



Media release

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## Summer events fun continues in Selwyn

Summer in Selwyn events continue during February and March, with 28 great activities coming up for Selwyn families.

The summer events programme got off to a busy start with around 1,000 children and their families attending a Teddy Bear's picnic at Rolleston Community Centre where they enjoyed the bouncy castle, toddler's obstacle course, face painting, House of Bricks and more.

The World Buskers festival roadshow at Lincoln Event Centre was equally popular, with over 1,000 people enjoying a range of acts in the summer sunshine.

Over the coming weeks more summer activities are lined up, including:

- **Darfield Pool Party, Sunday 24 January, 2-4pm**  
Cool off from the hot weather and enjoy games, music, a sausage sizzle, prizes and pool inflatables. The pool complex includes an outdoor 25 metre lane pool, an indoor learner's pool and paddling pool. Free entry.
- **Leeston Music on the Green, Thursday 28 January, 6-9pm (Leeston Park, Holley Street).**  
Pack a picnic and bring the family to enjoy a summer evening being entertained by local musicians. Performers include Selwyn artists Holly Kimber, June Burney and Duncan Sole, while the headline act will be a well-loved country duo from Ashburton, Bruce and Lanae Hill, who recently released their debut album 'This Moment is Mine.' The album is described as 'true kiwi mountain original music with a Celtic twist.' Their music is inspired by people, places and life experiences around New Zealand, with storytelling lyrics, vocal harmonies and arrangements featuring dobro, banjo, mando and harmonica.

June Burney is a professional singer-songwriter from Selwyn. Her mellow vocals and easy listening music appeals to a wide audience. June has performed extensively in the UK and released her debut album 'Love and Inspiration' in 2011. She is now working on her second album.

Holly Kimber is a 16-year old from Hororata who has been playing guitar since primary school, and started singing three years ago. This year she sang with the Darfield High School Jazz Band at the South Island Jazzfest in Blenheim where they won silver. Holly has played at fairs, fetes and parties and as a guest performer at Lyttleton's famous Wunderbar.

Duncan Sole is a talented singer, songwriter, and guitar player, and a member of the popular band Picking at the Remnants – as well as being chairman of the Selwyn Relay for Life committee and is also involved in local rugby.

- Lake Crichton triathlon/ duathlon, Friday 29 January  
A community event providing first-time athletes with a chance to give triathlons and duathlons a go. For entry information and costs visit [www.selwynsportstrust.org.nz](http://www.selwynsportstrust.org.nz). The duathlon and triathlon also runs on 12 February and 4 March.
- Southbridge Pool Party, Sunday 31 January, 2-4pm  
Check out the newly refurbished Southbridge Pool. This outdoor pool complex includes a 25 metre lane pool, a paddling pool and a hydroslide. Enjoy games, music, sausage sizzle, prizes and pool inflatables. Free entry.
- Springston Picnic in the Park, Thursday 4 February, 5.30-7.30pm (Springston Domain)  
Enjoy a free family picnic on a summer evening, relaxing to live music. Kids can enjoy bouncy castles, the Fun on Wheels trailer, games, Pedalmania and prizes. Free sausage sizzle.
- Waitangi Day Country Picnic in the Park, Saturday 6 February, 10.30am-3.30pm Darfield Domain.  
Bring a picnic and enjoy a celebration of all things country with games, food, music, displays and local produce available for the entire family to enjoy.
- Darfield Skate Jam, Wednesday 10 February, 4-6pm, (Darfield Skate Park)  
A chance for skaters of all ages to try out their skills, tricks and moves and learn some new skateboarding tips from professionals. With a DJ, free equipment hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool, sausage sizzle and prizes.

For the full *Summer in Selwyn* event programme visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/events) or pick up an event guide from a Selwyn Library.

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*Photo attached:* crowds gathered to enjoy the World Buskers Festival Roadshow outside the Lincoln Event Centre this week

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