



Spring into a range of Selwyn activities and events this season

Selwyn locals will have a chance to make their own henna art, skate around at a roller disco, and improve their Te Reo Māori skills, thanks to a variety of exciting events and workshops happening in the district this spring.

The district's latest 'What's on in Selwyn' brochure, which features a comprehensive list of upcoming sporting, cultural, and family fun experiences, is now available online and at Council service centres.

In this season's edition, residents are invited to try their hand at cheese making in Sheffield, Broadfield and Southbridge with Cushla Fitzgibbon; take a tour of Selwyn's heritage at Te Ara Ātea Exhibition Tours; and learn how to form and deliver their pepeha at a special workshop in Rolleston and Lincoln.

The activities include two weeks of special CultureFest workshops and performances that will kick off after the annual CultureFest event in Lincoln on 10 September. The SWELL seniors' lifestyle expo is also back for another year, with a range of creative, learning, and exercise activities organised for Selwyn's mature residents.

The 'What's on in Selwyn' spring brochure also features upcoming sport centre classes and recreation activities.

Download a copy of the brochure at selwyn.govt.nz/events.



Selwyn leads in employment

Selwyn's economy continues to grow and more Selwyn residents are finding work according to the latest economic figures.

The district's economy has continued to be among the strongest growth areas in the country, with the third highest growth over the past year to June with GDP up 5.2% compared to a growth of 3.1% in the national economy, according to the latest quarterly report from economic analysts Infometrics.

Selwyn also had the highest increase in residents in employment up 6.3% more than twice the national average of 2.6% and unemployment remains among the lowest in the country at 2.1% compared to the national average of 3.4%.

The rise was driven by the continued strong population growth in the district, Infometrics says. A big jump in the amount of money people are spending in the district was also driven by population growth, it says — with consumers spending 13% more over the year, out ahead of national growth in spending of 12%.

The economy continued to grow despite the rate of new housing being built slowing from its previous record highs, with the number of residential building consents issued falling by 15% in the year to June.

Tourism however, continued its recent growth, with the number of nights tourists stayed in Selwyn going up 63.6% and the amount visitors spent in Selwyn rising by 29.7%.



Students encouraged to apply for Tertiary Scholarships

Applications for the Council's tertiary education scholarships are open now to help give students a head start with their fees next year.

The scholarships are awarded to year 12 or 13 students from Darfield High School, Ellesmere College, Lincoln High School or Rolleston College.

Students who have achieved outstanding success in academic, sport, cultural, art, social responsibility or other areas at school or in their community, and students who have overcome barriers or hardships, are encouraged to apply. To be eligible they must live in and attend school in Selwyn and be planning to undertake full-time education/training at a recognised university, polytechnic or training institution in New Zealand.

Ardra Heffer, who received a scholarship in 2022, is currently completing her first year at the University of Canterbury studying towards a Bachelor of Health Sciences, majoring in health education. She says she found the process of applying for the scholarship straightforward, and that the financial support has made a big difference.

"I'm enjoying all my classes. It's a big change from high school and it's a lot of hard work, but the key is choosing subjects you're interested in. I've also been joining a few groups around university and making new friends, so this year is going quite well," says Ardra.

One of the things that appealed to Ardra most about her degree was the chance to complete internships at prominent health and wellbeing organisations. "I want to be able to do something in my career where I can help people."

She encourages all students who are eligible to apply for the scholarship. "It's important to have a bit of confidence in yourself and just go for it. The scholarship has definitely helped financially so I would encourage any high school students thinking about applying to try their best and apply."

Applications for the scholarships are open until 30 September 2023. For more information or to apply, visit selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships.

Successful applicants will be announced and awarded at their end of year school prize giving.



ENJOY THE PERFECT SKI TRIP

Selwyn has six great ski fields and the snow has been falling just in time for some late winter fun.

These fields are known for having world class off-piste skiing, uncrowded slopes, awesome terrain and kiwi hospitality, all just over an hour's drive from anywhere in the district.

Head over to Selwyn.nz to find out more about the perfect ski trip, right here in Selwyn. And if it's your first time hitting the slopes in Selwyn, we've got some tips for you.

CHOOSE YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Each Selwyn ski area has mountain lodges you can book in advance.

If you are looking for a family-friendly beginner stay, try Porter's Lodge, Cheeseman's Forest Lodge or Lyndon Lodge, White Star Chalet hut or Broken River Lodge at Broken River.

If you're more of an adventurous skier, try Craigieburn's lodges; Koroheke and Matuhi, Mt Olympus' Top Hut and Temple Basin's Bottom Hut.

MOUNTAIN ACCESS ROADS

Always check conditions before leaving home and bring chains. Find out more at Selwyn.nz.

GEAR AND SUPPLIES

Porters, Cheeseman and Temple Basin have ski and snowboard rental gear available.

