



Media Release

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Meet your Street kicks off for summer

This summer Selwyn District Council's mobile barbeque will be visiting 20 different locations giving people the chance to get to know their neighbours.

"Meet your street is a fun, informal event at a local reserve with a free sausage sizzle. It's a chance to meet new people in your neighbourhood, enjoy some music and games for the kids, while you relax and chat to your new friends," says Jason Flewelling, the Council's Community Resilience Co-ordinator.

Meet your Street started last summer and involved visits to 40 different neighbourhoods, many of which were new subdivisions where people were encouraged to come out and meet their neighbours.

"We received some great comments from last summer's Meet your Street events. People enjoyed the chance to form new friendships and enjoyed a summer evening out at a local park," says Mr Flewelling.

He says Meet your Street helps new residents settle into their community, forming connections with their neighbours which builds stronger communities.

"Knowing your neighbours also helps create safer communities and enables people to be better prepared to cope with a civil defence emergency where neighbours may be called on to help each other out," he adds.

Meet your Street sessions happening before Christmas are listed below. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 5.30-7pm:

- 8 November – Franklin Crescent Reserve, Lincoln
- 15 November – Highworth Crescent, Faringdon, Rolleston
- 22 November – Coleman Place, Darfield
- 29 November – Quartz Drive Reserve, Rolleston
- 6 December – Farthing Drive Reserve, Prebbleton
- 13 December – Reserve between Coutts Lane and Wilfield Drive, West Melton
- 20 December – Clausen Avenue Reserve, Leeston

The 'Meet Your Street Selwyn' Facebook page has event information, photos and wet weather postponement details of upcoming events. From January to March 2017 more 'Meet your Street' events will run at locations in Lincoln, Rolleston, Kirwee, Prebbleton, West Melton, Leeston and Darfield. Flyers will be distributed to streets where the visits will take place.

The Council also has small grants of up to \$50 available which people can apply for if they would like to host their own neighbourhood 'Meet Your Street' event. Applications are open until 31 March 2017. For more information about this funding please visit

www.selwyn.govt.nz

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