



## Giving thanks to our emergency management volunteers

**To thank our emergency management volunteers for their hard work this year and say farewell to Selwyn Civil Defence Emergency Management Advisor, Sue Jenkins, a Christmas celebration was held on Thursday 5 December at the Tai Tapu Community Centre.**

Sue was a recent recipient of New Zealand Police's Certificate of Appreciation, which was awarded for her 12 years of outstanding service and commitment to the Selwyn community.

Councillor Grant Miller on behalf of Mayor Sam Broughton thanked the crowd for their selfless voluntary acts. Unfortunately, not all volunteers could attend the event, due to immediate help being needed at the Bridge Hill fire which started near Craigieburn earlier that day.

To read more about the efforts of our volunteers in the recent fires, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/news](https://selwyn.govt.nz/news)

## One for the books - Selwyn's most sought-after media of 2024

Off the back of Spotify Wrapped, we recently asked our Selwyn Libraries team to provide us with some statistics for the most popular book read by library members this year. While there are a few popular titles, there's one book which has a special place in our communities' hearts.

Selwyn's most popular book this year was 'The Women' by Kristin Hannah, which also came out on top for eAudiobooks listened to by Selwyn Library members in 2024. It was checked out 295 times and loaned 150 times as an eAudiobook.

The most loaned children's book of the year is the 1997 classic 'The Adventures of Captain Underpants: the first epic novel' by Dav Pilkey, checked out 128 times.

If you're a library member and enjoy watching shows on Selwyn Libraries' e-resource streaming platform Kanopy, you were most likely watching Father Brown Season 1, which topped the chart at 178 plays and up to 3,850 minutes.

In total Selwyn Libraries members streamed up to 242,000 minutes of shows and movies on Kanopy, which equates to ten days of back-to-back streaming – a good effort!

## Get teddy ready for a fun picnic

Use these holidays to get your teddy ready for next year's Teddy Bears' Picnic!

Enjoy a picnic with your teddy and whānau on the grass at Brookside Park on Wednesday 15 January from 10.30am to 1.30pm. There will be lots of entertainment to enjoy on the main stage, the chance to take teddy on a crazy bike adventure, check out some cool farm animals, and join in the grand finale Teddy Bear Parade.

## Enjoy Music in the Park this summer

Picture this: it's a warm sunny day and all you feel like doing is sitting on the grass in the park, listening to some great tunes. With Music in the Park, you can do just that for free!

The first Music in the Park is being held at at Rolleston Town Centre on Saturday 11 January.

Fill your ears with live music from talented local performers, while you sit back and relax with a picnic or some local food and beverages bought on site.

Performers for the Rolleston event includes Jazz Quartet, Kyle George and Shed 24 Band.

For more Summer in Selwyn events, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)

## Changes to holiday bin collections

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).

## Upcoming road closure

**2-25 January 2025**

The intersection of Burnham School Road and Dunns Crossing Road will be closed as Orion work to install new underground power cables to strengthen our electricity network. Access to the Pines Resource Recovery Park will be maintained via detour routes.

## Keep your dog safe from toxic algae this summer

At this time of year toxic algae starts appearing in our waterways. Dog owners should be aware of it if they are walking their dogs by rivers, streams, ponds and lakes, and keep them out of water that may have toxic algae in it.

Toxic algae, which typically presents in rivers as dark brown or black mats, with a slimy or velvety texture and a musty smell, produces toxins that can harm or even kill dogs, people and other animals.

Learn more at [www.ecan.govt.nz/toxicalgae](https://www.ecan.govt.nz/toxicalgae)

## Be water wise

Water wisely between 9pm and 6am.

Avoid watering between 6-9am and 4-9pm.

Check the weather before watering between 9am and 4pm.

For tips on how to reduce water usage, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/bewaterwise](https://selwyn.govt.nz/bewaterwise)



### Snorkeling Have-a-Go

Thursday 9 January, 10am-3pm,  
Selwyn Aquatic Centre

Friday 10 January, 1.15-3.30pm, Southbridge Pool

Monday 13 January, 10am-12.15pm, Darfield Pool

\$8 per person, bookings required at  
[selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)

### Selwyn Libraries Holiday Fun

Monday 13 January, 10am-1pm, Glenroy Hall

Tuesday 14 January, 10am-1pm, Tawera Hall  
(Springfield)

Wednesday 15 January, 11am-1pm, Arthur's Pass  
Community Centre

For more dates, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn)

### Chalk Art Competition

Thursday 16 January, 3.30-4.30pm,  
Rolleston Community Centre

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