



Glentunnel Campground open just in time for summer

Council staff and contractors have been working hard to get Glentunnel Campground back up and running in time for the summer season.

This comes after the Council took back possession of Glentunnel Holiday Park from the previous leaseholders when their lease was cancelled in July this year.

The campground will be opening from mid-November, and the Council will be managing the campground over the upcoming summer period, with a caretaker on site.

This lush green campground is located next to the Hororata Golf Course and the Selwyn River, and is only a 45 minute drive from Christchurch.

To celebrate the opening of Glentunnel Campground, the Council is offering free camping this Canterbury Anniversary weekend for families to try out the campground. If you haven't made any plans for the long weekend, this is a great last-minute opportunity to brush off your summer camping gear and make the most of the long weekend in tranquil, rural Selwyn.

To camp at Glentunnel this long weekend, email reserves@selwyn.govt.nz and request a site number (see map online at selwyn.govt.nz/glentunnelcampground). Keen campers should send through their name, address, and vehicle registration and will be emailed a gate code for entry. Free camping applies from Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 November only and is subject to availability.

For any future bookings, campers can book online from Monday 18 November.

Council have implemented a new pricing structure, which is a reduction from previous years.

Executive Director of Infrastructure and Property, Tim Mason says he hopes that the lowering of fees will enable more families to come camping and enjoy the Council's reserve.

"Glentunnel Campground is the perfect spot to take your whānau camping this summer, to take some time out in nature and really experience Selwyn's wonderful backyard."

Temporary road closure for Silver Fern Rally

Sunday 24 November

- **7.25am-12.25pm:** Malvern Hills Road from Auchenflower Road at intersection with Deans Road to 200m from intersection with Vogel Street.
- **7.55am-12.55pm:** Pig Saddle Road from the intersection with Wyndale Road to Hartleys Road at intersection with Whitecliffs Road.
- **8.30am-1.30pm:** Washpen Road from 41 Washpen Road finishing at 590 Washpen Road.
- **9.05am-2.05pm:** Homestead Road at intersection with Algidus Road finishing on Lyndon Road from intersection with State Highway 73.

Monday 25 November

- **8.50am-1.50pm:** Lyndon Road from intersection with State Highway 73 to Homestead Road at intersection with Algidus Road.
- **9.25am-2.25pm:** Snowdon Road will be closed from approx. 659 Snowdon Road at the intersection with Coleridge Road to approx. 568 Snowdon Road.

Council and Community Board Meetings

Economic Development Subcommittee

Wednesday 13 November 10.30am
Rolleston Council Offices*

Council Meeting

Wednesday 13 November 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices*

*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

Better education leads to higher income in Selwyn

Waikiriki Selwyn residents on average have higher qualifications, hold more professional and managerial roles and are earning more money than ever before, according to the latest data released from the 2023 Census.

"Continuing to learn new things and grow ourselves is a characteristic I see in people all over Selwyn. This continuing education leads to more career options, higher incomes, and more choices in life," says Mayor Sam Broughton.

The latest detailed statistics from the 2023 Census shows that the proportion of Selwyn residents holding a bachelor's degree or Level 7 qualification grew by 2.3% since 2018, following the nationwide trend of a greater proportion of the population gaining post school qualification.

The latest Census data shows the percentage of Selwyn residents over 15 years of age with no formal qualifications after high school decreased from 47% to 44%, while the amount of school leavers with no high school qualifications also dropped to under 17% from 22% a decade earlier and less than the national average of 20%.

"The increase in qualifications is likely due to families moving into the district with tertiary qualifications, as well more locals staying in school or seeking further opportunities to educate and upskill themselves, which is great for their future and for the future of our district," says Broughton.

Mayor Broughton says that the most pleasing aspect is that the total number of jobs within the district has now doubled since 2013, with 68.9% of employed residents of Selwyn working within Selwyn in 2023, an increase of 5.3% since 2018.

"An increasing number of businesses in the district allow our people to live, work and play in Selwyn, creating more diverse and lively town centres during the week and reducing the proportion of residents commuting to Christchurch or other areas outside the district for work," says Broughton.



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Adults' Book Club

Saturday 16 November, 10-11am,
Leeston Library

To find out more, visit
selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

FREE

Summer Pool Opening Parties

Saturday 16 November, 1-4pm,
Darfield Pool

Sunday 17 November, 1-4pm,
Southbridge Pool

Normal pool entry applies. Drop in.

To find out more, visit selwyn.govt.nz/events

FREE

Critical Thinking: An Essential Skill for Healthy Youth Development

Wednesday 20 November, 7-8.30pm,
Youth Hub, Rolleston Community Centre

18 years +.

Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/events