

# CouncilCall

Wednesday 11 December 2024



## Christmas cheer arrives in Selwyn

Christmas has officially arrived in Selwyn, with Rolleston's inaugural Christmas Parade on Sunday 1 December. And with more Christmas events on their way throughout December, including the always popular Lincoln Christmas Parade and Market on Saturday 14 December, Selwyn is in for some joyous times!

Did you know Lincoln's first ever Christmas pageant took place in December of 1982?

Much like the parades today, members of local community groups dressed up and paraded the streets with pipe bands, dancers and marching teams alongside decorated floats, fire engines, tractors, children on decorated bikes and Father Christmas.

The Council took part in Rolleston's Christmas Parade with Emergency Management volunteers and Stan the dog, promoting 'Santa Gets Ready',

a campaign to educate Selwyn residents on emergency preparedness. Check out our Facebook page to see how Santa got ready for the parade.

If you heard carols being sung in Foster Park on Saturday, you may have been listening to the Hope Presbyterian Church's Selwyn Carols.

And if you were wondering why High Street in Leeston was closed on Friday 6 December, it's because everyone had to make way for Santa on his sleigh for Leeston's annual Santa Parade.

To make these events happen, there's a lot of work put in behind the scenes. And sometimes even these community elves need a helping hand from the Council's Selwyn Community Fund to bring the magic to life.

For more on funding, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/funding](https://selwyn.govt.nz/funding).

## Council Services and Facilities Holiday Hours

The Council's Rolleston Offices will be closed from 5pm Tuesday 24 December, reopening 8.30am Friday 3 January.

Rubbish and recycling collections for Christmas Day and New Year's Day (both falling on a Wednesday this year), will be the Saturday following (28 instead of 25 December and 4 January instead of 1 January).

Pines Resource Recovery Park will be closed Wednesday 25 December and 1 January. Standard opening hours operate for the rest of the holiday period (9am-4.30pm).

All Selwyn Libraries and Service Centres are closed on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 December, and 1 and 2 January. They will reopen from 10am-4pm on Friday 27 December, normal hours 28-31 December. In the new year, normal hours will resume from Friday 3 January.

All Council-managed Community Centres are closed from 1pm on Tuesday 24 December, and will reopen on Monday 6 January.

Selwyn Sports Centre will be closed 1pm Tuesday 24 December, reopening with reduced hours from Friday 3 January to Sunday 5 January. Normal hours resume from Monday 6 January.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be closed Wednesday 25 December, Thursday 26 December, Wednesday 1 January and Thursday 2 January. Reduced hours 24 December, 6am-6pm and 31 December 8am-6pm.

Darfield, Southbridge and Sheffield Community Pools will be closed Wednesday 25 December, Thursday 26 December, and Wednesday 1 January. Sheffield Pool will also be closed on Thursday 2 January. Darfield Pool and Southbridge Pool closed 6pm on 24 and 31 December. Darfield Pool reduced hours 27 to 30 December, 3 to 5 January, 11am-7pm.

Animal Control Services are available, operating 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Building Inspections last day for booked building inspections will be Friday 20 December. Bookings will resume on Monday 6 January (under the Building Act the statutory clock stops on 20 December and restarts on 10 January, meaning that those days don't count as working days. Customers can continue to lodge applications 24/7 as normal).

Resource consents no service between the close of business on the 22 December until 3 January.

The Council's customer contact line operates 24 hours a day over the holiday break, for urgent issues phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

## Sign up to water alerts

We understand water notices are inconvenient, however protecting our residents from health risks is our priority.

Not signed up? Click here to sign up to water notices: [selwyn.govt.nz/boilwaternotices](https://selwyn.govt.nz/boilwaternotices).

## Temporary Road Closure

**Lincoln Christmas Parade**  
Saturday 14 December, 8am-1pm

Gerald Street (from Kildare Terrace to Vernon Drive including access from West Belt, Lyttelton Street, William Street, Kildare Terrace, Maurice Street and Robert Street) will be temporarily closed.

## Council and Community Board Meetings

**Local Water Done Well Subcommittee**

Wednesday 11 December 9am,  
Rolleston Council Offices

**Council Meeting**

Wednesday 11 December 1pm,  
Rolleston Council Offices

All livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

## Fun in the sun this summer in Selwyn

Experience over 50 whānau-friendly events and activities throughout January and February 2025.

Listen to live music from local performers at Music in the Park and Month of Sundays, fly a kite at Kite Day, and take your teddy to the ever-popular Teddy Bears' Picnic.

This summer for the first time you can also participate in Wellness in the Park, Rolleston's own outdoor event to refresh your mind, body, and spirit with a series of Zumba®, yoga, and HIIT classes.

Read more at [selwyn.govt.nz/news](https://selwyn.govt.nz/news)

Download your copy of the 'What's On in Selwyn' guide at [selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)



FREE

Events

### Movie Night

Saturday 14 December, 6.30-9.30pm,  
Selwyn Sports Centre

All ages welcome.

\$5 per person, \$15 family of four.

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

### Pool Party with FRESH

Saturday 14 December, 1-4pm, Darfield Pool  
Sunday 15 December, 1-4pm, Southbridge Pool

Drop-in. To find out more, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

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### Storytimes - Christmas Special

Thursday 12 December, 6-7pm,  
Lincoln Library

All ages welcome. Drop-in.

To find out more, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events)