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FROM THE PRODUCERS

It is hard to believe we are already hitting “publish” on our 4th edition!

Finding the time for this isn't always easy. We produce this newsletter voluntarily, usually in the quiet (and rare) windows of time between our day jobs and the chaos of raising a one-year-old. Between my own work and Sha’s life as a local real estate agent, our “spare time” is a rare commodity.

However, we simply love this community. We wanted to create something that adds genuine value to the neighborhood we call home.

It's the feedback from all of you that keeps us motivated to keep the momentum going. Knowing these pages are actually being read makes the juggle worth the effort.

Happy reading,
Mark and Sha

From the Inbox

"Thanks so much for the newsletter - I always look forward to reading it!"

"This is the first community type newsletter I have received - enjoying sitting with a cool glass of fruit tea on my decks reading your paper."

"Have loved your work by the way! I work in publishing (scholarly, a bit dull!) and know the work involved in each issue, and this is very nicely presented with a friendly and enthusiastic tone - love it"

“It’s so nice to have something that builds on the village feel of our area. Thank you!”

“Just wanted to say thanks for putting this together. It’s a great read!”

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

We hope that everybody had an enjoyable festive season and a relaxing holiday. It seems like a long time ago, but I would just like to congratulate the Lincoln Christmas Parade Committee for organising a fantastic event, especially considering the challenge of a new route. There has been great feedback from the community regarding the new route around Liffey Reserve, and the committee has decided to keep it the same next year. Thank you to the community for the wonderful support.

The Selwyn District water reform, including the formation of the new 'Selwyn Water' organisation, remains controversial. Very few details have been released by the council as the owner, and this will continue to frustrate ratepayers who collectively didn't want this. I note a Selwyn Times article in December extolling the benefits of the proposed billing changes. Whilst it was admirable that Board Chair Murray Strong was attempting to inform the public, his information is only part of the picture. Due to the issue being so sensitive, our council leadership beginning with the Mayor should be rolling this out. Even the process that Murray is suggesting reeks of more cost, which is exactly what ratepayers are not happy about.

Further evidence of rumblings about the water reforms is an advert on a Lincoln Facebook page promoting a public meeting at the Lincoln Events Centre on 10th February at 7.30pm. This is NOT an LCRA organised event, but if you feel strongly, look for more details; it could be a chance to have your say.

LCRA Membership

A further reminder that the Lincoln Community and Residents Association is reaching out for new members. We have created a two-level membership structure: COMMITTEE members and GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. If you are too busy and don't want responsibility, you are welcome to join the General Membership to be kept informed of the Association's workings.

On the other hand, we are very short of Committee Members. If you are interested in decision making with the minimum responsibility of 10 monthly meetings, please contact us. We are particularly looking for someone interested in being the Secretary. Another option is joining our newsletter subcommittee who are undertaking a wide range of jobs.

This association has the Lincoln community at heart and is committed to serving its residents. If you are interested in helping, please email us lincolnresidentsinc@gmail.com or contact us through the website (www.lincolncommunity.co.nz).

All the best from LCRA
Lindsay Wilson – Chairperson



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Join our next meeting, all welcome

7pm, Monday 9th February
Community Care

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR VOLUNTEERS

At the beginning of December last year, three members of the Board of Community Care Lincoln (CCL) and the CCL Manager put on a Christmas party for the rest of the volunteers of CCL. In the distant past, when more funding was available, a meal was held at Lincoln University but in more recent times an afternoon tea was arranged. In 2025 it was decided that the volunteers deserved a more auspicious event and it was thought that the 2025 function could be put on with limited expenditure provided most of the work was carried out by the CCL Manager and the three Board members who volunteered to do the setting-up and catering.

The event was a great success with almost 50 CCL volunteers sitting down to a Christmas meal which was held in the large new room in the Rata Wing at CCL HQ in Lincoln. The tables were expertly decorated for Christmas.

The president of CCL, Lester Ballantine, welcomed the quests to the function, stressed the great work the volunteers were doing and presented Margaret Reeve with a bouquet of flowers as she was resigning from the Board after eight years.

Chicken and ham, potatoes, coleslaw, broccoli, salad, lettuce salad and buns and a wide range of condiments were all available, as people helped themselves. The team spent a morning putting together little bags of assorted sweets as a gift for each volunteer.

The team did cheat a little as they engaged the top food student from a nearby polytech to roll the pavlovas and prepare the desserts.

There was only one hitch to the meal and that was that the electrical system appeared to be over loaded and that meant that there was no hot water for coffee or tea after the meal. This has now been remedied in preparation for the next gathering.

CCL would like to thank New World, Lincoln, for their generous donation of funds for the purchase of food.

Given how people appeared to enjoy the occasion it is just possible that even more volunteers will come to the 2026 CCL Christmas Party.

Kind regards,
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LINCOLN ENVIROTOWN COMMUNITY GARDENS

Welcome to the New Year. I hope your gardens are thriving with the rain and warmth we have had lately. Our Community Gardens are certainly producing well at present in quantity and quality, with huge, well-formed heads of cauliflower and broccoli as an example.

