



## Lots on to enjoy this winter

Mark your calendars and book your places — an exciting series of activities, events and workshops are coming up in Selwyn this winter.

From Matariki kete weaving workshops and community garden open days, to a short story competition, men's mental health presentation, bonsai tree workshops and sports centre classes, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The activities are included in the Council's 'What's On in Selwyn Winter 2023' brochure, which can be found online or picked up from Council facilities.

The events kick off from 1 June, with an adult short story competition. Participants will be invited to submit their unpublished story to a panel for judging, with the winner and runner-up being announced in late August.

There'll be sport, a sausage sizzle and lots of fun on the new bike snake track on 11 June when Prebbleton's Kakaha Park officially opens on the corner of Leadleys and Birchs Road.

Meanwhile, a wild herbal winter drink workshop on 22 June will be an opportunity for attendees to learn recipes and preparation methods for making drinks from wild foraged herbs.

Exciting recreation activities and timetables, pool, group fitness as well as Selwyn Libraries offerings are also included in the brochure.

To download a copy of the 'What's On in Selwyn' brochure, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).



## Community fund helps residents living through grief

Selwyn residents in search of advice and tools for adapting to change or living through the loss are being invited to a series of free workshops coming to the district in June and July.

The Grief Centre is providing free mental health workshops in Rolleston, Darfield and Lincoln, thanks to funding from the Council's Selwyn Community Fund.

The Kiwi founded charity offers counselling and support for people in New Zealand and Australia. Selwyn is the first Council to fund the workshops, which the charity is hoping to run more widely across the country.

Christchurch resident and certified Grief Coach Sarah Robb is hosting the workshops and says they will present tools and resources to help people cope with change and loss but will also serve as a safe space for participants to explore their grief and connect with others who share similar experiences.

The workshops will be interactive and Sarah will also share her story on how she has learnt to adapt and embrace change through her own life experience. They will also include five practical tools and strategies that people can implement in their own lives to improve their mental wellbeing and adapt to the ever evolving climate that we live in.

"I encourage all Selwyn residents to consider attending, whether they have experienced significant loss themselves or are supporting others through it," she says.

"We are very grateful to the Council for prioritising the mental health and wellbeing of their residents by supporting these workshops."

Three 'Adapting and Embracing Change' workshops and one Living Through Loss Workshop are scheduled for the district.

The Adapting and Embracing Change workshops will be on at Te Ara Ātea from 6–7.30pm on 8 June, 6–7.30pm at the Darfield Community Centre on 15 June, and 7–8.30pm at the Lincoln Community Centre on 6 July. Living Through Loss will be coming to Te Ara Ātea on 12 July from 6–8pm. Registrations to attend the events can be made online at [humanitix.com/nz](http://humanitix.com/nz) or [griefcentre.org.nz/events](http://griefcentre.org.nz/events).



## Be safe on Selwyn roads this winter

Selwyn motorists are urged to plan ahead, stay alert, slow down and drop back as winter conditions begin settling in around the district.

Winter poses several challenges for drivers, including icy and wet weather, less daylight and sunstrike. There were 53 crashes on the district's roads last winter, compared to 31 crashes in spring, Council Road Safety Advisor Mike Patterson says. But there are things motorists can do to help stay safe:

1. Check the weather forecast and driving conditions regularly. Consider if you need to travel, especially if conditions are poor. If you do, include extra time so you can drive more carefully. Plan ahead and make sure your vehicle is fit to handle the colder temperatures. Some of the easiest ways to make sure your vehicle is winter ready include getting it serviced, having a current Warrant of Fitness (WoF), and replacing tyres or windscreen wiper blades if needed.
2. Slow down. Drop back. It takes a lot longer to stop your vehicle in wet conditions. The 'two-second rule' should be a 'four-second or more' rule when wet. In ice or snow, avoid braking suddenly, tap your brakes gently rather than one hard push.
3. Stay alert to the risk of sunstrike and frost, increase your visibility by keeping the inside and outside of your windscreen clean and defrosted. Excess dust or grime on your windscreen can worsen sunstrike effects.
4. Plan ahead with an emergency kit in your vehicle that has a warm blanket, long-life food, bottled water and a torch in case something adverse happens and emergency services can't reach you quickly.

"Adjust your driving habits during winter to the environment around you and your ability within the conditions. While winter driving does add extra risk to your daily travel, if you plan ahead, stay alert, slow down and drop back you increase your chances of arriving safely," Mike says.

Ice scrapers and windscreen clothes will be available again this year at council service centres and some smaller rural service stations. For more information about driving safe this winter, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/winterdriving](http://selwyn.govt.nz/winterdriving).



## Selwyn economy still leading the country

Selwyn's economy continues to be one of the strongest in New Zealand, with growth and employment outpacing the national average according to new economic figures.

The latest quarterly figures from economic analysts Infometrics show the district's economy grew by 5.1% in the year to March 2023, almost double the national growth of 2.9% and the third fastest growing district in the country.

Employment grew 6.3%, almost triple the national growth of 2.2%. Employment of Selwyn residents grew in every industry except agriculture, and was led by accommodation and food services which added over 300 jobs in the year to March on the back of the recovery in tourism.

