



## Welcoming visitors from Pacific Islands councils to Selwyn

Visitors from two Pacific Island city councils received a warm welcome to Selwyn last week.

The visit by mayors, chief executives and key staff from Honiara City Council in the Solomon Islands, and Fiji's Suva City Council was part of an engagement programme between New Zealand and Pacific Island local governments.

The visitors were greeted by Council Chief Executive David Ward, Mayor Sam Broughton, Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd and Head of Sport and Recreation James Richmond, with each visitor gifted a badge adorned with the Selwyn Council Crest.

The group took a tour of newly developed areas in Rolleston finishing with a discussion about some learnings and experiences in long-term planning and future growth management.

David says one of the best things about local government is that it is not a competition, instead it is more about collaborating with each other.

"Collaboration, even beyond New Zealand's borders, provides a great opportunity to share knowledge, highlight learning opportunities and identify new and exciting ideas and initiatives. Our Pacific Islands neighbours welcomed the opportunity to visit some of the district's facilities as they look to develop their own recreational hubs, as well as enhancing existing ones.

"We were proud to showcase Te Ara Ātea, Foster Park, Selwyn Sports Centre and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. Mayor Sam and I were also pleased to share our district's experiences of tackling intense and sustained growth."

Mayor Sam said he enjoyed connecting with the key staff from the Pacific Islands councils and showing them the growth journey Selwyn has been on.

"Our neighbouring Pacific Islands councils are facing similar population growth to Selwyn, so we hope what we've shared with them will inspire them to create exciting new spaces for their communities."

## Picnic to open celebrations with pride

Selwyn's first official Pride Picnic will launch the celebrations for Pride Month in Selwyn.

The Pride Picnic on 5 March will be the first pride event in the greater Christchurch area, celebrating and supporting rainbow communities.

Live music, face and nail painting and a rainbow graffiti wall will all be part of a wide range of fun at the picnic at Rolleston Reserve. Grab your friends, dress-up, get your groove on at the silent disco, or enjoy some classic anthems from the stage and show your support for the LGBTQIA+ community.

There will also be a free sausage sizzle and food vendors available.

In previous years, the Council has supported and hosted Pride events, but this year is the first year the Council is running a Pride Picnic. The picnic will be a family friendly day for everyone to enjoy some kai, good music and fun, Council Community Services and Facilities Group Manager Denise Kidd says.

"Selwyn is a diverse community and over the year we support a wide range of events to help all Selwyn residents feel welcomed and fully a part of our community. Pride is an important part of that, which we are proud to support helping make Selwyn a place for people to be comfortable and feel supported to be who they are."

The Council will also be running a Rainbow Wellness mental health education evening in collaboration with the Mental Health Education Resource Centre on 15 March at Te Ara Ātea. For more information see [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events).



## Have your say on Castle Hill Village Reserves

There is still time to have your say on the Draft Castle Hill Village Reserves Management Plan. The aim of the draft plan 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. Submissions can be made until 17 March.



You can complete an online submission on the Council Your Say website, or by downloading a submission form and delivering it to the Council offices in Rolleston or the Darfield Library and Service Centre. You can also make a submission by emailing [yoursay@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:yoursay@selwyn.govt.nz) (subject line: Castle Hill Village Reserves Management Plan).

To learn more about the proposals and make a submission visit [selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay](https://selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay).

## Is your dog's microchip recorded with the Council?

Dog owners are being urged to check that their dog's microchip is correctly recorded with the Council to give them the best chance of being reunited if their pet goes missing.



All dog owners are required to record their dog's microchip in the National Dog Database (NDD), which is operated by local councils. The database allows councils to quickly and easily identify owners, even if the dog has lost its collar.

The database, which is different to the New Zealand Companion Animal Register accessed by vets, has several advantages. One benefit is that if owners move house or transfer the dog to someone else councils automatically update the national database during the dog registration process.

Council Team Leader Animal Control Steve Clarke says adding your dog's microchip number to the NDD is totally free, and is a legal requirement.

"Microchipping and recording those details in the NDD is an important part of being a responsible owner. If your dog went missing and our animal control staff were able to find them, or it was taken to a vet or the SPCA, the microchip details in our national database would help us get them home to you."

Council provides free dog microchipping clinics every month throughout the district, including in Rolleston, Lincoln, Leeston and Darfield. Residents are welcome to drop into the 30-minute clinics any time. Clinics may not go ahead if it is raining, as dog coats must be dry.

Microchip clinics are advertised in Council Call notices and on the Council website [selwyn.govt.nz/dogs-And-animals/dogs/microchipping](https://selwyn.govt.nz/dogs-And-animals/dogs/microchipping).

### Does my dog need a microchip?

- All dogs (excluding working dogs) that were first registered with Council after 30 June 2006 are legally required to be microchipped.
- A microchip is a rice-sized digital ID tag that's inserted under the skin of a dog's neck.
- You don't need to have microchipped your dog before registering them with Council, but you need to provide Council with the microchip number after it is done.

## New brochure out now.

Pick up a copy from any Council facility or view it online: [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events)



# 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



# Celebration of coming together for new citizens

There was a celebration of coming together as 186 Selwyn residents became new citizens of Aotearoa.