The plot tended by Lincoln Kidsfirst Kindergarten is also looking great, with not much room for more plantings. I have counted at least twelve varieties of vegetables and herbs in their small area.

Our fruit trees are looking very promising too. However, birds attack the fruit before it is ripe, and wasps exploit the holes pecked by the birds. So we have tried to thwart these pesky invaders by covering the most affected trees with netting.

We replenished our compost heaps by combining layers of green garden waste with a generous supply of well-rotted horse manure. It was all hands to the shovels by our volunteers Graham, Keith B, Keith D, David and Errol. The composting process works most efficiently when the moisture level is right – not too dry and not too moist. So at various times during the summer the compost heaps have been covered to keep out the rain, and uncovered to raise the moisture level by applying water occasionally, or to allow the rain to soak in.

We are always happy to accept the help of young people. In 2025 Ovian Meiyalaghan, a Lincoln High School student, offered his services as part of his community service requirements for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Among the numerous tasks Ovian has willingly undertaken, he assisted Errol in replacing the netting on some frames. Hopefully, the ubiquitous white butterflies will not be a problem for our brassicas this year.

Our 2025 year in the Community Gardens concluded with an afternoon tea on-site for our gang of volunteers.

Ruth Wood
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COUNCILLOR NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

Hi, I am Councillor Denise Carrick for Springs Ward, Selwyn District Council.

Welcome to 2026 and hopefully a new way of working with our local Council. Springs Ward is made up of several towns and rural areas – Lincoln, Prebbleton, Tai Tapu, West Melton, Springston, Ladbrooks and Broadfields. Our total registered voting population is now 21,132 in Springs Ward making us the biggest Ward in Selwyn (Rolleston 19,922 registered voters.)

Currently at Council we are working on the Annual Plan for financial year 2026 to 2027. At this point most people switch off – please don't! This is important stuff that affects us all – particularly how much we pay in rates and what we see in our neighbourhoods for the rates that we pay. For example, our waterways, our road safety, our heritage buildings, our rubbish collection, our town centres, community centres, playgrounds, sports grounds – just about everything you see when you walk or drive anywhere.

There will be a 6-week consultation period in March/April – again please don't switch off! We need your help to make decisions that reflect what our community wants. Everyone likes to have a good moan. Some take to social media to air their frustrations, but in reality, if you want to help make visible change please do help us.

I understand that in the past the process has been frustrating (to say the least) and as a member of the public and a frequent submitter I was left along with many other individuals and community groups feeling unheard. We are trying to change that and as much as I am only one vote at the table, I do hold hope that the change will come.

It goes without saying that it is also great to hear if there are things that are going well.

We will be reaching out to you in a number of ways and personally I am always contactable by email CrDenise.Carrick@selwyn.govt.nz. I will be holding café catch ups and I am happy to meet with you to hear your concerns, ideas and help advise on the submission process any time.

So, watch this space – and follow my Facebook page 'Denise Carrick – Councillor for Selwyn Council, Springs Ward'. I also have a new page 'Selwyn Springs' (formerly Lincoln Voice.) This is a page advocating for the wider environmental, social issues, and events being held here in Springs Ward and also to bring Springs Ward together and help create awareness for our beautiful area of Selwyn – Lincoln, Prebbleton, Springston, Tai Tapu, West Melton, Broadfields and Ladbrooks.



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Senior Day Out

Lincoln Senior Citizens

The 2nd of December saw the Lincoln Senior Citizens group gather at the Lincoln Bowling Club for their final get together for 2025.

Oh what a day it was, with 57, yes 57, of our members coming along to be with each other and to enjoy the day and just maybe, to remind the big fella in the red suit what they would like for xmas. We will have to wait till next year to hear if they received any gifts. It was a brilliant day, how could it not be with a lovely food and some excellent entertainment, heaps and heaps of raffles and spot prizes.

All went home with a gift from Santa. A big thank you to "New World Lincoln" for their gift vouchers as they made the day that little bit more special. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by probably our biggest turnout of members ever. The 6 th of January 2026 saw 29 of our members gather at the Flaming Rabbit for a lunch and quick catch up with other members.

Upcoming Events & Thanks

Our 2026 events for Lincoln Senior Citizens will kick off on the 3rd of February at the Lincoln Bowling Club starting at 1.30pm. There will be, of course our sales table and raffles followed by by our guest speaker. Then it will be time to catch up with others for all their news then an enjoyable afternoon tea. We look forward to seeing you all there again.

New members are always welcome and if you think this is for you and you would like to join us we would love to meet you. Come along and meet us. Contacts are: Evelyn on 0277127195 or Gloria on 0274346554.



LINCOLN BAPTIST CHURCH
109 Carnaveron Drive, Lincoln
Saturday 21 February, 2026
9am to 12 noon
Proceeds to mission and aid agencies LBC supports.

If you have anything you would like to donate, please take it to the church office, 530 Birchs Rd, on Mondays 9am to midday, or Wednesdays 1.30 to 4.30pm or anytime on 19th and 20th February between 8.30am and 6.30pm.

We are looking for good quality items: clothes, shoes, bags/suitcases, scarves, kitchenware, jewellery, knick-knacks, collectables, toys, jigsaw puzzles, books, bedding, cushions, curtains, pictures, ornaments, plants, small furniture items and tools.

