

## Hilary Barry to host spectacular night



Selwyn District Council is delighted to announce that renowned TV presenter, Hilary Barry will be the master of ceremonies (MC) at the upcoming Selwyn Awards Gala Dinner on 5 August.

Hilary is one of New Zealand's most recognised reporters and currently hosts Seven Sharp with Jeremy Wells.

Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says the Council is excited to welcome Hilary to Rolleston for the district's highly anticipated celebration.

"The Selwyn Awards are a special opportunity to recognise outstanding local people and organisations doing great things in our community. We're delighted that Hilary will be there to keep the night flowing and energize the crowd. It's sure to be a spectacular night."

In addition to her television roles, Hilary is a polished MC and public speaker.

She began her career in the Wairarapa as a radio reporter before moving to Christchurch in the 1990s to take up a role at TV3. She then relocated to Auckland as a reporter and presenter on 3 News, before becoming a TV3 news anchor. Hilary now hosts Seven Sharp on TVNZ.

There is still time to submit an application or nominate someone for the Selwyn Awards before they close on 31 May. Awards will be presented for Young Achievers, Start-Up Business, Arts and Culture, Sports Leadership, Tourism, Environment and Sustainability, Diversity and Inclusion, Business Resilience, Community Volunteering, Heritage and People's Choice.

Applications can be made online at [selwynawards.co.nz](http://selwynawards.co.nz)

The Awards Gala Awards Dinner will be held at the Selwyn Sports Centre on 5 August. Tickets go on sale from 1 June.

## International visitors served slice of Selwyn

Hundreds of international tourism operators were treated to a taste of the delights of Selwyn last week.

Visitors from over 300 tourism companies from around the world got a chance to experience Selwyn at the TRENZ conference in Ōtautahi Christchurch last week.

Back in Canterbury for the first time in 17 years, the prestigious tourism event offered Selwyn businesses a chance to promote the district to over 1500 event attendees from 25 different countries.

The Council and tourism businesses in Selwyn combined to host a stall at the conference. They also hosted morning tea for the guests during one morning of the four-day event, where attendees were able to sample Taste Selwyn dishes made with fresh Selwyn ingredients, while learning more about the district and tourism destinations on offer.

They also worked together to host a day out in Selwyn where companies were able to experience some of what the district has to offer, from hot air ballooning and jet boating to hearing from food producers and accommodation.

Being at the event helped make some great connections and saw many companies committing to bring new visitors to Selwyn, Council Head of Community & Economic Development Clare Quirke says.

"We were absolutely blown away by the positive comments and every single buyer we talked to said they were looking to bring people to Selwyn. We spoke to people from Finland, Thailand, Canada, across Europe and other parts of the world. They were excited because they are always looking for new products and for a point of difference to other operators."



## New Chief Executive Appointed

The Council has appointed Sharon Mason as their new Chief Executive. Sharon comes with over twenty years of leadership experience in local government, health and not-for-profit sectors.

The appointment follows a rigorous process over the past three months which attracted a large number of high calibre applicants.

Mayor Sam Broughton says he is excited to have Sharon join the leadership for the district. "We had many very strong candidates apply for the role, and Councillors and I are looking forward to welcoming Sharon and the continued energy she will bring to our Council. We have a lot of opportunities in the district and believe Sharon will build on the great work already underway."

Sharon's past leadership roles have included being the CEO of Buller District Council, CEO of Clutha Health First and Executive Director Provider Services, Hawkes Bay DHB. Originally from the UK, Sharon started her career as a registered nurse joining the Queen Alexander Royal Army Nursing Corps as a nursing officer.

Sharon comes with a diverse range of experiences and understands the nuances of working successfully in partnership with Central government, boards, elected members, mana whenua and staff to create a shared purpose and strong trusted links.

"I'm really looking forward to starting my role with the Selwyn District Council and bringing my style and brand of leadership to the district. It is a privilege to take over from David Ward whose leadership has ensured the council is in a strong position. I want to support the Council to continue to be a great place to work while delivering on the expectations of the community," she says.

Sam concluded by saying he is "looking forward to introducing Sharon to our community and have her meet the great people that make our district tick and call Selwyn home."

Sharon will commence her role on Monday 31 July and will take over from incumbent CEO David Ward who is retiring after 10 years in the role.



## Changes to building consent applications

Change is coming up for those homeowners who are applying for a consent to build on land that is still going through subdivision consent process.

From 6 June onwards, homeowners building on a newly subdivided land will be able to apply for a building consent only after the developer has received Council's final approval that any of the outstanding conditions of their subdivision resource consent have been complied with. The latter is known as 'section 224(c) certificate'.

"We are changing the process to ensure all the subdivision consent requirements, in particular in regards to mitigating any natural hazards, are met before the building consent is issued", says Tim Harris, Group Manager Development and Growth.

