



Selwyn Sports Centre celebrating

Selwyn Sports Centre is gearing up to celebrate its second birthday with a fun-filled day the whole family can enjoy.

The free community event on Saturday 22 April from 10am–1pm will be packed with sports, group fitness classes, food trucks, bouncy castles and entertainment for all ages. Attendees can try their hand at fun sports including korfbal, pickleball, badminton, floorball, table tennis or roller skating.

Operations Manager Dave Tippet says the 8000m² indoor sport and recreation facility has become a popular fixture for the Selwyn community since it opened its doors in 2021.

“We would love to see as many people as possible come down to Selwyn Sports Centre on the day to try some of the great activities we have on offer and take part in helping us celebrate turning two,” he says. “We’re tracking towards over 250,000 visitors this year, an increase on the 214,000 visitors the year before, so we would like to say thank you to everyone for supporting us and making the most of the amazing facilities here.”

Along with a huge variety of sports, the Centre also hosts fitness classes; Selwyn Striders walking group; sports holiday programmes (including Girls on the Go and Active Holiday Programmes); as well as school sport, PE and have-a-go sessions. Tournaments for various sports teams from around the region and nationally are also held there along with board and committee meetings for sports groups. It received a Merit Award at the Recreation Aotearoa 2020/21 Awards in the Outstanding Project category.

The team also looks after the operation of artificial turfs. “Both the hockey and football turfs are used seven days a week by clubs and groups from around the district and wider region which is fantastic to see,” Dave says. “We’re really keen to get more bookings in between seasons and see Selwyn Sports Centre and the artificial turf use grow even more over the coming years.”

For more information about the Selwyn Sports Centre or the upcoming birthday celebration, visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Keep driving safer for longer

Practical tips and support is on offer to help older drivers stay driving for longer.

The Staying Safe Refresher Driver Course by Age Concern is back, running on Tuesday 2 May at the Lincoln Event Centre.

It offers a refresher to help older drivers re-familiarise themselves with traffic rules and safe driving practices, increase knowledge about other transport options and stay independent for longer.

The course is run by professional driving instructors and the police will also be on hand to answer any questions, Council Road Safety Advisor Mike Patterson says.

“They’re looking to give people really practical tips and help out, things even like talking about the modern technology in cars. It’s interactive and an opportunity to ask questions. It’s about giving people confidence to stay on the roads for longer to keep your independence and keep your skills up, and to stay safer for longer.”

If you’re interested — grab your friend or partner and join us on Tuesday 2 May 2023 from 10am–2pm at the Lincoln Event Centre, 15 Meijer Drive (light lunch provided). RSVP to Wendy Fox, Age Concern on 331 7808 by Wed 26 Apr 2023 or wendy.fox@ageconcerncan.org.nz

Applications now open!

Help us to celebrate success in the Selwyn District. Applications and nominations are open now and will close on the 31st May.

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Huge emergency response effort recognised

Thousands of hours of hard work helping people across the North Island through recent emergencies was recognised last week.

A group of 28 Council staff and Selwyn Civil Defence volunteers were thanked for their time as part of Civil Defence responses to the January 2023 Auckland floods and to Cyclone Gabrielle response, in a ceremony at the Council offices.

The group including Council staff, Emergency Operations Centre volunteers, NZRT21 (Selwyn Response Team) members and Selwyn Emergency Support Team members completed more than 3000 hours supporting communities in Auckland, Hawke’s Bay, Northland and Gisborne.

Selwyn Head of Emergency Management Al Lawn says the team had done Selwyn proud.

“Our Selwyn team are well regarded around the country and they did a great job once again. Their whanau and their employers were generous in supporting them to go. They were part of the very large group of people from all across our community and around the country. It really shows the strength of community involvement in Emergency Management and how it can support other communities in other parts of the country.”

Council staff member Dave Tippet says it was a hugely rewarding opportunity.

“It really brings out the best in people. Everyone is there doing their best to help the community and you bring back your learnings to help Selwyn and the community.”

NZRT21 deputy team leader Belinda Mathers says she really felt a strong bond while being deployed to Karekare near Piha.

“They really appreciated the support, and when they found out we came all the way from Canterbury, they were blown away.”

The team are organising a 34km sponsored walk across Banks Peninsula to raise money for Karekare’s recovery.

The Selwyn district is also supporting Tai Rāwhiti Gisborne with its recovery, including through a charity auction on Friday 5 May.



You can find out more about the response team Long Road to Recovery walk at givealittle.co.nz/cause/nzrt21-helping-karekare-on-the-road-to-recovery and the charity auction at selwyn.govt.nz/givingforgisborne.

New look Darfield pool for summer

Darfield Pool will be the place to be this summer, with a swathe of exciting upgrades and new equipment being installed ahead of the swimming season.

The Council has this week begun carrying out the second stage of improvements at the pool, which will see a hydro slide installed, as well as a new water heating system, water features for the toddler pool, and new grandstand seating.