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LINCOLN UNIVERSITY TOP 100 SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITIES FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University has been ranked in the top 100 sustainable universities worldwide for the fifth year running.

In the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings for 2025, Lincoln University jumped to 78th place overall, up a further five places on its 2024 ranking of 85th.

The achievement comes as the total number of participating universities in the GreenMetric sustainability ranking system surged from 1,147 in 2024 to 1,745 in 2025.

In 2025, universities from 105 countries participated in the UI GreenMetric ranking system, which rates each institution on their commitment and actions towards sustainability, based on six environmental sustainability indicators: Setting and Infrastructure, Energy and Climate Change, Waste, Water, Transportation, Education and Research.

Lincoln University scored 8,725 points out of a maximum of 10,000 points, achieving its highest rankings of 44th in the Transportation indicator and 52nd in the Education and Research indicator.

“Some of our recent campus operational upgrades — for example the electrification of our campus, our commercial-scale solar energy generation, transitioning our vehicle fleet to EVs, and offsetting our air travel emissions through funding campus and community sustainability initiatives — are reflected in our high global GreenMetric ranking.

“Lincoln University is focused on being an exemplar of sustainable practices for the land-based sector, and our continued ranking in the top 100 sustainable universities worldwide clearly demonstrates our commitment to this vision.”

The University’s jump to 52nd in the Education and Research indicator — ranking universities on their course content — is also significant. This indicator measures the degree to which each university supports its students, academics, staff and stakeholders on their personal sustainability journeys.

“Lincoln University is Aotearoa’s only specialist land-based university, and our distinctive, innovative and dedicated teaching is leading positive and impactful change in land-based sectors in Aotearoa and globally,” said Professor Edwards.

“Our students and researchers are focused on developing sustainable practices, sharing knowledge, leading innovation and showcasing the application of solutions to global sustainability challenges.”

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Got a story about Lincoln life, local events, or community happenings? We'd love to hear from you! These stories help create connection, reach residents across our town, and become a time capsule of Lincoln in 2025. Contact us to share what matters to you.



COUNCIL APPOINTS INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Selwyn District Council has confirmed the appointment of Steve Gibling as Interim Chief Executive, following a Council decision on 21 January. His appointment ensures strong leadership and stability at a pivotal time, as the Council navigates major government reforms and advances its Annual Plan.

Mayor Lydia Gliddon says the appointment ensures continuity and confidence during a critical period.

"Steve brings strong leadership and a deep understanding of our district. His experience will help guide the organisation through these important processes while maintaining our focus on delivering for Selwyn communities."

Steve Gibling has been acting Chief Executive since January 19 and will be Interim Chief Executive until a new permanent Chief Executive is appointed following a recruitment process.

Steve says he is committed to supporting the Council, staff, and community through this transition.

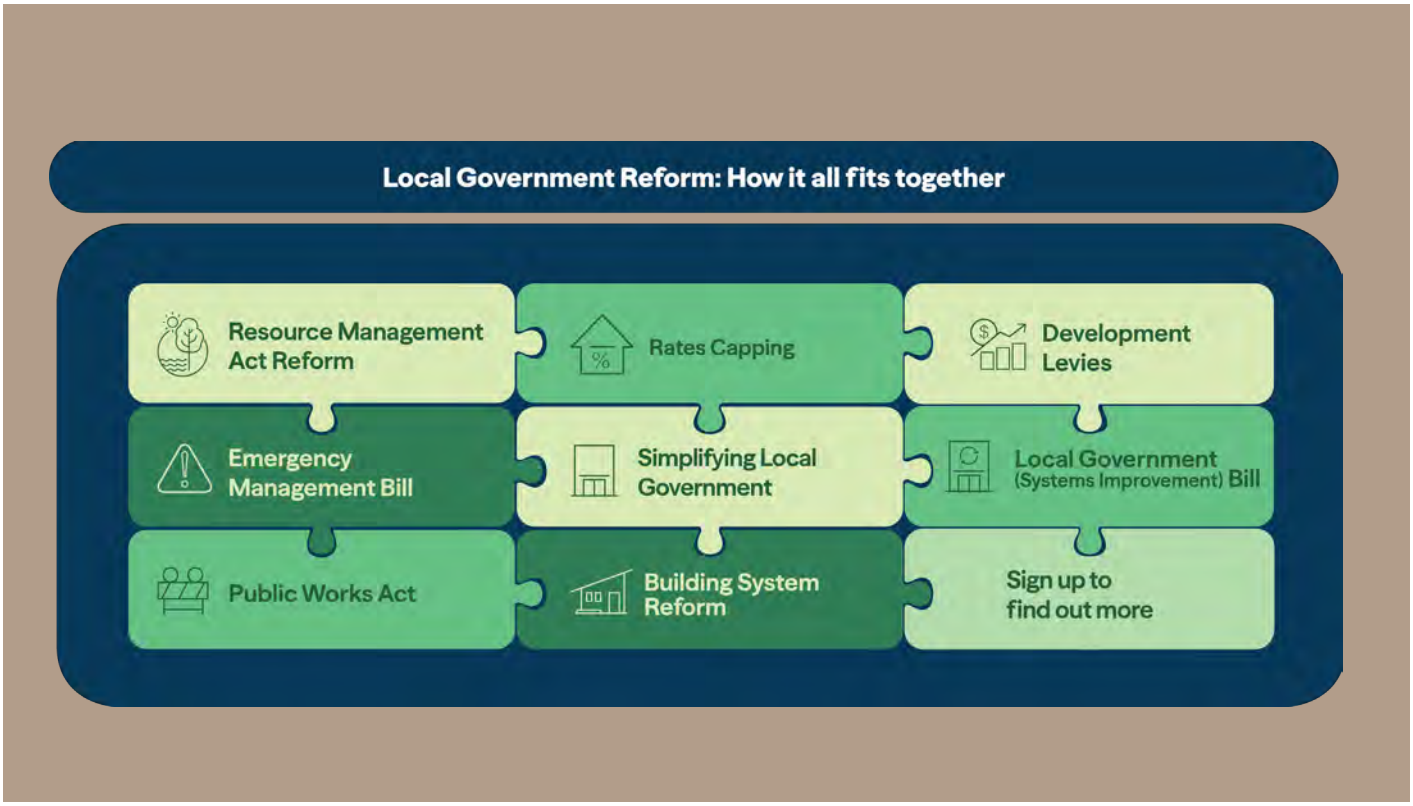
"I'm honoured to take on this role and work alongside our dedicated team. My focus will be on ensuring stability and delivering on the priorities that matter most to Selwyn residents."

