



Media Release
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Selwyn celebrates Indian culture at Diwali

Selwyn residents are being invited to a celebration of Indian culture on Saturday 31 October.

A celebration is planned from 4.30-8.30pm on the green by Lincoln Library to mark Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights. This free event will include Indian food stalls where people can experience a range of Indian foods, curries, desserts and sweets. There will also be dance performances, traditional Indian clothing displays and crafts to participate in such as hand painting, diya lamp painting and rangoli design works. Lincoln Libraries will be hosting free craft sessions for kids and adults where they can learn how to make lotus origami flowers lit with electronic lights. The Laboratory will also have light decorations and Indian themed food on offer.

This is a great event for families and everyone is welcome. If you haven't tried traditional Indian food or encountered Indian culture before this is a great way to experience its dazzling colours, tastes and sounds.

The event is being organised by Selwyn District Council in collaboration with Lincoln resident Archana Tandon of Colours of India New Zealand. The event is one of the actions the Council has planned as part of its Newcomers and Migrants Strategy to support new residents and migrants to settle into Selwyn and celebrate the diversity they bring to Selwyn.

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Image attached: Lotus origami flowers. As part of the Diwali celebrations free craft sessions to make the flowers will be taking place at Lincoln Library on Saturday 31 October

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