Council Aquatics Operations Manager Nick McConaghty says the revamp will freshen up the popular facility and ensure visitors have a fantastic time at the pool through the warmer months.

“This is a great opportunity for Darfield. With the district’s growth continuing at pace, we need to make sure the pool remains a great place for our communities to be proud of, before further long-term decisions are made down the track.”

The upgrades are part of a \$2.4 million redevelopment project for Darfield Pool, which is being delivered in two stages. Last year, Council refurbished the changing rooms, painted the exterior building, and replaced the fence along the Greendale roadside.

In addition to the hydro slide, heating system, toddler pool water features and grandstand seating being delivered in the second stage of the project, Council will also undertake ground works for the main pool pipe work, install acoustic fencing beside the school, erect new shading, upgrade the pool plant filtration and dosing equipment, and install a new liner for the main pool.

The improvements were decided on with feedback from pool visitors and Darfield School.

The work is being undertaken by Armitage Williams, and is expected to be completed by November.

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

ANZAC DAY COUNCIL SERVICES

The Council's Rolleston Offices and all Selwyn Libraries will be closed on Tuesday 25 April.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open 1–8pm. All other Council facilities will be close except for existing bookings for Anzac Day events.

Rubbish collections scheduled for Tuesday 25 April will move to the **prior** Saturday 22 April. The Pines Resource Recovery Centre will be open normal hours.

ANZAC DAY ROAD CLOSURES

The following road closures are in place on Tuesday 25 April for Anzac Day services and parades:

- Burnham** – Aylesbury Road between Godley Road and Burdons Road, 5.15–8.15am
- Leeston** – High Street between Leeston Lake Road and Messines Street, 10.30am–12.30pm
- Rolleston** – from the eastern intersection with Othello Drive to 60 metres east of Tennyson Street Intersection. Tennyson Street from the northern intersection with Rolleston Drive to 5 metres south of the Millennium Clock Tower Reserve, from 10.30am to 12.15pm
- Dunsandel** – Leeston Dunsandel Road from Irvines Road to Tramway Road and Tramway Road from Leeston Dunsandel Road to Browns Road, 7.45–9.45am
- Prebbleton** – Springs Road from Tosswill Road to Birchs Road, 8.45–9.30am
- Tai Tapu** – Old Tai Tapu Road from Christchurch Akaroa Road to Forbes Road, 8.50–9.30am

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 24 March 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.

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

Council Meeting* Wednesday 19 April 1pm Council Rolleston Offices	Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Monday 8 May 4pm–6pm Tai Tapu Community Centre
Malvern Community Board Monday 24 April 4.30pm Sheffield Hall	Community Services Committee* Wednesday 10 May 9am Council Rolleston Offices
Audit & Risk Subcommittee* Tuesday 2 May 9am Council Rolleston Offices	Transport & Infrastructure Committee* Wednesday 10 May 9am Council Rolleston Offices
Draft Annual Plan Hearings* Monday 8 May 9am Council Rolleston Offices Tuesday 9 May 9am – reserve day	<i>* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel</i>

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Sheffield-Waddington Township Committee Thursday 20 April 7.30pm Sheffield Hall	Sister Cities Committee Wednesday 26 April 5pm Council Rolleston Offices
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On the Roads

Bridge resurfacing taking place overnight on Waimakariri Gorge Bridge 8pm–6am, expect up to two hour delays. Traffic lights are in place for repairs on Hoskyns Road from Maddisons Road to Hayes Road; Old West Coast Road from Minchins Road to Kimberley Road; and on Whitecliffs Road from SH77 to Cass Street. Stop go controls are in place for repairs on Blakes Road from Elmwood Drive to Shands 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 20 April

Clowning Around
Lincoln Event Centre, 1.30–3pm

Discover the joys of clowning with award-winning clown Fraser Hooper in a practical workshop that will teach you how to create your own clown show. Suitable for kids aged 5–12. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 21 April

Funny Business Performance
Te Ara Ātea, 1.30–2pm

Guaranteed giggles galore from award-winning funnyman, Fraser Hooper. This hilarious show features a stunt duck, a human fish, eccentric dancing and the silliest boxing match you'll ever see. Get a ringside seat to this bellyaching, knockout performance. Free. Bookings not required.

Friday 21 April

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.

Saturday 22 April

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

A dynamic driving course for Selwyn teenagers and their parents or caregivers offering practical hands-on learning. Drivers must have their learners or restricted licence. \$50. Book at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 22 April

Mini Gym — Mini Golf
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 10–10.45am

Come along for a fun, preschool celebration with min gold activities, treats and more! Suitable for kids aged 3–5 years, \$5 per child. The event will also be visiting Lincoln Event Centre on 26 April and West Melton Community and Recreation Centre on 27 April. Book in online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Monday 24 April

Yoga for Toddlers
Lincoln Library, 10–10.30am

Join us for a special yoga storytime especially for toddlers. We will read stories, then act them out in yoga poses. We will also incorporate a sun salutation, breathing exercises, and a final relaxation pose. Please bring along a yoga mat or towel. Suitable for 3+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

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