



Travel the world with CultureFest in Selwyn

Explore tasty dishes and fantastic entertainment during our annual CultureFest celebration at Lincoln Event Centre on Sunday 15 September, 10am-3pm.

Crowds of around 4,000 people are expected to gather at this popular free-entry family event to enjoy flavours from 51 different food vendors and exciting cultural performances from 18 performing groups hailing from all corners of the globe.

This year, the cultural celebrations will run for two weeks following the main CultureFest event with a community events series.

With everything from henna art workshops to international sports, music and dance performances, talks and presentations, through to the return of the popular women's only swimming night at Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall says CultureFest is a highlight event of the year for the district.

"CultureFest brings a lot of fun and enjoyment to Selwyn every year and it is a great day out for the whole whānau."

For more information, visit selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest

Our proactive approach to keeping Council staff safe

Equipped with body-worn cameras over the last couple of months, approximately 25 of our operational staff now feel safer about going out in the field, in case they are faced with threatening behaviours or unsafe situations.

The body-worn cameras are just one of a number of approaches to prioritising the health and safety of council staff, which also includes de-escalation training.

This preventative approach is already helping to facilitate positive interactions between staff and the public.

Head of Regulatory Susan Atherton says being proactive about staff safety is the main reason for introducing the body-worn cameras.

"Body-worn cameras are one of the many tools we use to keep staff safe and this has been welcomed by staff and the Council. The feedback we've received so far is that it is working well and, in some situations, the cameras have been effective at de-escalating threatening behaviour."

The front-facing camera provides the public with an opportunity to behave appropriately when dealing with council staff and provides complete transparency of what is being recorded.

Depending on the situation, a recording may be used as evidence.



Council and Community Board Meetings

Community Services Committee Meeting
Wednesday 21 August 9am Rolleston Council Offices*

Malvern Community Board Meeting
Monday 26 August 4pm Darfield Library & Service Centre*

For speaking in a public forum, please email council.secretary@selwyn.govt.nz

*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

? How to apply for a rates rebate

Ratepayers who are on a low income and who pay rates on the property they live in may be eligible for a rates rebate. If your gross household income to 31 March 2024 was \$31,510 or less, and you pay rates on the property where you live, you may qualify for a rebate. To find out if you are eligible and to download forms, visit ratesrebates.govt.nz.

You can apply for your rebate at any Council service centre, where application forms are also available.

To apply, please bring with you a completed rates rebate application form and statements of all types of income received for the tax year for you and your partner/joint homeowner.

If you are applying for a Rates Rebate, you do not need to provide evidence of your NZ Superannuation if it is:

- Single living alone — \$30,090.84
- Single sharing — \$27,686.36
- Couple (only one qualifies) — \$22,869.08
- Couple (both qualify) — \$45,738.16

If you are self-employed, you will need to provide satisfactory proof of income for the tax year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

For more information, visit selwyn.govt.nz/ratesrebate

Representation Review 2024

Pop into our upcoming drop-in sessions to learn more!

Te Ara Ātea, Rolleston
Thursday 22 August, 6-7pm

Leeston Library & Service Centre
Saturday 31 August, 1.30-2.30pm

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Thursday 5 September, 6-7pm

West Melton Community Market
Sunday 1 September, 10-11am

Have your say on our initial proposal by 12 September 2024 at selwyn.govt.nz/repreview

Events

English Learners

Thursday 22 August, 1.30-2.30pm
Te Ara Ātea

Suitable for 18+ years. Drop in.

For more information, visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

FREE

Finding the Motivation to Keep Moving

Proudly sponsored by World Travellers Rolleston

Thursday 22 August, 7-9pm
Lincoln Event Centre

All ages welcome. Free for Council group fitness members, \$5 non-members.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Parent Teen Yoga — Winter Sport Recovery

Sunday 25 August, 2-3pm
Selwyn Sports Centre

Sunday 1 September 2-3pm
Lincoln Event Centre

\$10 per parent, \$6.60 for teens 11-17yrs

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events