



Merry Christmas from Mayor Sam

I love Christmas for the tradition and carols, scorched almonds and the start of a summer break. Our amazing district has such a diverse mosaic of cultures, traditions and stories that enrich our neighbourhoods.

No matter what your background Christmas is something for all of us. Whether it's a simple public holiday to spend time with your friends and whānau or to connect in a church and the meaning of Christmas. I hope over the next month you get some time to slow things down and spend quality time with people you love and reflect on the year gone and the year that will be.

Waikirikiri Selwyn has so much to offer in the summer, Liz, Elliott, and I will be taking some time to enjoy the warmer weather and find or revisit some favourite spots for a dip in one of our rivers. We wish you and your family and friends a very safe, restful and merry Christmas.

Mayor Sam



Keeping Dogs Safe this Summer

At this time of year toxic algae starts appearing in our waterways. Dog owners should be aware of it if they are walking their dogs by rivers, streams, ponds and lakes.

Potentially toxic algae (also called cyanobacteria) is a naturally occurring algae with the potential to bloom in our waterways, producing toxins that can harm or even kill dogs, people and other animals.

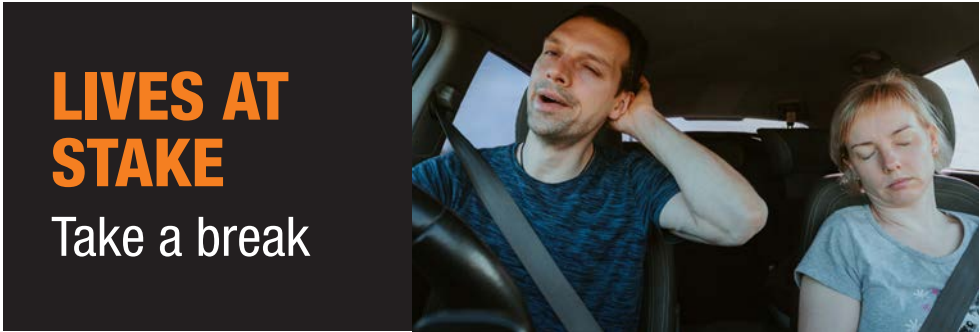
Animals can get very sick if they ingest cyanobacteria. Unfortunately, dogs love the musty smell of potentially toxic algae and are naturally drawn to investigating it — usually by licking or eating the material. It can be quick acting and fatal to dogs. The best way to keep your dog safe is to keep them out of water that may have toxic algae in it.

The algae typically presents in rivers as dark brown or black mats, with a slimy or velvety texture and a musty smell. These mats can detach and cause rafts in the water. In lakes, it is often suspended in the water. The algae can make water look cloudy, discoloured, or like it has small globules in it.

Cyanobacteria poisoning symptoms

Symptoms of cyanobacteria toxin poisoning in animals include lethargy, muscle tremors, fast breathing, twitching, paralysis, and convulsions. If you suspect your dog is suffering from cyanobacteria poisoning, contact your vet immediately.

For humans, if you have been in contact with water containing cyanobacteria, you may experience tingling or numbness around the fingertips and/or mouth, breathing difficulty, gastrointestinal symptoms, or skin rashes. If you feel any of these symptoms after contact with a waterbody, seek medical advice from your doctor or contact Healthline on 0800 611 116.



Teddy Bears' Picnic back for a Fun-Filled and Eco-Conscious Summer Event

Summer in Selwyn just got a whole lot cuddlier with the return of the beloved Teddy Bears' Picnic. The event, which has become a highlight of the season, regularly draws in crowds of over 1700 children and adults, accompanied by a delightful array of teddy bears. Held in Rolleston, this year's picnic promises to be an even more fantastic family day out, blending fun and environmental consciousness through the Selwyn Event Sustainability Initiative.



Beyond the gathering of teddy bears and their companions, the Teddy Bears' Picnic is taking a step towards a greener future. Bring along your favourite mug and indulge in delicious coffee from The Coffee Lady Ltd. Plus, your reusable mug might just win you an incredible prize in a special giveaway.

The Council's Senior Advisor Community Funding and Events Stefanie Banbury said "We're proud to be embracing sustainability at this year's event. We have a diverse range of food choices carefully crafted by vendors committed to eco-friendly practices and the dedicated team of bin ambassadors from Without Waste (WOW) are also back to guide people in sorting their waste, contributing towards making a positive environmental impact".

As well as an amazing line up of entertainment on the main stage, the Pony Parties & Farmyard Friends team are back to introduce your teddy bears to a delightful array of animals, from rabbits and guinea pigs to mini goats, ponies and lambs. For those seeking an adventure on wheels, Pedalmania brings a collection of strange, clever, crazy, and bizarre pedal-powered bikes, and join the team from House of Bricks and Rachel from LEGO® Masters NZ Season 2 to build an amazing creation. It's a chance to let your imagination run wild while creating lasting memories.

Join in on all the family fun on Wednesday 17 January 10.30am–1.30pm at Brookside Park, Lowes and Brookside Roads, Rolleston. Postponement date will be Wednesday 24 January 2024.

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

Discover one of Selwyn's Hidden Gems by the Water

With the hot weather on its way, summer swimming offers a perfect escape from the heat and Selwyn has some great local spots.

Picturesque Lake Pearson surrounded by the Southern Alps just off SH73 is known for its calm atmosphere. It's an ideal get-away location for relaxing in a natural setting.

Lake Lyndon, near Porters Pass is one of Selwyn's colder lakes, so come prepared for lower temperatures. If the cold isn't your thing, explore alternative activities like jetboating, paddleboarding, or birdwatching on the lake.

