



CultureFest back for another exciting event

Take a trip around the world without leaving the district at this year's CultureFest. Held every year, the event will be hosted at Lincoln Domain on Sunday 10 September from 10am to 2pm. It is a free family event which celebrates the diversity of the district with interactive activities, exciting cultural performances, delicious food and much more.

One of the stallholders returning this year is Yoruba South Island New Zealand, a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting and preserving the culture, welfare and human rights of the Yoruba people from Southwest Nigeria.

General Secretary Omotosho Aina says visitors will have the opportunity to engage in interactive activities such as tasting traditional cuisine and learning basic Yoruba phrases.

"We are excited to connect with people from different backgrounds and share the vibrant culture of the Yoruba people. We want to create a memorable experience for everyone who visits our booth. Additionally, we are eager to learn from the other cultural organisations participating in CultureFest and celebrate the rich diversity of our community," Omotosho says.

This year, a two-week series of activities ranging from dance lessons to performances, art and cooking classes will be held around Selwyn to celebrate CultureFest. More details are available on the Selwyn District Council website, visit selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest.

Sports facilities drawing crowds

National and regional sports tournaments are joining the crowds enjoying the Selwyn Sports Centre and Foster Park turfs.

After turning just two earlier this year, Selwyn Sports Centre is continuing to grow and surpass expectation, while after a year of use the artificial turfs are also attracting good use and attention, including being used as one of the venues for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Boys Premier Football Tournament.

Selwyn Sports Centre Operations Manager Dave Tippet says in July there were more than 37,000 visitors to the Sports Centre. "For the 2022/23 financial year we had 277,540 visits which is 27,540 more than our target. The Centre is predominantly used by Selwyn residents, and this is one of the things we are most proud of because these numbers tell us that our community are heavy users of Selwyn Sports Centre," Dave says.

Among the many clubs and teams that regularly use the facilities to play over 15 different sports, the Centre also attracts anywhere between 600-800 casual Basketball visitors each month, as well as hosting walking groups, fitness classes, and school groups.

The centre is also gaining popularity as a venue for regional and national sports tournaments, he says.

"We hosted the Mainland Invitational Basketball Tournament here in the July school holidays which attracted 45 teams from across the South Island and Canterbury Basketball Trials are being held here on 20 and 27 August. In addition, we are really looking forward to hosting the Parafed Canterbury Games on 30 September and 1 October this year. We will also be hosting the National Boccia Championships in 2024 and 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for Selwyn to be attracting events to the Selwyn Sports Centre.



Rates accounts and payment options

Rates invoices for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023 should have arrived in your letterboxes or inboxes.

You can check out the changes in your rates, by visiting selwyn.govt.nz/rates and clicking on property search.

If you pay by direct debit, you should have received information on your new direct debit in a separate letter. If you're on direct debit then, provided you have sufficient funds in your bank account to cover the payments on the due dates, you will not be charged penalties.

For ratepayers not on a direct debit, rates are payable in four instalments — 15 September 2023, 15 December 2023, 15 March 2024 and 15 June 2024. Penalties are charged on instalments not paid in full by the due dates and there is a further penalty if rates are not paid by 30 June 2024 Your rates invoice details the rates assessed for your property for both the Council and Environment Canterbury.

The Council assesses a general rate, based on your property's capital value, district-wide targeted rates, plus other targeted rates based on where you live, or the services you receive. We also act as agent for the collection of Environment Canterbury rates within Selwyn.

The average rates increase for the 2023/24 year is 5.9%, however this will vary for individual properties. Rates take account of capital values, as well as any changes to your property, for example if you have built a house on your section, or if you have changed your wheelie bins.

If you'd like to receive your rates by email or have changed your details head to selwyn.govt.nz/change-your-details to update your information.

For more information about rates, including forms and payment options, visit selwyn.govt.nz/rates or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

How do I Apply for a rates rebate

Ratepayers who are on a low income and who pay rates on the property they live in may be eligible for a rates rebate.

If your gross household income to 31 March 2023 was \$30,100 or less, and you pay rates on the property where you live, you may qualify for a rebate. If your income was more than this, you may still be eligible, depending on the total cost of your rates and the number of dependents in your family.

To find out if you are eligible for a rates rebate, and to download forms, visit ratesrebates.govt.nz. Forms are also available from Council service centres. If you received a rates rebate last year you will automatically be sent an application form. To apply, you will need to provide accurate details and copies of your gross income, and that of any partner/ spouse/joint homeowner who lives with you, for the tax year ended 31 March 2023. You can apply for your rebate at any Council service centre.

- Rolleston — Selwyn District Council 2 Norman Kirk Drive Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm (no appointment necessary)
- Darfield Library and Service Centre Phone 03 318 7780 to book an appointment: Wednesdays 10am-12pm, Thursdays 1-3pm
- Leeston Library and Service Centre Phone 03 347 2871 to book an appointment: Mondays 2-3pm, Fridays 11am-12pm
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre Phone 03 347 2876 to book an appointment: Wednesdays 10-12pm, Tuesdays 1-3pm.



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

Notices

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 18 August at:

- Darfield Library and Service Centre, 9–9.30am
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre, 9–9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11–11.30am
- Leeston 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.

