



Uniting over dinner

Dinners of Selwyn returns on Tuesday 21 March to bring everyone together and embrace the diversity of our district, while commemorating the 2019 mosque attacks.

This year, Dinners of Selwyn will be held at Lincoln Event Centre during Unity Week, an initiative established by the Sakinah Community Trust who lost loved ones during the mosque attack on March 15.

At a time, four years ago when communities were hurt and torn apart, the Sakinah Community Trust made it their mission to start a movement in 2022 towards social cohesion, and to remember and honor the lives that were lost. Through this movement, Unity Week was born.

From Wednesday 15 until Tuesday 21 March, Unity week is all about celebrating what communities have in common through a series of Canterbury-based events. Workplaces, schools and communities are also encouraged to create their own events during this time.

Here in Selwyn, you can join this movement by attending Dinners of Selwyn.

This event encourages people of all cultures, religions, and backgrounds to bring their favourite dish to share with one another and wear something from their culture.

The event is free, but registrations are essential. Please RSVP your attendance online by 16 March at events.humanitix.com/unity-week-dinners-of-selwyn.

Dinners of Selwyn starts at 6pm at the Lincoln Event Centre on 21 March.

Helping Selwyn residents Learn, Earn and Grow

Feedback from Selwyn businesses on how they're going and expert advice on what the future may hold for the economy will be shared next week. The popular Business Breakfast will take place on 21 March, with economist Benje Patterson sharing the results of the latest Selwyn Business Survey and discussing business conditions in Selwyn and the wider economic landscape. The breakfast is part of the Learn Earn Grow Selwyn events series, where the Council has partnered with employment, business, and community groups to run events offering advice and support for people looking for a job, to grow their business or those looking to hire.



The series so far has seen nine businesses receive one-on-one business mentoring by advisors from the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce, while Parry Field Lawyers have also provided a personalised business health check to three local businesses. Sixteen participants also attended a workshop designed for managers and recruitment agencies to gain knowledge, understanding and confidence around employing, managing and being accessible for disabled employees or customers.

Coming up next week, a Cross Cultural Communications workshop will improve understanding of how cultural differences can affect management, communication and wellbeing.

Those keeping an eye for work and businesses with vacancies will be looking forward to the Selwyn Job Fair on 28 March and if you are interested in receiving budget support or learning how to reduce debt, Money Smart drop-in sessions are available to book on 6 April and 4 May.

For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/LearnEarnGrow.

Fund helping Darfield young people achieve



From training for national championships to running fun days, the Westview Special Fund has been helping hundreds of Darfield students get active in sport and learn life skills.

The Westview Special Fund is a fund run through the Council to support the Darfield community, by distributing funds established through the sale of land in Darfield.

At Darfield High School, funding has helped hundreds of students to take part in a huge range of sports from rugby, cricket, basketball and tennis through to endurance racing, dragon boating, Ki o Rahi and marching; along with mentoring and community activities.

Darfield High School Sports Coordinator Pip Deans says the fund has made a huge difference for the school's students, running participation events at year 7 and 8 level and supporting senior students with coaching, mentoring and funding to attend competitions.

"We would not be able to deliver the amount of sport we deliver, and we would not have the participation without that funding. Last year we sent 180 kids to Mash Tough Kids and we had 170 participants at the Koru Games."

The funding is helping inspire students through a resilience programme — the William Pike Challenge, Mrs Deans says. Last week, students got the opportunity to hear from the man himself about his journey from national sports champion through losing a leg and going on to be an international explorer.

"The students have to do 20 hours community service, a passion project and play a sport they haven't played. We have made it compulsory for all our Year 7s so everyone's on the same level. Without the Westview funding we wouldn't be able to support it."

Funding is also helping the school run a range of programmes including a Water Wise swimming programme for students who aren't confident in the water.

Applications for the last round of funding for the Westview Special Fund are now open until 30 April 2023 for projects showing a demonstrable social, economic, cultural or environmental benefit to the people of Darfield.

