

# Mānawatia a Matariki!

## Celebrating to the stars

*Ko Matariki kei runga, ko te tohu tēnā o te tau hou!  
When Matariki rises, that is the sign of the new year.*

A celebration of trees, forest, food and music will be at the heart of this year's events marking Matariki.

Each year, Selwyn District Council focuses its celebrations on one of the nine stars in Matariki. This year we celebrate Tupuārangi who is connected with everything that grows up in our trees and forests such as birds, berries, and other fruits of the forest.

The gathering and preservation of these resources helped sustain Māori through the cold winter months — and a series of warm fun events are planned to help us mark the this time of celebration and renewal.

Starting on Saturday 8 July with a kete weaving workshop with members of Te Kāhui Hono, a collective of Selwyn and Ōtautahi weavers preserving traditional craft skills, the event series will take in a sing along for kids with the popular Loopy Tunes music duo and lessons on native plant propagation and bird watching through to a series of community garden open days.

A special Dinners of Selwyn will combine marking Matariki with the many different cultures and backgrounds of our more recent settlers in Waikirikiri Selwyn with guests bringing a dish to share, but also being invited to share their favourite recipe featuring fruit and/or berries.

Playing games is also a big part of Matariki, so bring a family game to enjoy with everyone.

For a full list of Selwyn Matariki events visit [selwyn.govt.nz/matariki](https://selwyn.govt.nz/matariki) or pick up a copy of our What's On in Selwyn guide from the Council offices or any of the Selwyn Libraries.

## Dog registration starts Saturday

More than 17,000 dogs in Selwyn are set to become official for the 2023/24 year, as the annual dog registration month gets underway in July.

Owners will need to renew their registration with the Council, with all dogs aged three months and over required to be registered before 1 August.

Council's Head of Regulatory Susan Atherton says owners who register their dogs on time will be eligible for a discount.

"Selwyn really loves its pets, and that's evident in the number of dogs living in the district. There are 17,467 dogs on our records to be re-registered so we're expecting a very busy month."

"Registering on time is quick and easy to do online, by internet bank transfer, or in person at a Council service centre. If you register before 31 July, you'll get a discounted fee of \$45, instead of \$60."

Registration fees help to pay for the Council's range of dog control services and facilities, including maintaining the district's four fenced dog parks, delivering dog safety education programmes, running microchipping clinics, and operating the dog control service that responds to lost or wandering dogs.

Registration renewal forms were sent to owners in June. Anyone whose dog has not been previously registered with Selwyn District Council can download a new dog registration form from the Council website.

Thanks to the metal lifetime One Tags that were introduced in 2021, owners won't be issued a new tag for their canine and can keep the one they already have. Replacement tags can be re-issued for \$5 if they are damaged or lost.

For more information on dog registration, fees and how to make a payment, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration](https://selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration).



## Crowds celebrate Youth Hub opening

A live DJ, fades and braids and even a talking car were part of a fun afternoon celebrating the opening of the new Selwyn Youth Hub.

A steady crowd of visitors enjoyed the afternoon of celebrations with KITT the Knight Rider car, food and drink activities and competitions, welcoming the official opening of the hub, based in the Rolleston Community Centre. Representatives from the wide range of service providers and Selwyn's four high schools also attended.

The Youth Hub is a collaboration, bringing together youth services and organisations from around the community, including The Collective Trust, Youth Town, Family Planning and Te Tahi Youth to deliver services and programmes dedicated to young people aged 12 to 24 years old.

The hub idea and the services provided were based on needs identified by Selwyn young people and by the principals at the four Selwyn high schools and are designed to help young people grow, thrive and feel connected in the Selwyn community.

Services will range from health services, counselling, career advice, education, and training, through to events, activities and courses parenting and youth courses, learner driver courses, drug and alcohol counselling sessions, arts classes, te reo Māori classes and waiata sessions.



## Fund marks milestone in making a difference in Darfield

Over a million dollars of support is helping community groups in Darfield to make a positive difference to the township.

The Westview Special Fund Committee was formed in late 2019, to distribute a fund of \$1.27m from the sale of land in Darfield, back to the Darfield community.

Ten community projects received over \$260,000 in funding from the final funding round of the Westview Special Fund.

Across the five rounds, the committee awarded funds to 51 successful applications.

The fifth-round saw funding for gymnastics and basketball classes, cricket pitch covers and the Darfield High School Youth Enterprise award, and playground and building upgrades for the Darfield Preschool and Nursery, Darfield Primary School, Darfield Bowling Club, Darfield Rugby Club and Darfield Netball Club.

Funding also went to the Darfield Toy Library to build up the service following the withdrawal of Plunket involvement due to impacts from COVID.

Secretary Kerri Gray says the Toy Library has been part of the community for over 26 years and the funding will make a huge difference to improving its services to the community.

"When significant change occurs, it can take a while to grow back and this funding gives us such an incredible opportunity to fast forward this effort and support families in Darfield in a more meaningful way. We can be back out at events, improve our presence and be more connected. We're hoping to hire a toy librarian as part of this grant so we can provide a stable figure for young families who may be more disconnected than those in larger towns. We want to save families money, reduce the plastic they buy and give a familiar face to members who can just chat and check in. This is really ground-breaking for us and we can't wait to build a bigger, more connected presence in Darfield."

