



Media release

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Summer Events coming to Selwyn from January

A great programme of events is coming to the district as part of the Selwyn District Council's Summer in Selwyn events programme.

Over 30 summer events are planned, starting with the ever popular Teddy Bear's Picnic on 13 January, with events continuing until late March.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe says that last year the summer events series proved extremely popular with around 1,500 people attending a range of summer events.

"This year the Council is hosting more events than ever before and will also be hosting the World Buskers Festival for the first time as well as a new series of music on the green events," he says.

This year the Teddy Bear's picnic will be returning to Rolleston Reserve on Wednesday 13 January from 11am-1pm. Selwyn families are invited to come along with their favourite teddy bears to enjoy the bouncy castles, toddlers' obstacle course, face painting, House of Bricks and more. Teddy bears should look their best as there will be a competition for the best dressed bear.

The World Buskers' Festival is also coming to Selwyn on Wednesday 20 January for a Buskers Roadshow in Lincoln. The festival has grown into Australasia's largest street performance event. The roadshow will feature four of the world's best street acts during the day and a variety performance in the evening. The daytime performances will also feature a line-up of Selwyn Talent who will perform as part of the show.

Family picnics are planned at Tai Tapu, Springston, Leeston, Lincoln, Dunsandel and Prebbleton from January through to March. Four Music on the Green sessions are also planned at Leeston, Lincoln, Darfield and Rolleston. These sessions are a great chance to pack a picnic and enjoy summer's balmy evenings while being entertained by great local musicians. Selwyn parks and reserves are smokefree.

Families can also enjoy screenings of drive in movies at Rolleston, Darfield, Lincoln and Leeston, and kids can take part in summer skate jams at Darfield, Rolleston, Leeston, Tai Tapu, Lincoln and Prebbleton. Three pool parties are happening at Darfield, Southbridge and at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre in Rolleston in January and February.

In addition to the 25 events organised by Selwyn District Council, six community organised events are also planned as part of the Summer in Selwyn programme. Planned community events are a Waitangi Day Country Picnic in the Park at Darfield Domain, a Rakaia River Terrace Run, walk and bike event, a Children's Day Celebration, Lake Crichton Triathlon and Duathlon, a Kim Hill Debate and The Ministry of the Mind Rock Concert.

For details of summer events please visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/events or pick up a copy of the new 12 page *Summer in Selwyn* event guide from a Selwyn Library.

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Photo attached: Adelaide Watson of Rolleston and her furry friend enjoy last year's Teddy Bear's picnic held at the Rolleston Community Centre in January 2015.