



Media Release

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CultureFest brings the world to Selwyn

Selwyn's first ever CultureFest will feature music, dancing, performances, food and crafts from 20 different cultures.

It is part of the Rolleston 150th anniversary celebrations which feature a free show on Saturday 15 October from 10am-4pm, on the corner of Jones and Hoskyns Roads, which celebrates Rolleston's past and present with displays including traction engines, vintage cars, motorbike displays and field testing, tractors, military displays, fire engines, shearing and vehicle parades.

CultureFest is a free event which will showcase the district's cultures with free performances, fun activities, craft and food stalls, along with activities for kids like a mega slide, SNAG inflatable golf, bouncy castles and pedalmania.

"CultureFest will build on the successful Lincoln Multi-Cultural Festival. CultureFest will be held every year with the venue moving between Rolleston and Lincoln in alternating years. This year we are very pleased that so many local groups have joined CultureFest to share their culture with the wider community. We are looking forward to a fantastic day," says Dave Tippet, Selwyn District Council's Recreation Advisor.

The activity programme includes performances from local Indian, Chinese, Polish, Russian, Italian and Greek communities, as well as a Scottish flash mob.

There will be a range of fun activities for everyone to take part in and learn more about different cultures including Turkish ceramics, Oriental ink painting and Bhangra (Indian dancing).

A wide range of stalls will have food from different cultures for sale. Cuisines on the menu at CultureFest include Indian, Iranian, Jordanian, German, Malaysian, Polish, Russian, Tibetan, Singaporean, South African and high tea and scones from England.

CultureFest takes place on Saturday 15 October from 10am-4pm in Rolleston (on the corner of Jones and Hoskyns Roads). It is presented by Selwyn District Council with support from the Christchurch Multicultural Council, Canterbury Migrants Centre, The Rotary Club of Lincoln, Rolleston Newcomers Network and Smokefree Aotearoa NZ 2025.

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Photo attached: *The POLONUS Polish Folk Dance Group are one of many groups who will be performing at CultureFest*

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