Rakaia Gorge, with its natural beauty and turquoise waters, is an ideal spot for a summer swim with friends and family. It also provides opportunities for kayaking, fishing, and picnicking.

Alternatively, keep kids of all ages entertained at a variety of Selwyn's community pools including Darfield, Southbridge and Sheffield. The Leeston Learner's Pool is also perfect for families with young kids, and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre offers something for everyone — five pools, inflatables, paddleboats, and other fun events. Beat the heat and make a splash this summer!

For the most up-to-date swimming information, visit lawa.org.nz.



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

ROAD STOPPING

Stopping of section of Norman Kirk Drive Rolleston

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 319(h) and 342 of the Local Government Act 1974 and the Tenth Schedule that the section of road described in the schedule to this notice is stopped and therefore ceases to be public road.

SCHEDULE

Canterbury Land District

Area (hectares): 0.2308

Description: Part of Norman Kirk Drive shown as Section 4 on SO 561181

PROPOSED FARMING LEASE AT HORORĀTĀ

Pursuant to Section 73 and Section 119 of the Reserves Act 1977, the Selwyn District Council hereby notifies of its intention to grant a 5 year farming lease at Hororata Domain, Hororata Road, Hororata forming part of Reserve 2217 and containing an area of approx. 52.9 ha.

A copy of the lease is available for inspection at Selwyn District Council's offices, 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston during normal office hours. Written submissions and/or objections to the farming lease will be received up until 5pm on 11 February 2024 and must be sent to: Hororātā Farm Lease Submissions/Objections, Head of Acquisitions Disposals and Leasing, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643, Or email: property@selwyn.govt.nz

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 by emailing meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 14 February 1pm
Council Offices Rolleston

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel



Our roading crews continue to be out across the district doing upgrades and repairs to maintain the district's roads. For a map of all our road works around Selwyn follow the QR code or visit selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures. Please take care around work sites and follow site signage.



Council Services and Facilities Holiday Hours

Here is a summary of Selwyn District Council's services and facilities opening hours during the holiday period.

The Council's Rolleston Offices will be closed from 5pm Friday 22 December, reopening 8.30am Wednesday 3 January.

Rubbish and recycling collections for Monday collections, this will be the Saturday prior (23 instead of 25 December and 30 December instead of 1 January).

Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed both Monday 25 December and Monday 1 January. Standard opening hours operate for the rest of the holiday period (9am–4.30pm).

All Selwyn Libraries and Service Centres will be closed on Monday 25 December and reopen from 10am–4pm, 27–29 December, normal hours 30–31 December. All libraries and service centres will be closed 1–2 January with normal hours resuming from Wednesday 3 January. There will be no late night at Lincoln Library and Te Ara Ātea on Thursday 4 January.

All Council-managed Community Centres are closed from 5pm on Friday 22 December and will reopen on Monday 8 January.

Selwyn Sports Centre will operate with reduced hours on Saturday 23 December and close at 1pm on Sunday 24 December, reopening with reduced hours from Wednesday 3 January to Sunday 7 January. Normal hours resume from Monday 8 January.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be closed on public holidays: Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December, Monday 1 January and Tuesday 2 January.

Darfield, Southbridge and Sheffield Community Pools will be closed Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January. Sheffield Pool will also be closed on Tuesday 2 January.

Animal Control Services are available, operating 24 hours 7 days a week.

The last full day of **building inspections** will be on Thursday 21 December. Inspections resume from Wednesday 3 January.

The Council's **customer contact line** will be operating 24 hours a day over the holiday break, for urgent issues phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

Event Guide

Wednesday 3 January –
Sunday 14 January 2024

3 Play

Selwyn Sports Centre, 10am–4pm

Come and have a go at our 3 play sessions! Each day has three different sports you can have a go at, so why not make a week of it? Children under 8 years must be accompanied by a caregiver aged 14 years or over. \$3 per person, or bring four people and only pay for three. Drop-in. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn.

Thursday 4 January
– Tuesday 16 January

Selwyn Libraries Holiday Fun

Arthur's Pass Community Centre,
4 January, 11am–1pm

Tawera Memorial Hall, 10 January, 10am–1pm

Southbridge Hall, 16 January, 10am–1pm

We're bringing the libraries to you! Come and play a board game, interact with our Dash Bots, construct a masterpiece from LEGO, sew your own book bag*. Free to attend, drop-in. *Bring 2 metres of heavy duty fabric, all other resources provided. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn.

Monday 8 January

Jump and Juggle

Selwyn Sports Centre, 10am–2pm

We're back with five super fun, interactive inflatables! Plus, watch a performance from the popular Strawberry Fairy, then learn some juggling, hula hoop and other cool circus skills. Caregiver supervision required. Under 6 years: 10–11am. 6+ years: 11.30am–12.30pm. All ages: 1–2pm. \$5 per child. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn.

Tuesday 9 and
Wednesday 10 January

Soft Archery

Glentunnel Community Centre
Tuesday, 10–11.30am

Tawera Memorial Hall
Tuesday, 1–2.30pm

Dunsandel Community Centre
Wednesday, 10–11.30am

Springston Community Hall
Wednesday, 1–2.30pm

All equipment provided. 7+ years. Caregiver supervision required for children under 13 years. \$5 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn.

Tuesday 16 January

Paddle Boarding

Southbridge Pool, 11am–12.30pm

Learn how to paddle board with Jet Junkies. \$5 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT
SELWYN.GOV.TN.Z/EVENTS

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Ph 347 2871

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Gerald Street, Lincoln
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