



## Celebrating our Community Emergency Volunteers

The Tai Tapu Community Centre was full of cheer on Tuesday 5 December, as community emergency volunteer teams were celebrated for their efforts. The annual dinner and prize giving recognises the hard work of Selwyn's Emergency Management volunteers.

Selwyn's community emergency volunteers play a vital role in times of crisis. With over 30 community teams across Selwyn, these volunteers are ready to respond to emergencies and provide support to their local areas. With support of Selwyn Civil Defence Emergency Management staff, these teams are trained to open welfare centres that create safe spaces for the community to gather during challenging events, run Emergency Operations Centres and provide emergency response through light urban search and rescue and other specialist tasks.

During the celebration, 12 Community Response Team members were recognised for their decade-long commitment receiving awards, certificates, and flowers as tokens of gratitude. The event started with a karakia led by Councillor Shane Epiha, then Deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall, the Council's Chief Executive Sharon Mason and Head of Emergency Management Al Lawn, all expressed heartfelt thanks on behalf of Selwyn, commending the volunteers' enthusiasm, courage and dedication during emergency events.

The Council's Emergency Management Advisor and Community Resilience Lead Sue Jenkins highlighted the broader impacts of their efforts, "our volunteers also deploy to other regions across New Zealand when disaster strikes. Deployments to Auckland, Gisborne, and Hawkes Bay after this year's weather events shows their ongoing commitment to assisting communities nationwide".

New members are always welcome to join Selwyn's Civil Defence and Emergency Management volunteer teams. If you would like to know more visit [selwyn.govt.nz/civildefence](http://selwyn.govt.nz/civildefence).

## Camping Adventures in Selwyn this Summer

Get set for an amazing camping adventure along the stunning Great Alpine Highway 73 in Selwyn this summer.

Kick off your trip at Klondyke Corner, surrounded by nature's wonders. Pitch your tent, soak in the views, and chill under the starry night sky. There are 40 non-powered/ tent sites here, accessible by vehicle. Please note that bookings are required as this campsite can be quite busy during the summer months.

After a relaxing night at Klondyke Corner, start your day with fishing at Lake Pearson/ Moana Rua. There's rainbow and brown trout aplenty in the lake! Then, take a short stroll from Avalanche Creek Shelter to the breathtaking Avalanche Falls in Arthur's Pass Village. It's a 10-minute walk filled with waterfall wonders and natural beauty. Discover all of Selwyn's hidden gems at [selwyn.nz](http://selwyn.nz).



## Speed Management Plan

We received a lot of great feedback on our Speed Management Plan, out for consultation in October and November.

The Council is working through the responses and considering changes to the plan, based on your feedback.

In the meantime, here are some of the main questions you asked us.

### Who sets speed limits?

Councils set speed limits for local roads. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency sets speed limits for state highways.

### Crashes aren't always caused by speed

Speed isn't always the cause, but it is the killer. We want to reduce people being killed or injured by reducing impact speeds and giving people more time to react if something goes wrong.

### What about more education for drivers?

We run education programmes, but even good drivers make mistakes.

### What about road maintenance, and intersection upgrades?

We have a plan for this. Most of our funding comes from Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport and we have requested more funding.

### Why my road?

The guidelines were based on an analysis of our crash data and crash data around the country to look at where reduced speed would save the most lives.

### What about using the electronic signs outside schools?

85% of deaths and injuries outside schools happen outside of when these signs currently operate.

You can read more on this at [selwyn.govt.nz/roadsafety](http://selwyn.govt.nz/roadsafety).



## Find out how we can Protect our unique Biodiversity

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.

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

This week's drop-ins will be held at:

Darfield Library, 3-7pm 13 December

Council Rolleston Offices, 3-7pm 14 December.

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.



# Last chance to vote for Malvern

It's the last chance this week to get your vote in for the Malvern Community Board by-elections. Voting closes at midday Friday (15 December) for the by-elections to select representatives for the Hawkins and Tawera Community Subdivisions.

Voting in the by-elections is held by postal vote. Voting papers can be posted at any NZ Post postbox and ballot bins and special voting papers are available at the Darfield Library and the Council's Rolleston offices.

Just over 6800 voting packs were mailed to registered electors last month.

Full information on enrolling, voting and special votes — as well as candidate profiles, ward maps and other election information — is available online at [selwyn.govt.nz/elections](https://selwyn.govt.nz/elections).