Steve brings more than 25 years' leadership experience across local government, not-for-profit and tertiary sectors. His roles have spanned community and recreation services including parks, aquatics, arts, culture and heritage, libraries, and venues and events.

He previously served as Interim Chief Executive at Buller District Council, and has held senior leadership positions at Invercargill City Council and the University of Canterbury.

He joined Selwyn District Council's executive leadership team in 2024 and has since supported strategic people, culture, engagement and capability programmes.

Recruitment for a permanent Chief Executive will begin shortly – recruitment agencies will be providing proposals to Council for their consideration as soon as possible.



NEW WEBPAGE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS

Selwyn District Council has today launched a dedicated webpage to help residents stay informed about the Government's proposed reforms to local government.

Mayor Lydia Gliddon says the new hub is designed to give Selwyn residents clear, accessible information as the national conversation progresses.

"As Mayor, I want to assure you that Selwyn District Council is committed to calm, steady decision-making as we navigate these changes – we will share what we know, when we know it. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make local government work better for all of Canterbury. Let's work together, have our say, and make sure we get this right for Selwyn."

The Council will use the page to update the community on key reform areas now underway or signalled by central government, including:

- Rates capping
- Proposed legislation for development levies
- Resource Management Act reform
- The Government's Simplifying Local Government initiative
- Emergency Management Bill
- Building system reform
- Public Works Act

Mayor Gliddon says these changes have the potential to shape the future of how councils operate, and how services are funded.

"We're committed to keeping rates as low as possible while ensuring the services our community depends on remain strong. How these reforms interact, and the roles of central and local government, are still being shaped."

She says the Council will continue advocating strongly for Selwyn throughout the reform process.

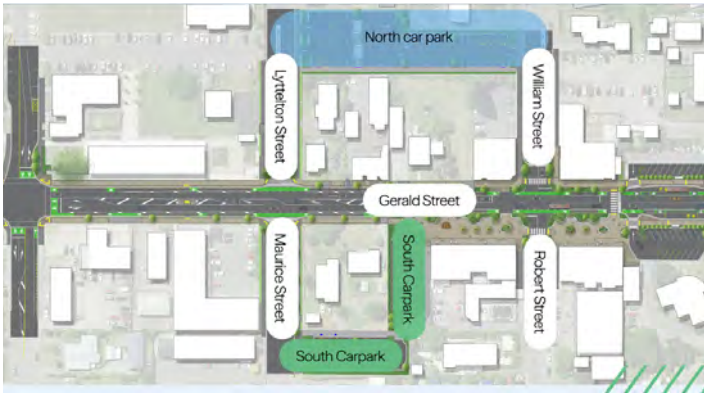
"We look forward to working closely with our neighbouring Councils and central government as we gather your feedback and advocate clearly for Selwyn."

The new webpage will be regularly updated as information becomes available, including reform timelines, access to the Council's submissions, links for further information and options for individuals to make submissions.

"These reforms are like a complex puzzle, each piece affects another, and the full picture is still being formed. Our job is to assess the information, make our submissions and make sure Selwyn's interests are represented as the pieces come together."







LINCOLN TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

Progress to date and next steps

Work continues on site, with the team making steady progress while prioritising safety and doing their best to minimise disruption to residents and road users, and local businesses.

The construction works are being undertaken at depths of up to 4 metres underground, requiring careful excavations and installation due to the depth involved. Whilst maintaining two lanes of traffic either side of the works.

Here are some stats as at January 2026:

- 342m of 560m total of stormwater upgrades completed
- 246m of 750m total of kerb and channel installed
- 190m of 190m of watermain installed with only connections still to be completed.

