



Lots of summer still to come in Selwyn

Summer in Selwyn has once again been a huge hit with residents—and we’re still only halfway through the jam-packed calendar.

The fun kicked off at the beginning of December, with an outdoor movie screening of The Muppet Christmas Carol in Anderson Square, Leeston. It was great to see families gather, following the Leeston Santa Parade. We’re looking forward to the upcoming outdoor movie events in February when the weather is hopefully more settled!

After the Christmas break, whānau welcomed in the new year with our Picnic in the Park events at Arthur’s Pass and Castle Hill, complete with a game of backyard cricket or kite flying. Both were fantastic events for all ages.

Between 4 and 11 January, nearly 200 young people went along to the Selwyn Sports Centre to have a go at the 3 play sessions, trying out new sports, such as Pickleball, Floorball and Korfbal, and old favourites like basketball. Everyone had a great time and it was fantastic to see this event growing.

Other awesome events have included Skate ‘n’ Splash, held at both the Selwyn Sports Centre and Selwyn Aquatic Centre, and the Inflatable Fun Day at the Darfield Recreation and Community Centre.

If you’re keen to get out and about these holidays, the good news is there’s still plenty of Summer in Selwyn events to come. So mark the following dates in your diaries:

- Summer Pool Party–22 January at Southbridge Pool.
- Summer Skate Picnic–2 February in West Melton.
- Family Kite Festival–5 February at Foster Park, Rolleston.
- A Month of Sundays–5 and 12 February at Lincoln Library; and 19 and 26 February at Te Ara Ātea, Rolleston.
- Outdoor Movies–10 February at Greendale Reserve (School of Rock) and on 18 February at Prebbleton Domain Playground (Ferdinand).
- Picnic in the Park–12 February in Hororata Domain and 19 February in Sheffield Domain.

For a full list of events, go to selwyn.govt.nz/events

Have your say on Castle Hill Village Reserves

Substantial changes are proposed for the Castle Hill Village Reserves Management Plan to better manage the area’s reserves, trees and local assets.

The Council is inviting submissions on the draft plan until 5pm, Friday 17 March.

The aim of the Reserves Management Plan (RMP) is to provide a clear vision for the reserve areas in Castle Hill Village, and guide the day-to-day management and development of these spaces over the next 10 years. The original Castle Hill Village RMP was adopted in June 2011.

The Council has worked closely with Castle Hill Community Association and the wider village to review the RMP, including surveying property owners on a range of reserve topics. Several key issues and challenges were identified through this process, which are addressed in the draft RMP.

To read the draft Castle Hill Village RMP and make a submission, go to selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay or visit Selwyn District Council’s offices in Rolleston or the Darfield Library and Service Centre. You can also make a submission via email or post.

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Sustainability Expo coming to Selwyn

From worm farms to super homes, reducing your power bill, keeping warm and cheaper transport, the practical side of sustainability will be on show in Selwyn next week.

The Selwyn Sustainability Expo will be running at the Rolleston Community Centre this weekend 10am–5pm Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 January, helping residents learn about ways to lead more sustainable lifestyles.

The expo, organised independently by volunteers and supported by the Council’s Selwyn Community Fund, will see exhibitors from public organisations, voluntary groups and private companies, presenting on areas such as home design improvements, renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste minimisation, and waste and water recycling. There will also be a speaker series covering a range of sustainability themes.

Council staff will be on hand to discuss areas such as practical ways to reduce waste, green building tips, sustainability resources events funding. Council projects, biodiversity sites in Selwyn and funding for planting projects.

The event is a great opportunity for people to get practical advice and learn about what’s on offer to support sustainability in Selwyn, Council Sustainability Lead Keith Tallentire says.

“There’s heaps of ways that we can all become a little bit more sustainable that is better for the budget, better for our health and better for our community and environment. For many of us the tricky bit is getting started. The expo’s going to be a really good way to see all the different things that are happening and how each of us can be part of it, with small and big ways to make a difference.”

New opportunities help migrant and community groups connect in Selwyn

More opportunities are being created for new migrants to connect with Selwyn communities.

The Waikirikiri Selwyn Welcoming Communities Network was set up as a part of Council’s commitment to the Ministry of Business’ Immigration and Employment Welcoming Communities Plan.

Selwyn is one of 27 councils participating in this plan, and was one of the four councils to pilot this initiative.

Thirteen people across several migrant and community groups attended the most recent event, organised by the network, at Lincoln Event Centre on December 14.

Key speakers included University of Canterbury Masters Student Jerome Wong Yit who discussed his research – in collaboration with the Council – on the wellbeing needs of the Filipino community in Rolleston and ways to support them better.

Hafsa Ahmed from Lady Khajida Trust spoke about her upcoming ethnic women’s leadership course, funded by the Ministry of Ethnic Communities, and speakers from Lincoln University discussed its work with international students and creating opportunities to connect with migrant communities.



Community and Economic Development advisor and host of the event, Kirstin Dingwall-Okoye says the focus of these events is to connect newcomer groups and services, share information and enable collaborations where the needs are most essential.

Ministry of Ethnic Communities’ strategic engagement and partnership advisor, Fay El Hanafy says she really enjoyed the chance to network at this event.