## Notices

**ALCOHOL NOTICES**

**A & J Rolleston Limited (The Phenix Chinese Restaurant)** has applied to renew its On Licence. **Prebbleton Supermarket Limited (Freshchoice Prebbleton)** has applied for the issue of an Off Licence. **Saket Food Limited (Saket Indian Restaurant)** has applied to renew its On Licence. Objections to these applications are open until 6 February 2024. **WM 1313 Limited** (West Melton Tavern) has applied for an On Licence and an Off Licence. Objections to this application are open until 7 February 2024. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](https://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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz)

### COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

<b>Long Term Plan Workshop*</b>	<b>Council Meeting*</b>
Wednesday 13 December 9am Council Offices Rolleston	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](https://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures). Please take care around work sites and follow site signage.



## Council Services and Facilities Holiday Hours

Here is a summary of Selwyn District Council's services and facilities opening hours during the holiday period.

**The Council's Rolleston Offices** will be closed from 5pm Friday 22 December, reopening 8.30am Wednesday 3 January.

**Rubbish and recycling collections** for Monday collections, this will be the Saturday prior (23 instead of 25 December and 30 December instead of 1 January).

**Pines Resource Recovery Park** is closed both Monday 25 December and Monday 1 January. Standard opening hours operate for the rest of the holiday period (9am–4.30pm).

**All Selwyn Libraries and Service Centres** will be closed on Monday 25 December and reopen from 10am–4pm, 27–29 December, normal hours 30–31 December. All libraries and service centres will be closed 1–2 January with normal hours resuming from Wednesday 3 January. There will be no late night at Lincoln Library and Te Ata Ātea on Thursday 4 January.

**All Council-managed Community Centres** are closed from 5pm on Friday 22 December and will reopen on Monday 8 January.

**Selwyn Sports Centre** will operate with reduced hours on Saturday 23 December and close at 1pm on Sunday 24 December, reopening with reduced hours from Wednesday 3 January to Sunday 7 January. Normal hours resume from Monday 8 January.

**Selwyn Aquatic Centre** will be closed on public holidays: Monday 25 December, Sunday 26 December, Monday 1 January and Tuesday 2 January.

**Darfield, Southbridge and Sheffield Community Pools** will be closed Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January. Sheffield Pool will also be closed on Tuesday 2 January.

**Animal Control Services** are available, operating 24 hours 7 days a week.

The last full day of **building inspections** will be on Thursday 21 December. Inspections resume from Wednesday 3 January.

The Council's **customer contact line** will be operating 24 hours a day over the holiday break, for urgent issues phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

# Event Guide

Thursday 14 December  
– 11 February 2024

## Upcycle Crafts Various Locations, Dates and Times

Pop down to your local community centre to make your very own recycled plastic bottle planter! West Melton Community Centre, 14 December 3.30–4.30pm; Darfield Recreation Centre, 11 January 10–11am; Glentunnel Community Centre, 15 January 10–11am; Lincoln Event Centre, 16 January 2–3pm; Southbridge Hall, 11 February 11–12pm. \$5 per person, bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Thursday 14 December

## Christmas Storytime Te Ara Ātea, 6–7pm

Join us for interactive stories and songs to celebrate the holiday season. Spread some festive cheer by wearing your favourite Christmas outfit! This session will be accompanied by the Rolleston Brass Band. All ages welcome. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events). If no spaces are available, please call (03) 318 7780 to be added to our waitlist.

Friday 15 December

## Children's Book and Board Games Club Leeston Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Head along to Leeston Library every Friday afternoon to share your latest reading adventures, play board games and enjoy some fun crafts. Full information can be found at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Friday 15 December

## Whānau Connect and Chat Lincoln Library, 10–11am

This session is perfect for those who are looking for an opportunity to connect with other parents, supporters, and caregivers in a safe, child-friendly environment. Tea and coffee provided. Free. Bookings not required. Full information can be found at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Every Monday, Tuesday and Friday

## Aqua Natal and Aqua Fit Parents Selwyn Aquatic Centre

New classes include Aqua Natal, every Tuesday 6.15–7pm: Specifically designed for expectant mothers to get a low-medium level intensity work out. Perfect for any stage of pregnancy or fitness level. Aqua Fit Parents, Monday's, 9.30–10.15am, and Friday's 10.30–11.15am: The perfect opportunity for parents and caregivers to get a great workout, while keeping baby engaged and entertained. Baby will enjoy a fun water experience, while parents and caregiver can improve their fitness level and strength. Suitable for babies from 6 months up to 3 years.

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