

CouncilCall

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Lincoln goes electric in Energy Farm Innovation

Selwyn has welcomed the first Dutch electric tractor at Lincoln University's innovative new Energy Farm.

Representatives of the Selwyn District Council, including Deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall, and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands were present to witness this significant moment for the university, the district and the country this month.

Lyall says the Council is thrilled to welcome New Zealand's first fully electric tractor to Lincoln

University, which will be powered by the Lincoln Energy Farm.

"The Energy Farm and electric tractor align with our Waikirikiri Selwyn Economic Development Strategy by delivering future-ready infrastructure and advancing renewable energy and agricultural solutions, positioning Selwyn as a test-bed for innovation." The Council and Lincoln University can make better decisions and create positive changes more quickly together, Mr Lyall says.

Expo to showcase ageing well

There is just under two weeks to go until Lincoln Event Centre is packed out with over 70 community clubs, organisations and wellbeing providers from throughout the district.

Mayor Sam Broughton says that the SWELL events and Expo are an important part of the social calendar in Selwyn, as the population of over 65 years will become increasingly important to the fabric of our community, with predictions that this age population will triple in the next 30 years from the latest Census figure. The Council will officially launch and explain the details of Te Paepae Ageing Well Strategy at the SWELL Expo, alongside a host of other topical speakers.

Speakers from different organisations will talk about mindful aging, how to recognise scams, legal matters, brain health and positive ageing. Debbs Moody from Bupa Ashford Retirement Village says their organisation is delighted to be a Partner Sponsor for the SWELL Expo 2024.

"The SWELL Expo is all about celebrating the people of Selwyn, and supporting them to age well. As a global healthcare company, our purpose is to help people live longer, healthier, happier lives, which aligns seamlessly with our support of the SWELL Expo," says Moody. For more information visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/swell

New booking system for Rakaia Huts Campground from Monday 7 October

The Council has contracted Penny (formerly KiwiCash) to install an automatic gate, booking system and digital pay-to-use showers at the campground.

The decision to go digital was made for security and safety reasons because it eliminates risks of theft and the need for staff to collect cash. To stay at the campground you will need to establish a Penny account – you can find Penny in your app store or visit www.go-penny.com. Penny is a long-established South Island company that operates payment systems and campgrounds in more than 30 locations around New Zealand.

Both the Council and Penny are aware of the challenges to changing to digital systems and concerns people may have. If you need help establishing your Penny account, we are hosting an open day and BBQ on Saturday 5 October at the campground. Between 12pm and 6pm, the Penny team will be on site to help you get set up and answer any questions. Bookings from 7 October can now be made on Penny. For anyone who has made a booking for dates after 7 October, please contact Penny on 0800 140 147, email help@go-penny.com or visit go-penny.com

Drain and water race spraying

The Council is reminding people not to overspray the banks of drains and water races with weed killer.

Blanket spraying will completely strip the banks of vegetation, leaving them bare and exposed to the elements. This will eventually lead to damage and can cause the banks and soil to erode, slump in and wash away.

If the bank collapses, this can block up the channel, which leads to increased risk of flooding, of contaminants in the water, and of damage to plant and animal habitats. Where these drains and water races are near public land, it also leads to potential damage of adjacent roads and footpaths and increases risk for members of the public using the area.

Vegetation maintenance on the banks of drains and water races are the landowner's responsibility. The Council appreciates landowners proactively doing their maintenance but is reminding people to please only spot spray pest plants with aquatic approved chemicals and avoid blanket spraying of banks.

Works at Foster Park

Parkour, a pergola and picnic space are part of the finishing touches going into New Zealand's sports ground of the year.

The last two recreational spaces within Foster Park are being developed starting this week, adding new features not found anywhere else within Selwyn District. The youth space, next to the existing children's playground, will include a unique Parkour area, features for wheeled play and a 3 on 3 basketball court.

The central greenspace area of the park is also being developed with a pergola and picnic areas using the existing heavily treed area to provide areas to relax and retreat from the openness of its surroundings.

The work is due to begin this week and be finished around June 2025. The park will remain open except for the construction areas.

Council and Community Board Meetings

Representation Review Deliberations
Thursday 10 October 9am
Rolleston Council Offices*

*Livestreamed on the Council
YouTube channel.

Events

Mokorua – A Journey of Moko Kauae

Thursday 3 October, 6.30-7.45pm,
Te Ara Ātea

Ages 13+.

Bookings required at
selwynlibraries.co.nz/culturefest

FREE

Bombing Platform

Saturday 5 and 12 October, 5pm-7pm,
Selwyn Aquatic Centre

No bookings required. Must be aged 8+ years.

Participants must be competent swimmers.

Normal pool admission applies. For more information, visit selwyn.govt.nz/events

Poetry Reading for Seniors

Tuesday 8 October, 10.30-11am,
Leeston Library

Wednesday 16 October, 10.30-11am,
Darfield Library

Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/swell

FREE