“Because Selwyn is my focus area, it’s important to network at these events and be involved with how we can make Selwyn a better place for migrant communities.”

In 2023, Council hopes to offer more of these networking opportunities for migrants in Selwyn, kicking off with a kai table and public opening of the Welcoming Communities funded plaque at Te Ara Ātea on Tuesday 14 February.

If you would like to join the Waikirikiri Selwyn Welcoming Communities Network please email contactus@selwyn.govt.nz.

Notices

Malvern Water Race Scheme maintenance

Planned construction works are to be completed within the Malvern Water Race Scheme from 23–25 January. This will require a shut off for portions of the scheme along Old West Coast Road and fluctuating flows are expected across the remainder of the Malvern scheme, for approximately 48 hours.

Alcohol notices

Delish Thai Cuisine Limited (Delish Thai, Prebbleton) has applied for an on licence.
The Rajput Limited (Rossendale Weddings and Events) has applied for an on licence.
Objections to these applications are open until 3 February. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

Park safely at Foster Park

Did you know there are over 570 parking spaces in the Foster Park car parking areas?

There’s heaps to do at Foster Park this summer, from club sports to general recreation. It’s great to see so many people using the park.

If you’re enjoying Foster Park over summer remember to take advantage of the free parking and help keep all park users safe.

Using one of the 570 parking spaces provided helps keep drivers, pedestrians and cyclists safe while providing convenient parking for park users.

Please remember:

- Car parks are available close to most sports fields.
- It’s illegal to park on a grass berm or verge that is separated from the road by a footpath or kerb. It is also illegal to park on a footpath or over broken yellow lines.



The Council parking safety team will be responding to reports of unsafe or illegal parking around Foster Park. You can report unsafe parking via Snap Send Solve app or by calling the Council on 0800 SELWN (735 996).

Thanks for parking safely and keeping Foster Park a fun place for all users and neighbours.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council, Community Board and local committee 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 23 January 4.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

Council*
Wednesday 8 February 1pm
Rolleston HQ Offices

Community Services Committee*
Wednesday 15 February 9am
Rolleston HQ Offices

Transport & Infrastructure Committee*
Wednesday 15 February 1pm
Rolleston HQ Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

On the Roads

Ayelsbury Road is one-way northbound from SH1 to Godley Road weekdays 6am–7pm and closed from 7pm–6am and during weekends for the installation of a water pipe. Blakes Road is closed from Springston Road to Elmwood Drive for water upgrades and stop/go is in place from Hampstead Lane for repairs. Weedons Road is closed from Ellesmere Junction Road to Shands Road for resurfacing and repairs.

Broadlands Drive is open one-way northbound (towards the town centre and SH1) between Lowes Road and Goulds Road for roading and safety upgrades. Markham Way is open one-way northbound (from Tennyson Street towards Norman Kirk Drive) for safety upgrades and installation of a shared path and cycleway. Shands Road is open one-way southbound between Robinsons Road and Tancreds Road for repairs. Stop/go controls are in place for repairs and upgrades on Birchs Road at the Tancreds Road intersection, Downs Road from Sleemans Road to Osbournes Road, North Belt from 130 North Belt, Telegraph Road from Two Chain Road to Grange Road, Tennyson Street, Wards Road at the Sandy Knolls Road intersection, Weedons Road from Ellesmere Junction and Waimakariri Gorge Bridge.

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

Friday 20 January

Jump and Juggle
Selwyn Sports Centre, 10am–2pm

Around-A-Bounce are back with seven bouncy castles! Have a go on the Lu Uno Wall and enjoy a circus show from the Strawberry Fairy Party Entertainer. Learn how to hula hoop, juggle, spin plates and silk fans. Under 8 years: 10–11am, 8+ years: 11.30am–12.30pm. All ages: 1–2pm. \$5 per child. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Sunday 22 January

Southbridge Pool Party
Southbridge Pool, 1–3pm

The annual summer pool party is here! Enjoy the inflatables, water rollers, inflatable spa, free ice blocks and more. A fun event not to be missed. Normal pool admission applies. Drop-in.

Monday 23 January

Board Games Club
Darfield Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Love board games? Head along to Darfield Library to play a variety of exciting games. Suitable for those new to board games, as well as regular players. Free. Bookings not required.

Tuesday 24 January

Selwyn Libraries Holiday Fun
Broadfield Community Hall, 10am–1pm

Come and explore what the library has to offer, robots, LEGO®, board games, virtual reality, 3D printing, books, and more. Have a go at making your own button badge by creating your own artwork on the day or bringing along photos or images. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/ events to find out more times and locations the Library Edge Connector vehicle is visiting these holidays.

Wednesday 25 January

Slime and Sand
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 1.30–2.30pm

Come along to our fun science workshop! Create your own slimy beach with assorted colours and textures and try out some other fun experiments. For children aged 7+ years. \$5 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 26 January

Snorkeling
Darfield Pool, 11am–1pm

Come and learn to snorkel these school holiday with Dive HQ! Learn the basics of using the snorkel and search for items underwater. 8–13 years. Please bring togs, towel and a water bottle. \$5 per child. Bookings required. To book or for more times and locations visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

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