We are now in week three of the 12 week traffic management set up currently in place. As we move closer to week 12, we'll provide an update outlining the next phase of construction and the traffic changes needed to support that upgrade phase.

From next week, the temporary pedestrian signals will return outside the Cottage Café for the next few weeks. As work progresses, the signals will need to shift. Please keep an eye out for the signage on site, which will always show the safest place to cross.

Helping you move around the Town Centre

We understand that getting around Lincoln can feel challenging at the moment, we truly appreciate everyone's patience as work continues. Please remember that the northern and southern P120 car parks remain open, and we encourage you to make use of these spaces.

Location of the northern and southern car parks

To make navigation easier, Fulton Hogan has installed additional signage to help guide both drivers and pedestrians. These signs highlight which parts of Gerald Street are temporarily one-way and make safe pedestrian crossing points more visible, helping everyone to move through the town centre.

A temporary pedestrian access between the northern carpark and Gerald Street is also now available via 14 Gerald Street.

While we're committed to helping everyone move around the town centre safely and confidently, we also need to strike the right balance. Too many signs in one area can become overwhelming and make navigation more confusing. For this reason, we're carefully selecting signage that is useful, visible, and easy to understand, without over saturating the site. This approach helps ensure that the most important information stands out and supports a smoother experience for both drivers and pedestrians.



A BRIGHTER VIEW OF THE STARS IN CASTLE HILL

An innovative system to turn down the lights could bring a huge tourism boost to the Selwyn high country.

The Selwyn District Council is installing a new lighting control system in Castle Hill Village to support the area becoming a dark sky sanctuary. The new technology is expected to be installed by the end of May 2026.

It is estimated a dark sky accreditation could bring in up to $13.5 million a year of visitor spending to the high country, Council Executive Director Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says.

“This is a huge opportunity to make the most of our stunning high-country landscape and its amazing view of the stars. Dark skies are a growing attraction – we’ve seen through Tourism New Zealand that 70% of people visiting New Zealand are interested in star gazing experiences. This innovative technology is a key step to start on making the most of that.”

Exploring dark sky accreditation for the high-country area around Arthur’s Pass and Kura Tawhiti Castle Hill was supported by Arthur’s Pass and Castle Hill Village residents and businesses through the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 and is part of the Council’s Kai Aku Rika Economic Development Strategy, which was adopted last year.

Technology company Felicity Smart Infrastructure NZ is supplying the wireless control system, while the Council, as agreed through the Long-Term Plan, will be funding the $50,000 to upgrade the existing streetlights in Castle Hill Village with new control hardware.

The control system will allow the Council to control the brightness and the times streetlights operate, along with an AI system that can make adjustments based on the amount of traffic coming and going, to maintain road safety and maximise nighttime views.

The Council will be working with Castle Hill residents in the coming months on how they would prefer the lighting system to be implemented.

“It’s exciting to see how the trial goes, with the potential for this technology to help with dark sky accreditation and energy savings to further reduce costs in other places around the district,” Mrs Kidd says.

Felicity New Zealand Sales Manager Soren Damsgaard says the company will be working closely with contractors and the Council to help make the trial a success.

“We are excited to get this project underway. Across our New Zealand projects, we have seen how intelligent, traffic-responsive lighting can cut wasted energy and carbon emissions by 40%, while still keeping people safe on the roads. Castle Hill builds directly on that experience. “

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WATERCOLOUR WONDER

Did you know there's an art gallery in Lincoln? Each month Down By The Liffey Gallery features a selection of talented artists in exciting exhibitions, showcasing local artists, emerging artists and community events with new displays every four weeks.

This month's exhibition 'Watercolour Wonder' is on between 12th February to 8th March. Featuring artists Jonathan Steel and Leonie Fraser, this is a wonderful Watercolour exhibition with Jonathan exploring Christchurch scenes that you'll be bound to recognise and Leonie capturing the joy and spontaneous essense of blooms.



















UPCOMING CHILDREN'S DAY

A Free Day Out for Selwyn Families When It's Needed Most

Local charity Selwyn Parenting Network is bringing its totally free Children's Day back to Foster Park, creating a space where families can enjoy rides, entertainment and activities without costbeing a barrier.

For many Selwyn families, the simple joy of a day out has become harder to come by. Rising living costs, busy schedules and everyday pressures mean parents are constantly juggling, stretching and sacrificing.

That is exactly why Selwyn Parenting Network is once again bringing Selwyn Children's Day back to Foster Park in Rolleston for its 13th year, creating a space where families can breathe, connect and simply enjoy being together.

This year the event will take over multiple fields at Foster Park with a large open layout and plenty of space, transforming the park into a safe, welcoming environment filled with free activities, entertainment and experiences for children and caregivers across the district.

What began as a small community celebration has grown into Selwyn's largest totally free family event. And that is no accident.

Selwyn Parenting Network has deliberately built Children's Day so cost is not a barrier. Everything that makes the day special is free. The rides. The inflatables. The entertainment. The activities.

Families can come along, take part fully, and not feel pressure to spend money just to give their kids a great day.