The popularity of the events saw two citizenship ceremonies held last week in Tai Tapu with people from 36 countries around the world ranging from Serbia to Bermuda, Botswana to Nepal and beyond become New Zealand citizens.

The crowd joined in as representatives of Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki led a waiata celebrating the bond of strangers becoming family to open the ceremonies, before each new citizen took the oath of allegiance.



## Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 77 (WEST MELTON)

Marama Te Wai Limited have lodged a private plan change request (PC77) to rezone approximately 12.5 ha of land on the western side of the West Melton township, bounded by West Coast Road and Preston Downs from Rural (Inner Plains) to residential land. The projected yield is 218 retirement village units and a caretaker's residence.

Submissions are now open to enable you to have your say on this rezoning request. Information on this private plan change request and how to make a submission is available at Council's Rolleston offices, and can be viewed online at service centres and public libraries in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston or at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc77](http://selwyn.govt.nz/pc77), or by contacting the Policy Team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996). Submissions must be lodged by 5pm 22 March 2023.

### COUNCIL DECISION PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUESTS 81 AND 82 (ROLLESTON)

Selwyn District Council resolved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation to decline Rolleston Industrial Developments Limited request to rezone approximately 28 hectares of Rural (Inner Plains) zoned land west of Dunns Crossing Road, Rolleston to Living MD.

The Council also resolved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation to decline Brookside Road Residential Limited request to rezone approximately 110 hectares of Rural (Inner Plains) zoned land on the southern side of Brooside Road, Rolleston to Living MD and Business 1.

The full text of the decision can be read online at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc81](http://selwyn.govt.nz/pc81) and [selwyn.govt.nz/pc82](http://selwyn.govt.nz/pc82) at the Council's Rolleston offices, or online at Council libraries and service centres.

Anyone who made a submission on Private Plan Change Request 81 & 82 may appeal to the Environment Court against the Council's decision. Appeals must reach the Court by 5pm Wednesday 5 April 2023. A copy of any appeal must also be served on the Council.

## 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

#### Malvern Community Board

Monday 27 February 4.30pm  
Darfield Library

Monday 27 March 4.30pm  
Hororata Hall

#### Planning & Climate Change Committee\*

Wednesday 1 March 9am  
Rolleston HQ Offices

#### Finance & Performance Committee\*

Wednesday 1 March 1pm  
Rolleston HQ Offices

#### Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 8 March 1pm  
Rolleston HQ Offices

#### Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Monday 13 March 4pm–6pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

#### Community Services Committee\*

Wednesday 29 March 9am  
Rolleston HQ Offices

#### Transport & Infrastructure Committee\*

Wednesday 29 March 1pm  
Rolleston HQ Offices

\* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel



## On the Roads

Traffic lights or stop/go controls are in place for repairs on Birchs Road from Tancreds Road to Robinsons Road; Chamberlains Road and Swamp Road intersection; Gerald Street; Hamptons Road from the Birchs Road intersection; Longstaffs Road from Tosswill

Road to Trices Road; Rakaia Terrace Road; Selwyn Road from Weedons Road to Waterholes Road; Shands Road from Robinsons Road to Tancreds Road; Tancreds Road from the Birchs Road intersection; Wards Road from Sandy Knolls Road to Tresellian Drive and Kerrs Road to Tresellian Drive; Waterhills Road from SH1 to Devine Drive; Weedons Road from Ellesmere Junction Road to Shands Road.

Stop/go controls are in place for soakhole construction on Cardale Street and Snowdon Place.

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).



# Event Guide

## Saturday 25 February

### Fire Risk Education Session

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 2–3pm

Join emergency services, Civil Defence and other organisations to find out more about protecting yourself and your property at this free, family presentation in West Melton. Fire trucks and police cars will be present, practical take home resources available.

## Sunday 26 February

### Basketball in the Park

Westview Reserve, Darfield, 9.30–11am, and Flemington Estate Basketball Court, Pentire Parade, Lincoln 12.30–2pm

Shoot some hoops with the Selwyn Hawks and learn some new skills. Free. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

## Sunday 26 February

### A Month of Sundays — The Port Hillbillies

Te Ara Ātea, 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston 1–2.30pm

The Port Hillbillies are back by popular demand. Bring along your picnics and sing along to a mixture of Bluegrass, Old Time and Americana music. Free. Bookings not required.

## Monday 27 February

### Selwyn Libraries at West Melton

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 12–2pm

We're bringing the library to you! Choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, place holds and collect them on the day, or request a mystery selection through our Click and Collect service. Children under eight must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

## Tuesday 28 February

### Indoor Bowls

Southbridge Hall, 7.30–9pm

The Southbridge Indoor Bowls Club will be hosting a fun session where you can learn the wonderful game of lawn bowls. 18+ years only. Free. Drop-in.

## Wednesday 1 March

### Learn, Earn, Grow — Accessibility in the Workplace

Te Ara Ātea, 10am–12pm

Gain knowledge, understanding and confidence around best practice on employing, managing and attracting disabled people to your workplace as an employee or customer. Free. Register at [selwyn.govt.nz/learnearnandgrow](http://selwyn.govt.nz/learnearnandgrow).

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#### LINCOLN LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE

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