



Taste a feast of Selwyn's finest food

The most delicious dishes of the district will be celebrated in May with the return of Taste Selwyn.

The month-long food celebration will see 16 of Selwyn eateries working with local suppliers to create special dishes made from the freshest Selwyn produce. From venison ribs to baked brie, salmon salad, breads to Biryani or a Big Selwyn Breakfast there is something for everyone; featuring the finest locally crafted or grown grains and vegetables, eggs, fish and meat. People are invited to take part in letting the world know about their local dining experience by sharing a photo of your dish on Facebook or Instagram using #tasteselwyn.

It will also see foodies offered the chance once again to learn the tips and tricks of the top chefs and create art inspired by the best of Selwyn's dishes.

This year's events will include lessons on gluten free cooking, tasters for teens, wine and food pairing, or cooking Indian cuisine with a Selwyn twist of seasonal vegetables and creamy Ayelsbury milk. There will also be workshops on how nutrition can improve your mental health through to learning the art of watercolour painting with Selwyn artist Soon-Lee Spicer while eating delicious Taste Selwyn fare. You can even attend a stamp carving workshop with inspiration from locally baked goods, shared at the completion of the workshop.

To find the dishes available and get eating, or book tickets to an event, visit selwyn.nz/taste.



Town centre gets green space upgrade

A space to gather, play, relax and enjoy nature has been confirmed as the next stage of development in the Rolleston town centre.

The Council has confirmed construction to start on the development of the reserve green space with City Care set to complete the \$1.5 million upgrade to the areas to the north and west of the town centre buildings.

An amphitheatre with capacity for 1000-1200 people will be built near the sensory space and youth space, to host public events, along with upgrades to the existing fields.

The amphitheatre will be an important piece in helping make the town centre a centre for the community, Councillor Phil Dean says.



"It will be great to have another gathering space where our community can come to mark big events and commemorations, as well as smaller community events. Gathering is an important part of building community and having another central space to do that will be really positive for Rolleston."

The reserve will feature picnic areas, plantings and pathways to allow people to enjoy a quiet break away from the main town centre retail areas. The existing children's playground will be kept and there will also be a continuation of some of the features in the youth zone with small skate areas branching off some of the pathways with street skate features such as steps, rails and platforms, Council Major Projects Manager Phillip Millar says.

"It's an exciting new part of the development, refreshing what was there previously and providing something different again for the town centre. It will be a space to relax, where people can enjoy some green areas, walk, picnic, and play games."

Construction of the green space is due to begin mid-May and is planned to finish in early 2024.

Gala charity auction on the way

Help Te Tairāwhiti Gisborne recover from Cyclone Gabrielle and enjoy an exclusive VIP experience at the Hororātā Glow Festival, glide in the skies, or a night at the Court Theatre.

These items and more will be up for auction at an evening of delicious cocktails, canapés, entertainment and networking at Rossendale Weddings and Events on Friday 5 May from 6.30-9.30pm.

Selwyn District Council is proud to support the Gisborne community's recovery from the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, with the Giving for Gisborne Charity Auction.

Auction items include a Terrace Downs retreat, horse trekking around Lake Coleridge, dinner and luxury accommodation vouchers, gliding, skiing and jet boating experiences and much more, thanks to the amazing support of local businesses and tourism operators.

Don't miss out. Get your team or colleagues together and book your tickets today events.humanitix.com/gisborne-charity-auction.



Selwyn to hum with music for New Zealand Music Month

Hit folk singer Fraser Ross will be bringing a one night only gig at Te Ara Ātea, as the district fills with music for New Zealand Music Month.

Christchurch-based folk musician Ross — dubbed the 'Kiwi Billy Connelly' for his cheeky banter — has travelled the world and released several EPs and albums, including 'And Birds Do Sing', 'Mongrels' and 'Life is Magic, Where is My Rabbit?'

He will be performing on Thursday 4 May as part of the events at Selwyn Libraries and at Te Ara Ātea in Rolleston for Te Marama Puoro o Aotearoa — New Zealand Music Month.

The Music month events coming to Selwyn in May, will feature performances, lessons and fun activities planned for every member of the family, inviting people to try their hand at playing an instrument, listening to live music and attending special performances.

The theme for this year's national Music Month is 'community and collaboration', which encourages people to think outside the box about what they can do together, support artists' journeys as creators, and help build a connected and rewarding local music community.

The community connection is a huge part of music month, Council Culture, Content and Learning Manager Mat Logan says.

"New Zealand Music Month is a really fun month in our libraries and we've got a good range of events this year. It's been really good to see the excitement people have for it with things like the taonga puoro event showcasing traditional Māori instruments already sold out and lots of excitement for other events."

