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## All aboard the Show Me Selwyn bus

Bus tours are being offered to Selwyn residents interested in getting to know their district better.

The Show Me Selwyn tours have been developed out of Selwyn District Council's Newcomers and Migrants strategy, and aim to welcome those new to Selwyn and help them get to know what's in their backyard.

Connecting Communities Coordinator Tyla Harrison-Hunt says research carried out between 2014 and 2016 showed a need for more opportunities for newcomers to gain access to information about their new home and connect with other newcomers and established residents.

"All Selwyn residents are welcome to join the Show Me Selwyn bus tours to get to know our beautiful district while making new connections. We want Selwynites to participate in the community and connect with others. This will support them to flourish in the Selwyn community," says Mr Harrison-Hunt.

From November 2017 to February 2018 four trial trips will take place, with room for 35 passengers on each bus trip. The destinations will include historical landmarks, tourist attractions, and townships, along with opportunities to enjoy the Selwyn countryside. Following an assessment of the success of the trips, more Show Me Selwyn tours may be planned in the future.

Two different routes are available to choose from.

Foothills and Mountains will tour through the Malvern and central Selwyn area, with stops including a visit to Springfield's famous donut, followed by a guided tour and lunch at Homebush Stables. The two dates for Foothills and Mountains are Saturday 11 November 2017 and Saturday 13 January 2018.

Lake to Pā will take passengers on a trip around the Springs and Ellesmere areas, stopping at the Lincoln market, Taumutu's Ngati Moki Marae and Taumutu beach. The two dates for Lake to Pā are Saturday 9 December 2017 and Saturday 10 February 2018.

Tickets cost \$5 per person from eventbrite.co.nz.

For more information contact <a href="mailto:showmeselwyn@selwyn.govt.nz">showmeselwyn@selwyn.govt.nz</a>, phone 347 2956, or see Council's Facebook page, SelwynDistrictCouncil.

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