Applications should be emailed or hard copies posted for the attention of Therese Davel, on therese.davel@selwyn.govt.nz or Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston, 7643 by 30 April 2023.



Council Call

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

TE ARA ĀTEA
56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

DARFIELD LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Perymans Road sealing consultation

The Council is proposing to seal the unsealed portion of Perymans Road in Tai Tapu, before June 2023. As part of this work, the Council, with the support of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, is proposing to create a cycle and pedestrian accessway at the intersection with State Highway 75 and to close the intersection to cars. Feedback on this proposal can be made at selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay until 5pm Wednesday 22 March.



Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Harries Limited (Southbridge Hotel) has applied for the renewal of its on licence and off licence. Objections to these applications are open until 28 March.

Lincoln University has applied for the renewal of its on licence.

Coalgate Bowling Club Incorporated has applied for the renewal of its club licence.

Akshan Enterprises Limited (Super Liquor Lincoln) has applied for the renewal of its club licence. Objections to these applications are open until 29 March. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

Dog microchipping

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

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

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

- Clinics last for 30 minutes.
- Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive.
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston are alternated monthly.

Any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN 735 996.

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.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Malvern Community Board Monday 27 March 4.30pm Hororata Hall	Planning & Climate change Committee* Wednesday 5 April 9am Rolleston HQ Offices
Community Services Committee* Wednesday 29 March 9am Rolleston HQ Offices	Finance & Performance Committee* Wednesday 5 April 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices
Transport & Infrastructure Committee* Wednesday 29 March 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices	


* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

On the Roads



Give way or stop/go controls are in place for repairs and upgrades on Dynes Road from Hungerford Drive to Goulds Road; Ellesmere Junction Road from Shands Road to Weedons Road; James Street from Edward Street to East Belt; Gerald Steret; Hororata Dunsandel Road from Mitchells Road intersection; Lyttelton Street from North Belt to Gerald Street; North Belt from James Road to Liffey Place; Old South Road from Hororata Dunsandel Road intersection; Rakaia Terrace Road from Darrochs Road to Sharlands Road; Shands Road from Ellesmere Junction Road to Weedons Road; Telegraph Road from Essendon Road to Charing Cross; Trices Road from Ellesmere Road to Sabys Road; Whitecliffs Road.

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 16 March

Selwyn Libraries at Broadfield
Broadfield Community Centre, Rolleston
2.30–4pm

We're bringing the library to you! Come along and choose new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, interact with our robots, explore the LEGO® or create your own autumnal leaf rubbing wrapping paper. Children under eight must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

Friday 17 March

Family Bingo
Lincoln Event Centre, 6–7.30pm

Bring the family along and try your luck at our bingo night. Line up all the numbers on your card to win some cool prizes! All ages welcome. \$3 per person. Book online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Monday 20 March

Scrabble Club
Leeston Library, 10.30am–12pm

Whether you're a competitive player or just happy to play and enjoy a social chat, this club is a great place to get to know other locals and take part in a good game of scrabble. Everything is provided. Suitable for all ages. Free. Drop-in.

Monday 20 March

English Learners Club
Lincoln Library, 1.30–2.30pm

Join us to improve your everyday English language skills and confidence in a casual setting. All English language learners welcome. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings not required.

Wednesday 22 March

Learn Earn Grow Selwyn:
1:1 Business Mentoring Sessions
Te Ara Ātea, 9.15am–1pm

In partnership with Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce, we are offering free one-on-one business support sessions for Selwyn businesses of all sizes and stages looking to grow or overcome challenges. To book your place, visit selwyn.govt.nz/LearnEarnGrow.

Sunday 26 March

Easter Crafts and Games
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre,
3–4pm

Pop down to your local community centre for some crafting fun! We'll also have a themed food activity (note: contains dairy and gluten). All ages welcome. \$5 per person. Book online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT
[SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events)