For the other ski fields, you will need to rent or buy gear. Try Gnomes Alpine Sports in Darfield for a great local supplier and make sure you take plenty of warm, windproof clothes.

SAFETY AND ASKING FOR HELP

Be sensible and follow directions on signage. Don't overdo it, be easy on your muscles and stretch. If you have any concerns or want to know anything, ask staff or mountain hosts in orange jackets.



Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

JRAN Holdings Limited (The Link Rolleston) has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 11 September. The Bealey Arthurs Pass Limited has applied to renew its on licence. Branding Liquor Limited (Indian Dreams Rolleston) has applied for an on licence. Objections to these applications are open until 15 September. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

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

Extraordinary Council Meeting*
Wednesday 6 September 9–10am
Council Rolleston Offices

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Monday 11 September 4pm–6pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Representation Review Committee*
Tuesday 12 September 4pm–6pm
Council Rolleston Offices

Emergency Management Bill Workshop*
Wednesday 13 September 11am
Council Rolleston Office

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 13 September 1pm
Council Rolleston Offices

**Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel*

Selwyn volunteers gain national attention

Thursday was no ordinary training night for Council’s Civil Defence volunteers in the Community Response Team with a national visitor dropping by to see what they do.

About 102 people attended the event, including the Director / Deputy Chief Executive Emergency Management for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), John Price.

John is the former New Zealand Police Canterbury District Commander and started his new Emergency Management leadership role in March this year.

John came to Selwyn to learn more about the success of the Community Response Team model. He addressed the Response Team members on the night and told them that they should take a look in the mirror and see the every day hero that is looking back at them. He told the teams they make a difference and are emergency management in their communities.

Community Response Teams were created in Selwyn to ensure there are people all over the district during an emergency can support their community and provide vital information to Civil Defence Emergency Management.

Currently there are 32 teams with over 210 Community Response Team volunteers looking after 34 different communities throughout the Selwyn district.

It builds both capacity and resilience in communities and enables the Response Teams to help directly in their communities in an event and provide information back to the Emergency Operations Centre about what is happening on the ground.



Waianiwaniwa Road is closed from Hartleys Road to Malvern Hills Road for bridge repairs. Road closures are also in place for flood repairs on Highpeak Road from Snowdon Road; Malvern Hills Road from Auchenflower Road to Waianiwaniwa Road and Zig Zag Road from SH77 to Lake Coleridge Road. Traffic lights are in place for maintenance on Goulds Road from Ellesmere Junction Road to Leeston Road and Old West Coast Road from Minchins Road to Redmonds Road. Temporary speed limits are in place for maintenance on Plantation Road from Hororata Road to Thwaites Road and around work sites for flood repairs around Doyleston, Greenpark and Taumutu.



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.

STEP INTO SPRING
SELWYN

**GROUP FITNESS
MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL**

Join between 1 to 14 September. Sign up for four weeks and get an extra four on us!

selwyn.govt.nz/promotions *T&Cs apply.

Event Guide

Saturday 2 September

Knife Sharpening Workshop
Castle Hill Village Hall, 1–3pm

Bring something that needs sharpening to this workshop and learn how to put the edge back on your tired equipment. Knife tutor Nick Tempest will take you through the theory of knife sharpening followed by a hands-on tutorial. Feel free to bring your favourite knife or pair of scissors to sharpen yourself on Nick's specialised equipment, or learn how to use sharpening equipment you may have at home. Suitable for 13+ years. Bookings required. \$10 per person Selwyn Libraries members, \$20 non-members. Payment can be made in-library beforehand, or charged to your library card on the day. Payment is not required to secure the booking.

Saturday 2 September

Father’s Day Gift Making
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 4–5pm

Create a personalised gift for Dad to give on Father’s Day! \$10 per family. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Sunday 3 September

Youth 3 vs 3 Basketball with FRESH
Rolleston Community Centre, 1.15–3.45pm

Get your mates together for a team or sign up as an individual and join us down at the Youth Hub for a 3 versus 3 basketball competition. We'll have a live DJ, braids and fades, free food and drinks, plus heaps of spot prizes. 12–24 years. Free. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Monday 4 to Friday 8 September

Sleepy Spring — Pyjama Preschool Classes
Rolleston, Lincoln, West Melton, times vary

Mini Gym and Little Dancing Feet are getting ready to wake up to spring! Come along in your cosy pyjamas and bring your favourite teddy to our sleepy spring classes. 3 months to 5 years. \$4.90 per person. Drop-in. Sessions will be held at Selwyn Sports Centre, Lincoln Event Centre and West Melton Community and Recreation Centre. Find times and locations at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Wednesday 6 September

Spring Crafts — Animal Door Stop
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 4–5pm

Pop down to your local community centre to make your very own animal door stop! Free. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Culturefest

Sunday 10 September
10am–2pm
Lincoln Domain

selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest

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