsu Junior High School spend three months immersed in each other's communities. The reciprocal visits every two years further strengthen cultural understanding, with Japanese students exploring Kiwi culture and local customs. This enriching experience has proven to be life-changing for many Darfield students.

Yubetsu, nestled in Monbetsu District, Okhotsk Subprefecture, on the northern shores of Hokkaido, shares striking similarities with the Malvern region. Both areas boast modest populations, experience seasonal extremes, and thrive on agriculture.

Many of the gifts have a unique story such as a kimono donated by Mr Masakazu Hirota, a former Yubetsu town councillor. This bridal kimono, a gift in 2000 during the signing of the friendship agreement, symbolises the cultural exchange between Yubetsu and Selwyn, alongside the planting of two kōwhai trees.

Selwyn Sister Cities Committee Chairperson Allison Rosanowski said "the display features many wonderful items gifted to the Malvern Community by our friends in Yubetsu. They add a touch of Japanese culture to Darfield but also stand as a testament to the enduring bonds between Yubetsu and Selwyn".

The Yubetsu gifts are on display until April 2024.

Slow down and buckle up message behind regional road safety collaboration

Watch your speed, and wear your seatbelt are everyday road safety messages that take on extra resonance in Canterbury this month.

The region is the focus of road safety activities aimed at enhancing the collaboration of local councils with police to achieve better driver behaviour.

Canterbury Police will be running a "spot and stop" policy across Canterbury through November, including in Selwyn, in which drivers are pulled over if detected speeding, and checks carried out to see if they and their passengers are also wearing seatbelt.

Inspector Natasha Rodley, Road Policing Manager for Canterbury, says the activity will target district-wide areas and events throughout November, to reinforce the need for drivers to take responsibility for their safety and that of their passengers when behind the wheel, ahead of the busy Christmas/New Year holiday period.

Police will also share a flyer with drivers explaining why even travelling just one to 10 kilometres over the speed limit is unnecessarily risky, and how essential it is to use seatbelts at all times when riding in a vehicle.

"As we head toward the end of the year, people can get distracted thinking about Christmas and holidays coming up. The tendency to rush and not pay attention to your speed can pose a risk to you and others on the roads. We know that even low-level speeding will have a significant effect on the outcome of a crash and the injuries received."

"Wearing a seatbelt increases the chances of surviving a crash by 40%," Ms Rodley says.

Speed is one of biggest contributing factors to road deaths and serious injuries in Canterbury, with one in five fatalities in the district from 2018-2022 attributed to excessive speed, a more common cause of deaths than alcohol (11.9%), distraction (4%) and fatigue (4.2%).

Over the same period there were 47 deaths and 82 serious injuries where restraints were not worn.



Take a Mo-moment for Men's Health

Movember is here, and you are invited to a special event dedicated to discussing men's health. Men's Health Mo-Ment is happening on Tuesday 21 November 7-9pm at Te Ara Ātea. This is an opportunity to engage in conversations about various aspects of men's health — from the importance of getting 'those' checks to mental health, wellbeing, the future and more.

Hosted by Councillor Phil Dean, you will hear from expert speakers including Dr. Chris Wynne, Chief Scientific Officer at New Zealand Clinical Research and Mel Johns, Mental Health and Wellbeing Consultant. Simon, a head and neck cancer survivor will share the ups and downs of his cancer journey and what helped him through.

This event aims to raise awareness about the importance of proactive health measures and foster open discussions around men's health.

Proudly brought to you by Council, Cancer Society, Prostate Cancer Foundation NZ and the Mental Health Resource and Education Centre. Information stalls will also be available from a range of organisations supporting men throughout Selwyn. This provides an excellent opportunity to connect with others in the community and share insights on prioritising men's health.

You can enjoy complimentary refreshments from 8.30pm onwards at this free event. To secure your spot bookings are required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Pucara Limited (The Silver Dollar, Rolleston) has applied for an on licence. Objections to these applications are open until 7 December. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 24 November at:

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

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

- All clinics last for 30 minutes
- Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive
- Microchipping will not take place if wet
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston will be alternated each month

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN 735 996

CATCH UP WITH MAYOR SAM AT WEST MELTON

If you want to have a yarn with Mayor Sam Broughton, here's your chance. Sam will be at Les Délices Bakery, 736 Weedons Ross Road, West Melton from 9am Thursday 9 November. Come and join him for a chat.

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 8 November 9am
Council Offices Rolleston

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Monday 13 November 5–6pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 15 November 1pm
Council Offices Rolleston

Malvern Community Board
Monday 27 November 4pm
West Melton Community Centre

Long Term Plan Workshop*
Tuesday 28 November 9am
Wednesday 29 November 9am
Wednesday 6 December 8.30am
Council Offices Rolleston

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Wednesday 13 December 1pm
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** Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*



Temporary traffic lights are operating on Telegraph Road from Creyke Road to Ansons Road; stop/go controls are in place on Bealey Road from Courtenay Road to Highfield Road; three way stop/go controls are in place on Harts Road from Southbridge Sedgemere Road to Leeston and Lake Road, and four way stop/go controls are in place on Leeston and Selwyn Road intersection and Courtenay and Miles Road intersection.



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.

Speed Management Plan
2024–2034

Last week to have your say.

Consultation closes 5pm 10 November

Have your say
yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz



Event Guide

Thursday 9 November

Writers' Group
Lincoln Library, 6.30–7.30pm

Writers from all genres and experience — published and non-published — are invited to share their work in a friendly and non-judgmental environment at Lincoln Library. Suitable for teens and adults. Free. Bookings preferred, but not essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 10 November

Explore Kakaha Park
Kakaha Park, 5.30–7.30pm

As part of Play Week Aotearoa 2023 — bring your bike, a picnic and have-a-go on our latest bike trails. Bring your dog to have a go on the agility course. Drop-in. Free. Dogs must be on lead within biking and playing area.

Saturday 11 November

Lu Uno Interactive Wall
Selwyn Sports Centre, 9am–1pm

Come and try the only Lu Uno Wall of its kind in NZ for free, with a range of interactive games. 5–10 years. 25 min sessions. Free. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 11 November

Disc Golf
Darfield Domain, 1–3pm

Try a super fun new game for Play Week Aotearoa 2023. Come along and have-a-go playing disc golf. Equipment and instruction available. Free. Drop-in.

Sunday 12 November

Wander the Willows
Thompsons Road, off Old West Coast Road, West Melton, 1–3pm

Explore the new walking and biking trails at The Willows. There's 4km of one way, shared tracks (walking and biking). Dogs on lead. Plus a dog park with agility course. Free. Drop-in.

Sunday 12 November

Show us your Manu Skills
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 5–7pm

Warm up your Manu skills for the summer. The Manu platform will be operating for you to practice and perfect your bomb, manu, coffin or staple. 8+ years who are competent swimmers. Drop-in. Normal pool admission applies.

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SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS