

# CouncilCall

Wednesday 7 February 2024



## Utah Valley University Students Explore Emergency Preparedness in Selwyn

A delegation of 29 Utah Valley University students were recently welcomed by Council's Emergency Management Team to learn about Selwyn's emergency preparedness. In a presentation at Te Ara Ātea, these students, along with faculty coordinators, gained insights into the region's emergency readiness and response.

While this was the fourth time this study abroad programme had been brought to New Zealand, it was the first time in Selwyn.

The students, pursuing graduate degrees in public administration, emergency services administration and public and community health, found the experience valuable. Jeff Macfield, Professor and Director of Emergency Services at Utah Valley University, organised the programme through former Director of the UC Centre for Risk, Resilience and Renewal, Chris Hawker, eight years ago.

"In Utah, we face very similar challenges, so we wanted to observe how emergencies are handled from an international and local perspective," said Jeff.

Graduate student in Public Administration, Kaitlynn Knapp said she found it interesting how Selwyn

utilise volunteers for maximum efficiency in an emergency response. "The entire population of the county here is less people than the city I live in and so I have been interested to see the way that they have organised it here."

When the Council was invited to join the programme, Al Lawn, Head of Emergency Management said it presented an opportunity to share ideas globally — an essential component of creating best practice.

"No one has the monopoly on good ideas, so to be able to have a face-to-face conversation with others working and learning in this space is fantastic, and helps us to expand our thinking. Everyone has got something to give, and both parties benefit from the conversation," said Al.

You can share your knowledge and help your community in an emergency by volunteering with one of Selwyn's Civil Defence and Emergency Management volunteer teams.

If you would like to know more visit [selwyn.govt.nz/civildefence](https://selwyn.govt.nz/civildefence)

## Shands Road Intersections and Trents Road Upgrade

Work is underway on the Shands Road intersections upgrade project which will include the construction of two new roundabouts at Shands and Hamptons Road and Shands and Trents Road in Prebbleton.

### Trents Road Moving to One-Way

From Monday 12 February until approximately mid-April, works along Trents Road (between Shands and Springs Roads) will commence to enable the installation of a new water main.

Trents Road will be accessible one-way from the Shands Road end. The one-way traffic management system will move progressively closer to Springs Road as required.

### Temporary Traffic Lights on Shands Road — Hamptons Road (West) One-Way

From Monday 12 February, for approximately 8 weeks, traffic will be reduced to one lane on Shands Road at the intersection with Hamptons Road, and controlled by temporary traffic lights between the hours of 9am and 4pm. Two-way traffic will be reinstated outside of these hours.

In conjunction with the temporary traffic lights on Shands Road, Hamptons Road (West) will be one way for the duration of the works with no entry on to Shands Road.

For further information and maps of the affected areas please visit [selwyn.govt.nz/shandsroundabouts](https://selwyn.govt.nz/shandsroundabouts) or contact [shandsroundabouts@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:shandsroundabouts@selwyn.govt.nz)

## Dog Microchipping Clinics

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped. This free monthly service is available at the following places.

### Friday 9 February

**Darfield Library & Service Centre:**  
9am to 9.30am

**Lincoln Library & Service Centre:**  
9am to 9.30am

**Council Offices Rolleston:**  
11am to 11.30am

**Leeston Library & Service Centre:**  
No clinic this time around

Please note, all clinics last for only half an hour. The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive). Microchipping will not take place if wet. Clinics in Darfield and Leeston will be alternated each month.

Any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on **0800 SELWYN (735 996)**



## Water Every Few Days

Water your garden and lawn every few days rather than every day. Wetting the soil surface every day encourages roots to develop at the surface, making them more vulnerable to hot dry spells. For more smart watering tips visit: [selwyn.govt.nz/watersense](https://selwyn.govt.nz/watersense)

## Council and Community Board Meetings

### Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Monday 12 February 4pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

### Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 14 February 9am  
Rolleston Council Offices

### Long Term Plan Workshop\*

Wednesday 14 February 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

Please notify Therese Davel or Charlotte Bennet if you wish to speak at a Council meeting at least five days beforehand by emailing [meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz)

\* Livestreamed on the Selwyn District Council website and via our YouTube channel.

## Events

### Pickleball "Have a Go"

Saturday 10 February

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 10am–12pm

Glentunnel Community Centre, 1–3pm

Bookings required at

[selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)

\$3

### Upcycle Crafts

Sunday 11 February, 11am–12pm  
Southbridge Hall

Bookings required at

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

\$5

### Skate Jam

Sunday 11 February, 1–3pm

West Melton Skate Park

Find out more at

[selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)

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