



A warm welcome to new Kiwis in Selwyn

In the Council's recent citizenship ceremony, 97 newcomers and long-term residents officially became Kiwis.

Family, friends and supporters watched on as these individuals from 18 different countries, including Chile and Slovenia, received their New Zealand citizenship at the ceremony held at Tai Tapu Community Centre.

Selwyn's newest Kiwis were welcomed by Te Taumutu Rūnanga chairperson Liz Brown who opened the event, and a kapa haka performance from Tai Tapu primary school.

Special guests included Major Julie Richardson from the Defence Force, and Councillors Sophie McInnes and Phil Dean.

New citizen hailing from England, Sam Sharland says the ceremony was an incredibly emotional

evening and ran smoothly.

"I have lived in New Zealand for 15 years, and my daughter was born here. We were warmly welcomed and made to feel comfortable and relaxed. Having my friends there made the experience even more special, and I am truly proud to now be called a Kiwi."

Also at the ceremony was Sofia Palacios from Chile. Sofia says the ceremony was really meaningful to her as she was joining her husband and son who are New Zealand citizens by birth.

"When you grow up in a different country sometimes you feel you are neither from here nor there, but now that I am a citizen of Chile and New Zealand, I feel I'm from here and there. After 11 years since I first landed here, I now have a feeling of belonging "

A series of Swell events

For three weeks during October, older residents will have the opportunity to attend a range of exciting events held across the Selwyn district.

Head along to the Selwyn Libraries, where you can join our dedicated poetry enthusiast Jackie Thornley, who you may recognise from Lincoln Library, for a live reading of timeless and witty poems.

In Lincoln, bring your whānau along for an intergenerational story time at the library, or join the Council biodiversity team for an enchanting walk at Ahuriri, river end of Neills Road (off Ridge Road). Book yourself in for a mature and motivated exercise class at Lincoln Event Centre or West Melton, or take a stroll around Selwyn Sports Centre's indoor walking track and you'll be treated to a morning tea after all your hard work.

Give Pickleball, HydroTone or Zumba a try, ride an e-bike, learn about funding for your community group, sit back and relax and enjoy an old classic film, and more!

For more information please visit selwyn.govt.nz/swell

Increase in parking infringement fees

Parking infringement fees, which are set by the Government and enforced by Selwyn District Council, will increase from 1 October 2024, two decades after they were originally set. The Government has agreed to an inflation-based increase and the Council's parking compliance officers will be implementing the new fees.

The Government's changes apply a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase to parking infringement fees, resulting in around a 70% increase. For example, the rise in fees is getting tougher for people parking in a mobility car park reserved for disabled people (with a valid permit on display), increasing from \$150 to \$750.

Parking infringements can be issued for a number of offences relating to time limits, broken yellow lines, facing the wrong way, obstructing driveways, footpaths, loading zones, licence labels and warrant of fitness.

Towage and impoundment fees are also increasing as they are no longer covering operators' costs.

Roadworks updates

Levi Road has reopened two-way for morning traffic this week.

Levi Road will be open for two-way traffic from 6pm-9am until Friday 27 September.

Work is continuing on the road during the week so there will still be a 30km/h speed restriction in place. The road will return to one-way from 9am until 6pm each day to allow the final bits of work to be completed. Levi Road will fully reopen on Saturday 28 September.

Springston watermain renewal works:

The majority of the works on Ellesmere Junction Road are now complete. There are three-way traffic lights at the junction for two weeks to complete works on the Leeston Road section, then the road will be open two-way but work will continue until 20 December.

Ellesmere to Pines Pipeline works:

We have started working on Leeston Road, between Irwell and Doyleston, and work on this section will continue until Christmas.

There are temporary traffic lights on Leeston Road between Selwyn Lake Road and Lake Road South until 25 October, and a second section of works started this Monday and will run until 1 November with temporary traffic lights between Lake Road South and Hanmer Road.

We will keep you updated on any changes throughout the works.

To keep everyone safe, please abide by any temporary speed limits and follow the traffic control signs in place.

For more information, please visit selwyn.govt.nz/roadworks

Council and Community Board Meetings

Councillor Briefing

Wednesday 25 September 12.40pm
Rolleston Council Offices*

Representation Review Hearing

Thursday 26 September 9am
Rolleston Council Offices*

Representation Review Hearing

Friday 27 September 9am
Rolleston Council Offices*

*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

Selwyn Sport Centre School Holiday Programme

Monday 30 September
to Friday 11 October,
8am-4pm or 9am-3pm
\$40-\$50 per child per day.

Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/holidayprogramme

Paddleboards

30 September 2024, 12.30-4.30pm
Selwyn Aquatic Centre

Suitable for ages 7yrs+ including adults.
A range of age sessions available.
Participants must be competent swimmers.
Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/events

Bee Awesome / He Pī Miharo

Wednesday 2 October, 11am-12pm
Te Ara Ātea

This event is for ages 5 to 8.
Children under 8 must be
accompanied by an adult.
Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/events

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