Among the events will be local performances every Saturday at all Selwyn libraries, music themed story times and guitar lessons, available every week at the Lincoln and Leeston Libraries for people aged 15 and over to get started or brush up on the basics.

The lessons will be run by Diego from Music with Diego, and you'll need to bring your own instrument.

To learn more about the musical activities and performances, including bookings, visit selwynlibraries.co.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

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Union Fare Limited (Union Fare Eatery, Prebbleton) has applied to renew its on licence. Objections to this application are open until 22 May. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

STILL TIME TO MAKE SURE YOU COUNT

It's not too late to be counted in the 2023 Census. Census collectors are still in your community.

We can help with filling out census forms or form collection. Contact one of the team between 10am and 6.30pm on: Selwyn Area; 027 373 5513 or 027 382 8166

FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE FOR DARFIELD

Do you have a great idea for, or already have a project that will benefit the people of Darfield where having funding will make the difference to make it reality?

If so, good news as the application date has been extended for Westview Special Fund.

The fund supports ideas and applications for projects showing a demonstrable benefit to the people of Darfield. Projects should be of social, economic, cultural, or environmental benefit to the people of Darfield, the defined area being the Darfield Township water supply boundary.

Both individuals and organisations may apply, and applications will be accepted from people residing outside the Darfield Township area, if there is a benefit to the people of Darfield.

Previous applicants are welcome to reapply. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding-And-grants/westview-special-fund or email westview.funding@selwyn.govt.nz


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.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS


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| Audit & Risk Subcommittee* Tuesday 2 May 9am Council Rolleston Offices | Transport & Infrastructure Committee* Wednesday 10 May 1pm Council Rolleston Offices |
| Draft Annual Plan Hearings* Monday 8 May 9am Council Rolleston Offices Tuesday 9 May 9am — reserve day | Council Meeting* Wednesday 17 May 1pm Council Rolleston Offices |
| Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Monday 8 May 4pm–6pm Tai Tapu Community Centre | Sister Cities Committee Wednesday 26 April 5pm Council Rolleston Offices |
| Community Services Committee* Wednesday 10 May 9am Council Rolleston Offices | |

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel



On the roads

Traffic lights are in place for repairs on Bethels Road at the Corbetts Road intersection, on Hoskyns Road from Maddisons Road to Hayes Road, and for culvert construction on Whitecliffs Road from SH77 to Cass Street. Stop/Go controls are in place for maintenance on Bealey Road from Miles Road to Ayelsbury 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.

SELWYN SPORTS CENTRE

VARIETY DANCE CLUB

Fridays 6–7pm, beginning 5 May

Learn a new style of dance from Selwyn's dance instructors. Whether you're a diligent dancer or have two left feet, finish Friday the fun way by moving and grooving with your friends and family.

\$5 per person per class. Classes run until 16 June.

Book now at events.humanitix.com/variety-dance-club



Event Guide

Wednesday 26 April

Genealogy Group

Te Ara Ātea, 1-2.30pm

Come along to our monthly drop-in Genealogy Group sessions, facilitated by the Selwyn Central Historical and Genealogical Group. Each month there will be a lesson you can take part in or come and work on your tree. Free. Bookings not required. Learn more at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Thursday 27 April

Chess Club

Leeston Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Chess isn't just another board game — it is fun and never boring! Join our weekly Chess Club. Aimed at all ages. Free. Bookings not required. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Tuesday 2 May

Staying Safe — A Refresher Course for Older Drivers

Wigram, 10am–2pm

Come along to this free classroom-based course to help re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices. It will also increase your knowledge about other transport options and help you remain independent for longer. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP to Wendy Fox at Age Concern Canterbury by Wednesday 26 April. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/events for full details.

Thursday 4 May

Female Youth Self-defence Classes

Rolleston Community Centre, 3.45–5.45pm

Selwyn Taekwondo is running three free female youth self-defence classes. The 30-minute classes will assist youth with skills to safely defend themselves in conflicting situations. The female instructors will be available to answer questions at the end of each session. 8–12 years: 3.45–4.15pm, 12+ years: 4.30–5pm, parent/daughter: 5.15–5.45pm. Limited spaces, bookings essential: selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 4 May

Let's Mend It

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 7–8pm

Let the Malvern Material Girls share their tips and tricks for difference stitches and techniques to mend your clothes, darn your socks, sew on buttons and take up hems — all without a sewing machine! Suitable for 13+ years. \$3 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT
SELWYN.GOVT.NZ/EVENTS