"Processing a subdivision consent is a complex matter that requires the Council to make a number of significant decisions, in particular in regards to what natural hazards, such as flooding, may affect the land, how the subdivision may impact surrounding land and infrastructure, and how all of this should be mitigated."

Following on from the cyclone Gabrielle and the general increased frequency of severe weather and flooding events due to climate change, there is heightened concern about building on flood-prone land.

"We are also seeing an increase in the number of subdivisions occurring in areas affected by natural hazards. Our Council has decided to help address this by changing its approach to managing consents. A number of other councils are already doing this, so it's not new", says Tim Harris.

"It is also about providing certainty to landowners of any conditions and requirements on building on the land that may be imposed as part of the subdivision process."

There will be some exceptions on a case-by-case basis, conditional on early engagement between the developers and the Council's building, planning and infrastructure teams reaching agreement on specific conditions.

For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/building](http://selwyn.govt.nz/building).



Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES PORTERS SKI AREA LIMITED

has applied to vary the conditions of its on licence. Objections to this application are open until 2 June. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

COUNCILLOR CATCH UPS - ROLLESTON

You can catch up with your Rolleston Ward Councillors face to face every Tuesday at Te Ara Ātea. The Councillors will be hosting a drop-in session 4-6pm on Tuesdays for residents to meet and have a chat about what's important to you about Selwyn and how the Council can help.

All Selwyn District Councillors can also be contacted directly by email and phone and you can find the contact details for your local Councillor at [selwyn.govt.nz/your-council](http://selwyn.govt.nz/your-council).

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 19 May 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 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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz).

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 17 May 1pm Council Rolleston Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 22 May 4.30pm Sheffield Hall

Planning and Climate Change Committee\*

Wednesday 24 May 10am Council Rolleston Offices

Finance & Performance Committee\*

Wednesday 24 May 1pm Council Rolleston Offices

Draft Annual Plan Deliberations\*

Wednesday 31 May 9am Council Rolleston Offices

\* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

Springston Associated Sports Committee (Inc.) — Special General Meeting

Wednesday 17 May 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

This meeting is to approve a modified constitution to allow a new body Springston Community and Associated Sports Committee, to replace the Springston Community Committee, which will be discharged on 30 June 2023. The new committee would represent the Springston community and continue to operate the Associated Sports' Bar. Any member of the community or associated sports clubs may inspect the draft revised constitution and attend the meeting. The draft constitution can be obtained from the Chairman of the Committee, Dr Rupert Tipples by email to [tipples49@outlook.com](mailto:tipples49@outlook.com).



Priority give way controls are in place for maintenance on Whitecliffs Road between SH77 and Cass Street. Traffic lights are in place for maintenance on Telegraph Road between Grange Road and Courtenay Road and on Two Chain Road near the Wards 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](http://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).





**Are you and your family prepared for an EMERGENCY?**

Download the 'Are you Ready?' booklet from [selwyn.govt.nz/areyouready](http://selwyn.govt.nz/areyouready), or pick up a copy from the Council Rolleston offices or Libraries to get started.

Event Guide

Friday 19 May

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. Free. Bookings not required.

Friday 19 May

Cubing Club  
Lincoln Library, 3.30 - 5pm

Stretch your brain at our drop-in Cubing Club at Lincoln Library. Suitable for ages 10 and over. Bring your own cube or challenge yourself with one of ours. Fortnightly on Friday. Free, bookings not required.

Saturday 20 May

Leading Learners Teenage Driving Course  
Wigram Air Base, 8am – 2.30pm

Leading Learners is a driving course for Selwyn teenagers and their caregivers. Taught by a team of qualified driving instructors, this half-day event, offers practical hands-on experience that provides an opportunity to undertake supervised driving practice. The learner must have a current New Zealand learner licence that they've held for at least three months, and around 40 hours of driving experience. Caregivers must be present, and provide a car that the learner has driven before. \$50, bookings essential at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

Wednesday 24 May

Volunteering 101  
Rolleston Community Centre, 5.30 - 7pm

This workshop is designed for board members, managers or member-based groups to provide your organisation with key ideas and strategies for building a volunteer toolkit. The session will consider thought leadership around volunteering policy, volunteer succession planning, and how to make the volunteer journey a rewarding experience for all. Free, bookings essential at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

Thursday 25 May

Nutrients, Nutrition, Mental Health  
Te Ara Ātea, 7 - 9pm

In conjunction with Taste Selwyn and presented by the Mental Health Education & Resource Centre, learn about the science of how diet is linked to mental health and why micronutrients could be the answer. Selwyn producers will be there to talk about the nutrients of some amazing local products. Free, bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

Applications closing soon!

The awards are free to enter and businesses, groups or individuals can enter themselves. Nominations are also welcome.

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