Of course, there will also be ice cream trucks and food and drink vendors on site for families who want to buy a treat or grab lunch, alongside community fundraisers supporting local groups. But the heart of the day stays the same. Parents can choose to spend nothing at all and still give their children a full, memorable experience.

Everyone is welcome. Everyone belongs.

"This is a whole Children's Day for Selwyn," says Kate Webb, Operational Lead and Trustee of

Selwyn Parenting Network. "We are creating a space where kids can be kids, and where parents do not have to worry about their wallet just to create memories with their children."

While the main celebration takes place in Rolleston, Selwyn Parenting Network is also hosting a sister Children's Day event in Malvern to ensure rural families can access the same opportunities without needing to travel long distances.

Behind the scenes, Selwyn Parenting Network is not just an events organiser. It is a year-round support network for families across Selwyn.

Alongside delivering two major Children's Day events each year, the charity works continuously to help parents navigate services, access trusted information, find local resources, and feel supported when things feel overwhelming. From connecting families with free programmes and support services, to running Selwyn Parenting Week each May, to advocating for better access to family-focused support across the district, the organisation's work extends far beyond one day in the park.

"Our role is to walk alongside families," says Webb. "Sometimes that looks like a fun day out where parents can relax and kids can just be kids. Other times it looks like helping someone find the right service, the right support, or the right place to turn. We are here for all of Selwyn, not just on event days, but every week of the year."

For Webb, the impact is seen in the small moments.

"Watching kids light up, seeing families sitting together on picnic blankets, hearing laughter across the park, that is why we do this," says Webb. "But it is also about recognising how tough things are right now. Many families are living week to week, juggling work, bills and rising costs. Sometimes

even a simple outing feels out of reach. We wanted to change that, even if just for a few hours."

Selwyn Children's Day at Foster Park is completely free to attend thanks to community partners, sponsors and volunteers who help bring the day to life.

Families are encouraged to arrive early, bring sun protection, water bottles and picnic blankets, and enjoy a relaxed day built around children, community and support.

Kate Webb
Operational Lead and Trustee
Selwyn Parenting Network

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Families attending can expect a wide range of activities and experiences, including:

- Massive inflatable zones
- Kids Chair-O-Plane swing ride
- Dolphin Dream Boats
- Water Rollers
- Brand new Sky Fighter rocket ride
- Face painting
- Pony rides
- Motorbikes with sidecars
- Interactive animal balloons
- Free sausage sizzle thanks to Rolleston Rotary
- Live animals from Glenlothian Farm
- Emergency services vehicles
- Big trucks from the Road Safety Team and HEB Transport
- Community fundraisers

There will also be a full programme of live performances and stage entertainment running across the four-hour event, including:

- Singing Stars Rolleston
- Highland Dance
- Dolphin Dream Boats
- Selwyn Launch Group

UPCOMING LINCOLN ENVIROTOWN EVENTS

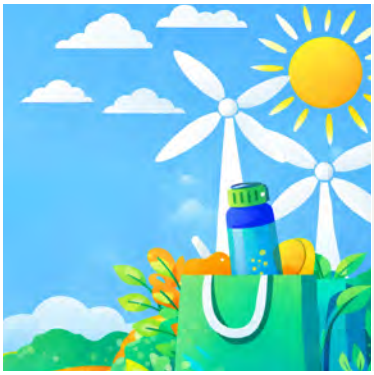
It has been a busy season of growth for the Lincoln Envirotown Trust! We are thrilled to share our upcoming lineup of workshops and discussions that reflect our commitment to a sustainable future. Whether you are a local business owner or a curious resident, these events offer a space to learn, share ideas, and celebrate our unique local environment together. You can view tickets for all these initiatives by **searching Lincoln Envirotown on Humanitix**



Selwyn Trap Library

10am - 12pm, Saturday 28 February
@ Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market

Come and see us for free trap hire and advice. We will lend you the right type of trap to remove pests like rats, hedgehogs, possums, and stoats. We can also advise you on bait and the best location for your trap. The library is usually open on the last Saturday of every month. Contact selwyntraplibrary@gmail.com.



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5.30pm - 8.30pm, Thursday 5 March
@ Lincoln Event Centre

The Selwyn Responsible Business Network warmly invites you to a marketing workshop dedicated exclusively to businesses committed to environmental and social initiatives. This workshop is designed to empower Selwyn businesses who are already doing amazing environmental and community work but need the tools to effectively share their story, build trust, and attract conscious customers.



Kim Hill Hot Topic - Soil To Brain

6.30pm - 9.30pm, Thursday 26 March
@Lincoln University

Join us for another thought-provoking “Hot Topic” discussion with Kim Hill! This year’s topic is Soil To Brain - Rethinking Our Connection. Kim Hill will lead a panel of experts to delve into the issues. Once the panel has deliberated their views, the audience will be invited to question panel members. The evening is always a well-attended, stimulating and enjoyable occasion; all are welcome.



Earth Hour

7.30pm - 9.30pm, Saturday 28 March
@ Venue to be confirmed

Join us to celebrate Earth Hour 2026 with a lantern walk and other activities, proving that the best kind of fun doesn’t require electricity. Contact Dave, projectmanagerlet@gmail.com.