Westview Special Fund Chairman Bob Mugford thanked all the applicants over the years of the fund.

"It's been a really worthwhile project to be a part of, to be able to support so many excellent community groups and dedicated people who play such an important part in our community."

If any funds remain, once the final amounts have been dispensed to the applicants, these funds will be transferred to the Malvern Community Board to distribute for community capital projects within Darfield.

# 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

Craft Legends Limited, Rolleston, has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 10 July. Craigieburn Valley Ski Club Incorporated has applied for the renewal of its club licence. Objections to this application are open until 12 July. Arthurs Pass Alpine Distillery Limited has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 13 July.

For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz).

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

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| <b>Council Meeting*</b><br>Wednesday 28 June 1pm Council Rolleston Offices                         | <b>Finance and Performance Committee*</b><br>Wednesday 12 July 1pm Council Rolleston Offices |
| <b>Planning &amp; Climate Change Committee*</b><br>Wednesday 12 July 9am Council Rolleston Offices | <b>Council Meeting*</b><br>Wednesday 19 July 1pm Council Rolleston Offices                   |
|  | <i>*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel</i>  |

A place to settle for new Kiwi

Selwyn's ranks for new Kiwi have grown again with new citizens from eight different countries welcomed at the latest citizenship ceremony.

A group of 38 people from Croatia to Nepal, Germany to India became Kiwi at the ceremony at Te Ara Ātea.


Te Taumutu Rūnanga chairperson Liz Brown welcomed the new citizens, noting the word for citizen in te reo Māori is kirirarau — meaning the skin, or person, that settles and welcoming the new citizens to the place they have settled.

She also noted the upcoming time of Matariki, and reminded the new citizens and their supporters that Matariki is also a time of remembrance, to remember those that have gone before.

Burnham Military Camp Commandant Major Julie Richardson also welcomed the group, along with Mayor Sam Broughton, who encouraged the new citizens to share the celebrations and traditions of where they have travelled from with their friends and neighbours.

"We're a stronger, richer place for what you bring to Selwyn."






Maintenance is being done on the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge with night works on Thursday (29 June). The bridge will be closed for up to two hours at a time from 8pm–6am, reopening to let traffic through at 10pm, 12am, 2am and 4am. This work is weather dependent. Updates will be post on the Council Facebook page if this is delayed.

Stop/Go controls are in place for maintenance on Coaltrack Road from Bridge Street to SH77, Kerrs Road from Wards Road to Railway Road, Old West Coast Road from Pinegrove Road to Redmonds Road and on Telegraph Road from Bealey Road and Creyke Road and Courtenay Road to Clintons Road.

Please take care around work sites and follow site signage. Follow the QR code for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at [selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures](http://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).



Do you have what it takes to become a Civil Defence Community Response Team (CRT) volunteer?

We're looking for passionate Selwyn people to help their local community during an emergency, specifically Brookside/Irwell, Greenpark, Killinchy, Norwood, Weedons, Broadfield, Coalgate, Motukarara, Springston and Windwhistle areas.

The role of a CRT is to check on the most vulnerable people, gather information about what has happened/is happening, and open a drop-in Emergency Centre if required. Volunteers are a friendly face to the public, treating people with compassion and respect in emergency situations.

If you're available to attend an annual training and complete a Police Vetting check, then we want to hear from you.

Contact Sue on 027 211 4673 or [cdem.team@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:cdem.team@selwyn.govt.nz) to find out more.



Event Guide

Saturday 1 July

**NZ Music Quiz Night**  
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre  
7–8.30pm

Gather a team of six family and friends and join us for a quiz on all things New Zealand music. \$3 per person. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Monday 3 July

**Sports Skills Sessions: Korfball**  
Selwyn Sports Centre, 9am–3.45pm

Korfball is a sport with similarities to netball and basketball. Enjoy learning basic Korfball skills and drills to enhance coordination and agility. For 5+ years. \$3 per person. 5–6yrs: 9–9.45am; 7–8yrs: 10–10.45am; 9–11yrs: 11–11.45am; 7–8yrs: 1–1.45pm; 9–11yrs: 2–2.45pm; 12yrs+: 3–3.45pm. Siblings can join the same session regardless of age. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Monday 3 July

**Magic for you! With Elgregoe and Sue**  
Lincoln Event Centre, 10–10.45am  
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre  
2–2.45pm

Elgregoe and his assistant Sue present their new 2023 show of Magic for You. See stage illusions, exotic parrots, a ventriloquist puppet and more. \$3 per child, Caregivers free. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Monday 3 July

**Mask Making and Performance Workshop**  
Leeston Library, 2–3.30pm

Free Theatre Christchurch will introduce different techniques of mask making and performance practices. Learn how to make and perform with your own mask! Suitable for ages 8–12 years. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Monday 10 July

**Build an Insect Hotel**  
ReDiscover, Pines Resource Recovery Park  
1–2pm

Our Waste and Sustainability Educator and Biodiversity Specialist will show you how to build an insect hotel, for a host of different insects. Beware she may have some insects for you to investigate too. Please bring natural materials that are suitable for an insect hotel such as pinecones, bamboo, twigs, sticks, moss and dry leaves. For 8–13 years, adult supervision required. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

**Tickets on sale now**

[selwynawards.co.nz](http://selwynawards.co.nz)



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