



Selwyn's rich horse racing history

Each year thousands of people attend the New Zealand Trotting Cup Day in Christchurch.

Horse racing has been around in New Zealand for over 150 years, with the first recorded full-scale race meeting taking place at Epsom, Auckland on 5 and 6 January 1842 (according to Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of New Zealand.)

If we look through Selwyn's history books, the Hororātā Domain was home to one of the earliest provincial racing clubs in New Zealand, with the first meeting held on the racecourse in January 1885.

To enjoy a day at the races back in the early 1900s, people travelled by train from Christchurch to Coalgate and then walked 6km to Hororātā.

The last race meeting was held in March 1984 at the Hororātā Racecourse by the Hororātā Trotting Club and attracted a record crowd of over 4,000 people. While no meetings are held there today, the original racetrack continues to be used regularly for training and there are still stables onsite.

Selwyn is also home to two of the best horses seen on the racetrack in New Zealand and across the ditch. The horses; Ballymena and Limerick were bred by Henry Arthur Knight on Racecourse Hill in Darfield. Ballymena won the Australian Derby in 1923 and it was estimated that Limerick won \$78,000 over the course of his racing career, with many of his wins also in Australia.

In more recent times, Rolleston-based trainer Mark Purdon, with the stables on Levi Road has either individually or in partnership won the NZ Trotting Cup eight times. As a driver Mark has won the NZ Trotting Cup six times, last winning the cup in 2020.

Celebrated horse Terror to Love also has a connection to Selwyn, being trained at West Melton and winning the cup three years in a row from 2011 to 2013.

To learn more about Selwyn's history, visit selwynstories.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

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.

Rolleston Christmas Parade

Sunday 1 December

- **1.45pm-3pm:** Norman Kirk Drive (from the Council building to Kidman Street), Kidman Street (from Norman Kirk Drive to Tennyson Street) and Tennyson Street (from Kidman Street to Markham Way) will be temporarily closed.

Upcoming road closure on Telegraph Road

Telegraph Road between Ross Street and Creyke Road will be closed from 25 November until the end of January for installation of a sewer pipe and upgrading existing watermain.

The road will open temporarily in the Christmas break from 18 December to 5 January.

Detours will be in place on Creyke Road and Cardale Street.

The pipework is being constructed to service the new developments in the area, which were approved as part of the 2024/34 Long-Term Plan.

This work is the next stage of the rollout of the Darfield Kirwee wastewater system service that was approved by Council in the 2021/31 Long-Term Plan.

Maps showing the stages of the rollout can be found on our website at www.selwyn.govt.nz/darfieldkirweewastewater

For more information on road works, visit selwyn.govt.nz/roadworks

Council and Community Board Meetings

Finance and Performance Committee

Wednesday 20 November 9am
Rolleston Council Offices*

Climate and Sustainability Subcommittee

Wednesday 20 November 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices*

Malvern Community Board

Monday 25 November 4pm
Darfield Library Service Centre

Councillor Briefing

Wednesday 27 November 1.30pm
Rolleston Council Offices*

Economic Development Subcommittee

Wednesday 4 December 9am
Rolleston Council Offices*

Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee

Wednesday 4 December 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices*

*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

Summer Gluten-free Essentials

Sunday 24 November, 2-3.30pm,
Lincoln Event Centre

All ages welcome. \$20 per person.
To find out more,
visit selwyn.govt.nz/events

NZ Geographic Film Screening - Banks Peninsula: Mountains Meet the Sea

Saturday 23 November 2-3pm, Te Ara Ātea

Please note this event is for library members only.
All ages welcome.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

FREE

Inland Revenue Session

Monday 25 November, 9.30am-2pm, Te Ara Ātea
Wednesday 27 November, 9.30am - 2pm,
Darfield Library Service Centre

To request a 30-minute appointment, email irheartlandscanterbury@ird.govt.nz with your full name, contact details, and IRD number.