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FEATURED EVENTS

LCRA Monthly Meeting

7pm, Monday 9 February 2026
@ Lincoln Community Care

Lincoln Community Residents Association (LCRA) invites all residents to attend our February monthly meeting. These meetings are open to everyone in the community and serve as a vital forum for sharing your suggestions and concerns regarding our local area. Join us to stay informed about community projects and play an active role in shaping the future of Lincoln.



Picnic in the Park

5pm – 7pm, Thursday 19 February 2026
@ Lincoln Domain

Spend a summer's evening at Lincoln Domain enjoying a fantastic whānau-friendly community event! The evening features live music, entertainment, food stalls, and competitions with prizes. It is a drop-in event, so grab your picnic blanket and come enjoy the festivities with your neighbors.



40th Anniversary Traditional Flower Show

10am – 3pm, Saturday 28 February 2026
@ West Melton Community Centre

The West Melton Garden Club is delighted to announce its 40th Anniversary Traditional Flower Show. This milestone event promises a memorable experience for all ages with activities including a delicious sausage sizzle, plant shopping, and classic Devonshire teas. Visitors can browse various entry categories such as flowers, fruit, vegetables, baking, and even a "Blokes Only" section. Admission is $5.00 per person, and children enter for free.

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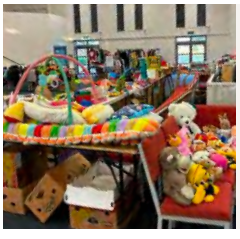
Lunar New Year Music Celebration

11am – 11:45am
Tuesday 17 February
Lincoln Library



Selwyn District Council Car Boot Sale

9am – 12pm
Saturday 21 February 2026
Lincoln Event Centre



Lincoln Baptist Church Garage Sale

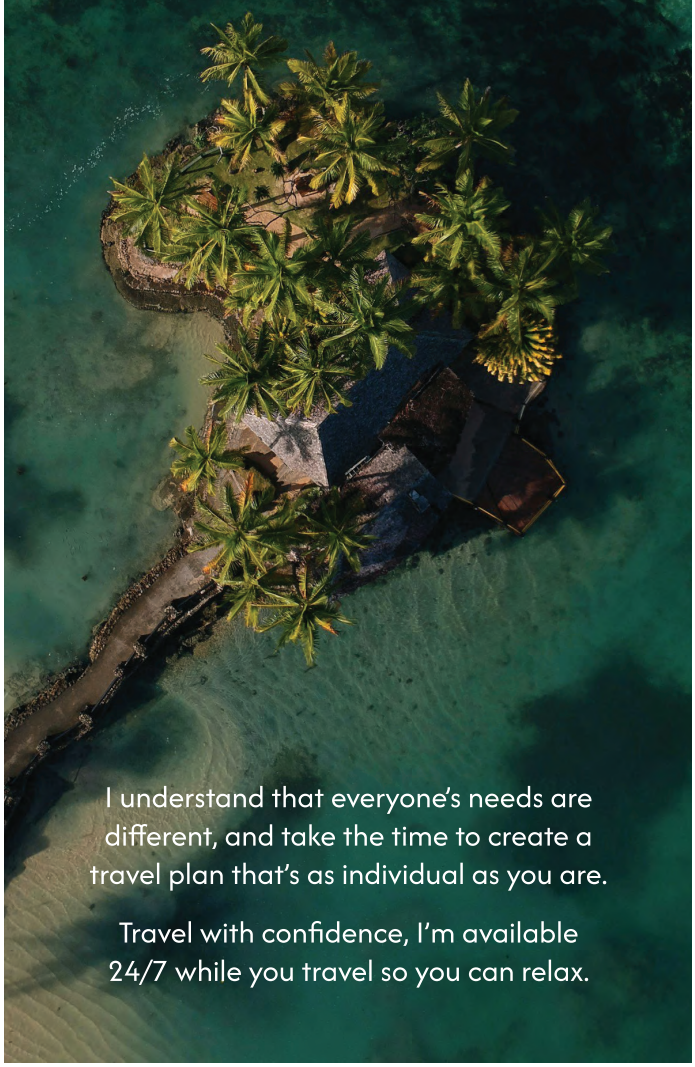
9am – 12pm
Saturday 21 February
Lincoln Baptist Church



Selwyn Parenting Network Biggest Children's Day

11am – 3pm
Sunday 1 March
Foster Park, Rolleston

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MUSIC AT THE LABORATORY

Our Sunday Music Sessions run every Sunday from 3– 5pm

Sun 1 Feb – Mac Simpson
Sun 8 Feb – Damien
Sun 15 Feb – Maddison Connor
Sun 22 Feb – Nick Jackman

Come on down and enjoy the good food, good brews and good tunes!



Down By The Liffey Gallery

Opening hours: 11.30am – 2.30pm Thursday
10am – 4pm Friday to Sunday
Down By The Liffey Gallery, 1 James St, Lincoln

This month's exhibition 'Watercolour Wonder' is on between 12th February to 8th March. Featuring artists Jonathan Steel and Leonie Fraser, this is a wonderful Watercolour exhibition with Jonathan exploring Christchurch scenes that you'll be bound to recognise and Leonie capturing the joy and spontaneous essense of blooms.