The figures also show guest nights increased 58.5% and tourism expenditure grew by 31.1% on the back of the recovery, slightly ahead of the national average of 52% increase in guest nights and 30.5% increase in spending.

Consumer spending continues to increase, up 15.3% — the largest growth in consumer spending in New Zealand — as the population in Selwyn continues to grow.

The population growth also shielded Selwyn from a national slowdown in house building over the past 12 months, reflected in a 7.9% decrease in residential consents issued nationally, with Selwyn only seeing a slight fall of consents down 2.1%.

Non-residential consents saw a modest increase, up 3.6%, with consents to the value of \$243.9 million issued over the year.



Notices

COUNCIL SERVICES ON KING'S BIRTHDAY

On Monday 5 June, some Council services are affected due to the King's Birthday public holiday. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open from 8am–8pm. All other Council facilities will be closed for the day, including all Selwyn District Libraries and the Council's Rolleston offices. Rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal. Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open normal hours. For any Council enquiries contact 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

LAST DAYS FOR CONSULTATION ON FOSTER DOG PARK

It's the last week to have your say on the Selwyn Dog Club request to extend the hours it can use its leased area of the Foster Dog Park. The club leases a section of the park for training on four days a week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights 6.30–9pm and a two-hour class on Sunday mornings. It has requested to add an additional training class on Monday nights between 6.30–9pm. The Council is asking for feedback from dog park users and nearby residents. You can have your say until 5pm Friday 2 June at [selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay](http://selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay).

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

<b>Draft Annual Plan Deliberations*</b> Wednesday 31 May 9am Council Rolleston offices	<b>Transport &amp; Infrastructure Committee*</b> Wednesday 21 June 1pm Council Rolleston offices
<b>Community Services Committee*</b> Wednesday 21 June 9am Council Rolleston offices	<i>* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel</i>

Care of Selwyn reserves gets greener

The maintenance of Selwyn's parks is getting greener, with new technology to start phasing out old fuel alternatives.

Fuel use by Council contractors was identified as one of the main causes of carbon emissions in the Council's carbon footprint mapping for 2020/2021. Now, Council parks and reserves maintenance contractor CORDE is working towards bringing that down, using some innovative new machinery built by a Tai Tapu company.

CORDE has added a new electricpowered ride-on mower to its parks maintenance equipment. Powered by a 35KW/H battery pack, the five-blade ride on machine can save up to 10T or carbon dioxide emissions over seven months use compared to a diesel-powered mower.

Along with needing less maintenance, the new machine is quieter, with fewer fumes, making it more pleasant for the operators, park users and neighbours. It's part of looking for further carbon savings, CORDE Fleet General Manager Tyler Forsyth says.


"One of our core values at CORDE, kaitiakitanga, strongly influences our purchasing decisions. It's not just about what's better for CORDE; it's about what's better for our community. Committing to exploring these zero-emission alternatives is crucial for CORDE's long-term sustainability and innovation vision."





Unsealed maintenance is being carried out on Cullens Road from SH77 to Elmhurst Road; Haldon Road from Bealey Road; and McLaughlins Road from Coaltrack Road to Elmhurst Road. Traffic lights are in place for drainage improvements around 8-12 Whitecliffs 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).



# Kakaha Park Opening Event

Sunday 11 June, 10am–12pm

Corner Leadleys Road and Birchs Road

Prebbleton

[selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)



Event Guide

Thursday 1 June – 31 July

Short Story Competition  
Selwyn Libraries

Calling all budding writers! Selwyn Libraries is running a short story competition through June and July. Entries must be unpublished works up to 5000 words. 18+ years. Closing date: Monday 31 July, 5pm. Runner up and winner will be announced Monday 28 August. Full details at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Thursday 1 June

Adult Book Club  
Lincoln Library, 6.30–7.30pm

Book discussion groups are a fun and popular way to expand your reading subjects, meet people in your area and share your thoughts and ideas about reading. Free. Bookings not required.

Tuesday 6 June

Have-a-go Line Dancing  
Broadfield Hall, 562 Robinsons Road, 10–11am

Gather your friends, find your boots and come have-a-go at a free line dancing session! Enjoy the music and company while getting some exercise. Suitable for adults of all abilities. Free. Drop-in.

Wednesday 7 June

Digital Essentials  
Lincoln Library, 11am–12pm

Designed for the complete novice, Digital Essentials is a four-week programme that will give you an introduction to the digital world. Taking place each Tuesday in June, this programme covers computer basics and online essentials, as well as options for connecting to the internet. Chromebooks will be provided at each session. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz).

Saturday 10 June

Nourish Orchard Pruning and Tree Health Demonstration Workshop

Darfield Community Garden, Russell Street, 1–3pm

Bronwyn Adams-Hooper and Dave Askin from Nourish will share their knowledge and demonstrate techniques for improving the health of your orchard trees. Followed by the annual tree pruning workshop. All ages welcome. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz).

## Applications closing today!

The awards are free to enter and businesses, groups or individuals can enter themselves. Nominations are also welcome.

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