

# Visitors honour the memory of Rewi Alley

The great granddaughter of Selwyn resident Rewi Alley helped mark the ongoing relationship between Springfield and China in a special ceremony with the Chinese Minister of International Relations of the Central Congress last month.

Alley, born in Springfield, spent 60 years working in China, where he adopted two boys. Luyi Duan, the great granddaughter of one of the boys visited Springfield on 25 May with Minister Liu Jianchao for a special ceremony including guests from the Selwyn Sister City Committee, Malvern Community

Board, Christchurch City Council and Ara Institute of Canterbury. Minister Liu and Springfield students Eli and Lora Cooper planted a gingko tree and Mayor Sam Broughton assisted with laying a wreath.

Luyi is a universtiy assistant professor and lawyer specialising in Intellectual Property Law. Her name is a Chinese derivation of Rewi. She was accompanied by two Alley family members on her visit. She also visited Darfield High School, which is a Sister School with Shandan Bailie Vocational College, established by her great grandfather.

## Changes to sport and recreation fees

New fees and charges will be in place from 1 July 2024 for some fitness and swimming classes and Council services to support the increases in operation costs.

The majority of fees for the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Selwyn Sports Centre and group fitness classes will increase by approximately 5-6%. The change for most services will be less than 50 cents per visit.

General pool entry to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre will increase by 30 cents for an adult and by 20 cents for a child or preschooler. Casual entry for Group Fitness classes will increase by 60 cents for adults and 40 cents for Gold, Community Services and Hapai card holders. Details at **selwyn.govt.nz/prices** 

#### **Malvern Water Race Disruption**

The Kowai intake in Malvern scheme will be shut down for planned maintenance works which will cause a disruption in supply for water race users from Wednesday 26 June – Monday 1 July 2024. For more information, please visit: selwyn.govt.nz/wrdisruption.



# All top dogs to be registered from June

If you call for Bella at Kakaha dog park, you're likely to grab someone else's dog's attention, as this was the leading name for dogs registered in the year 2023/24.

If Bella is a labrador, she also takes the title of Selwyn's most 'pup-ular' dog breed, with 2,231 labradors registered for the year 2023/24.

Selwyn has one of the highest rates of dog ownerships in the country with one in five households owning a dog. Bella the labrador is likely to be one of more than 17,000 dogs in Selwyn set to become official for 2024/25 year.

With the district's booming population (and pupulation) the Council has increased fees for the first time in over three years. The increases have been kept to the minimum amount necessary to keep delivering these services.

Owners with dogs aged three months and over need to renew their registration with the Council, before 1 August. If you register your dogs before 31 July you will be eligible for a discounted fee of \$60, instead of \$75.

Registration fees help to pay for the Council's dog control services; including reuniting owners with their pets, helping with complaints, microchipping clinics and running dog safety education programmes.

Registration renewal forms were sent to owners in June.



For more information on dog registration, fees and how to make a payment, visit **selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration** 

#### **Council and Community Board Meetings**

#### **Council Meeting**

Wednesday 3 July 9am Rolleston Council Offices\*

#### **Councillor Briefing**

Wednesday 3 July 10.30am Rolleston Council Offices\*

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

\* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

# FREE

#### Mānawatia a Matariki!

Thursday 27 June, 5 - 7.30pm Te Ara Ātea.

Celebrate the Māori new year with light displays, music, stories, scavenger hunts, art, kapa haka and kai.

Drop-in

### Neuro-diversity: A Different Ability with Dame Sue Bagshaw

Tuesday 2 July 7 - 8.30pm Selwyn Youth Hub, Rolleston Community Centre.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

#### Matariki Kanopy film



Saturday 29 June, 1.30-3pm. Te Ara Ātea and Darfield Library & Service Centre.
Friday 5 July, 1-3.30pm

Leeston Library & Service Centre.

For library members only. Bookings required: **selwynlibraries.co.nz/events**