Feb 12 - Mar 8

Supporting our local charities and clubs

The LABORATORY

Karma Keg

Family friendly fundraising!





We love giving back to our community & have availability throughout the year to support other charities and clubs.

How it works...

- Lock in a Saturday 3–5pm & choose a Lab beer for your Karma Keg
- Bring all your supporters along
- All Karma Keg $ are donated to your organisation (max amts apply)
- Fundraise in other ways on the day

Sound easy? It is! Get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!

Apply now: goodparties@thelaboratory.co.nz

WAIT... FEBRUARY ALREADY?!

We hope your holidays were full of fun and relaxation.

The Apollo is buzzing with new releases, check them out below - alongside last month's favourites still lighting up the screen: Song Sung Blue, Hamnet, Anchor Me: The Don McGlashan Story, and many more!



Grow
Family / Showing Now

When spirited Charlie moves in with her tough-as-pumpkin Aunt Dinah, life on the farm gets messy, in the best way. Together they face the town's wild pumpkin-growing contest, discovering that family, laughter, and love can grow bigger than any gourd!



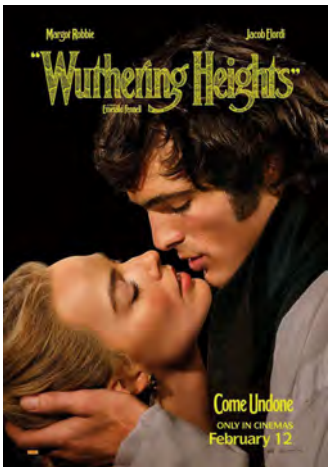
Marty Supreme
Drama / Showing Now

Step into 1950s New York with Marty Mauser, a charming shoe salesman and ping-pong prodigy, played by Timothée Chalamet. Based on a true story, watch him navigate high-stakes matches, quirky rivalries, and unforgettable adventures in this intense, offbeat dramedy.



The Choral
Drama / Showing Now

In 1916 Yorkshire, war has taken most of the town's men, but the Choral Society refuses to stop singing. With a mysterious new chorus master, the community discovers that even in chaos, music can bring hope, laughter, and connection.



Wuthering Heights
Drama / 12 Feb

Wuthering Heights comes alive on the Yorkshire Moors in this passionate, tumultuous love story. Heathcliff and Catherine's intense, destructive relationship is a gripping tale of desire, obsession, and heartbreak that is as intoxicating as it is unforgettable.



Fackham Hall
Comedy / 19 Feb

Fackham Hall is a hilarious mash-up of Downton Abbey and Monty Python. Follow charming pick-pocket Eric as he navigates a quirky English manor, sparks a forbidden romance, and faces a murder—proving that chaos, comedy, and love go hand in hand.



EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert

Documentary / 26 Feb

Step into Elvis' world like never before. This documentary brings his music, story, and larger- than-life presence to the big screen, celebrating the King's legacy in a way that's thrilling, intimate, and unforgettable.





USEFUL CONTACTS

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Death Café Lincoln	020 425 0369
Down by the Liffey Gallery	325 2877
Ellesmere Badminton Club	027 325 2044
Ellesmere Indoor Bowls	325 3143
Ellesmere Probus Club	325 6165
Junior Enviro Action Group	027 307 0767
Kaituna Golf Course	027 477 9425
Liffey Toastmasters	027 955 7996
Lincoln Badminton Club	347 9707
Lincoln Bowling Club	325 2289
Lincoln Bridge Club	325 3222
Lincoln Business Assn	325 2039
Lincoln Community Care	325 2007
Lincoln Cricket Club	029 240 0093
Lincoln & Districts Historical Soc.	325 3320
Lincoln Envirotown	329 5858
Lincoln Farmers Market	329 5757
Lincoln Girl Guides	027 462 8871
Lincoln Golf Club	325 2453
Lincoln ICONZ	347 8722
Lincoln Indoor Bowls	347 3212
Lincoln Masonic Lodge	349 9905
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Lincoln Outdoor Bowls	325 2289
Lincoln Patchwork and Quilting	021 129 2833
Lincoln Plunket	325 2179
Lincoln Rugby Club	027 303 1879
Lincoln Scouts	021 258 5680 (text)
Lincoln Table Tennis Club	325 7694
Lincoln Tennis Club	lincolntennisnz@gmail.com
Lincoln Women's Institute	741 1549
Mother4Mother	357 4970
Rotary Club of Lincoln	029 999 8330
Selwyn Lions	325 7957
Selwyn Parenting Network	021 166 8603
Selwyn Printing Co.	741 3049
Senior Citizens Club	027 712 7195
SeniorNet	027 547 4793
Spinning/Knitting Group	325 3320
Springs Day Club	329 5634
Springston Evening Garden Club	344 5781
Springston Garden Club (daytime)	325 5002
Tai Tapu Garden Club	329 6268
Time Banking	423 0456
Toy Library	021 044 2407
U3A Ellesmere	028 415 4961
Community Dental	0800 846 983
Healthline	0800 611 116
Lincoln Comm. Response	325 7732
Lincoln Library	347 2876
Lincoln Police	378 0160
Lincoln Fire Station	325 2801
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