Global opportunity in Selwyn

A chance to make a difference in emergency management, while travelling to a place with magnificent mountains on your doorstep was a no-brainer for French student, avid hiker and former firefighter Clara Aubergeon.

Clara has spent the last five months interning at the Council as a part of her Master of Disaster and Natural Risk Management at Paul Valery University, France.

During her time at the Council, Clara was tasked with drafting a ‘whole of Council resilience framework’.

Head of Emergency Management, Al Lawn says the report identifies areas where the Council has increased resilience, what’s being worked and further areas to work on and gives a holistic view of the impact of natural disasters across all areas of the Council.

In July, Clara also spent some time at SCION research institute helping them with wild-fire case studies. She says she has learnt a lot of new things about emergencies that she will be taking back to France, to finish her master's degree.

She thoroughly enjoyed her time here in New Zealand and made the most of exploring the country, hiking almost every weekend. “I would encourage people to do an internship overseas, because you learn lots of things about you and about other people.”

International placements in Council Emergency Management teams are becoming more common across the country, as overseas students become drawn to the way we manage natural disasters, Al says.

"Internships are a way for us to grow as an organisation. They enable the next generation of leaders to develop and give an opportunity for the interns to teach us. Having interns from overseas is a great way to expand our thinking."



Meetings

Public Forums: Council and Malvern 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

Council Meeting* Wednesday 16 August 1pm Council Rolleston Office	Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Monday 11 September 4pm–6pm Tai Tapu Community Centre
Planning & Climate Change Committee* Wednesday 23 August 9am Council Rolleston Offices	Representation Review Committee* Tuesday 12 September 4pm–6pm Council Rolleston Offices
Finance & Performance Committee* Wednesday 23 August 1pm Council Rolleston Offices	Emergency Management Bill Workshop* Wednesday 13 September 11am Council Rolleston Office
Malvern Community Board Monday 28 August 4.30pm Tawera Hall, Springfield	Council Meeting* Wednesday 13 September 1pm Council Rolleston Offices
	<i>*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel</i>

The following roads are closed for flood repairs and maintenance: Highpeak Road from Snowden Road; Malvern Hills Road between Auchenflower Road and Waianiwaniwa Road; The Lake Road at Coes Ford and Zig Zag Road from SH77 to Lake Coleridge Road. Stop/Go controls are in place for flood repairs and maintenance on Ahuriri Road from SH75 to Park Hill Road; Boundary Creek Road from SH1 to Rakaia Selwyn Road; Gerkins Road from Cossars Road; Otahuna Road from Cossars Road to Rhodes Road and Waimakariri Gorge Road.

Temporary speed limits are in place for flood repairs and maintenance on Ardlui Road from Rakaia Terrace Road to Sharlands Road; Harris Road from Downs Road; Maffey's Road from Downs Road; Milnes Road from Downs Road to Duncans Road; Steels Road from Downs Road to Rockwood Road.

Please take care around work sites and follow site signage. Follow the QR code for a map of these works or view our road closures map at selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.

Event Guide

Thursday 17 August

Virtual Reality (VR) drop-in sessions (13+)
Selwyn libraries, times shown below

The library has some awesome new tech to check out! Kayak with the penguins in Antarctica, fly to the International Space Station and experience zero-gravity, complete our Beat Saber challenge, or even tour Anne Frank’s house. Available for ages 13+.

Leeston — 2–4pm; Darfield — 3.30–4.30pm; Lincoln — 3.30–5pm; and Te Ara Ātea — 3.30–4.30pm.

Friday 18 August

Variety Dance Club
Selwyn Sports Centre, 6–7pm

Learn a new style of dance from Selwyn’s dance instructors. Whether you’re a diligent dancer or have two left feet, finish your Friday the fun way by learning and moving with your friends and family. These dance classes are happening every Friday from 18 August to 22 September. This week — Scottish Highland dance. \$5 per person per class. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Book online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Sunday 20 August

Rolleston Rugby League Have-A-Go
Brookside Park (Rolleston), 10am–2pm

To recognise the various women’s sporting World Cups happening this year, Council is celebrating women in sport with some fun events! Come down to Brookside Park for a girls rugby league skills session, tailored for those new to the game and the experienced. Ages 7–15 years. Free. Book online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Sunday 20 August

Fit Families
Lincoln Event Centre, 12–3pm

Get fit and have fun with your family and friends by joining in with a circuit, dance or yoga family-style fitness class. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Pram-friendly. \$5 per person.

Book online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Monday 21 August

Coding for Beginners
Te Ara Ātea, 3.30–4.30pm

Join the weekly Coding Club sessions for some hands-on coding and problem-solving. Aimed at kids aged 9–11. Please bring your own device/laptop if you have one. Free.

Book online at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Tuesday 22 August

Volunteering Canterbury
Te Ara Ātea, 10.30am–12.30pm

Whether you’re a club, organisation or group looking for help about anything to do with volunteering, or you’re interested in volunteering yourself, come down to Te Ara Ātea to speak with a Volunteering Canterbury coach. While you’re there, find out how your organisation can get a free Volunteering Canterbury membership. Free. Book online at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

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