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Join our monthly meeting.

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7pm, Monday 13th July
Community Care

All welcome.

Cover: Little hands, big learning. Georgie, featured here on the cover, is one of the young gardeners from Lincoln Kidsfirst Kindergarten who regularly visit the Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens. Through planting, nurturing, and harvesting fresh produce, the children are discovering the joy of growing, learning, and connecting with nature together.

WELCOME TO OUR JULY ISSUE

July already folks and winter is finally here. If you are keen on the football world cup, it is a good time to watch a bit with the weather getting a bit average for outdoor activity.

Our June meeting was held on the second Monday of the month at Community Care as usual. We welcome anyone to come along and we are getting some public attendance. We also invite and get attendance of local councillors which is really appreciated. If you have issues on your mind the first part of our meeting is an opportunity to talk to one or more of your Springs Ward councillors. June was no exception, we had Denise Carrick, Sarah Barnsley, and Aaron McGlinchy present and they were more than happy to listen and discuss.

Included in the topics discussed was Selwyn Water Ltd (SWL). This newly formed council owned entity is responsible for delivering drinking water and waste water services and is in the process of developing strategy including budgeting and charges. These services will from now on be charged separately from your normal rates billing. The councillors indicated that charges for water by SWL will increase 18% for this coming financial year. SWL have recently been seeking public feedback and the following is a snip from their website. LCRA feel that there has NOT been sufficient consultation with Lincoln residents as no meeting was organised here.

We asked our community to share their views on:

- The proposed direction and priorities in the draft Water Services Strategy.
- How trade offs should be balanced between affordability, supporting growth, environmental protection, and resilience
- Our Waivers and Remissions Policy, which outlines when water charges may be reduced, adjusted, or temporarily waived in exceptional circumstances, while maintaining fairness and financial sustainability for the wider community
- Our Fees and Charges Policy, including the proposed Fees and Charges schedule for 2026/27

What happens next?

- Feedback analysis and consideration (1 June 2026 – 10 June 2026)
- Selwyn Water Board approval (15 June 2026 – 19 June 2026)
- Feedback report to the community (22 June 2026 – 30 June 2026)
- The approved Water Services Strategy, policies and pricing schedule are published ahead of 1 July customer billing (30 June 2026)

The other council topic discussed was roading maintenance and roading infrastructure priorities. An item that made the newspaper recently was state of the Springs Road surface between Boundary Road and Tancred Road. The surface is worn smooth and is very slippery in wet conditions. Several weeks ago, the council agreed in the newspaper article that the road is dangerous in wet conditions and yet maintenance was not planned until later in the year! We believe this is totally unacceptable as this is a busy road and will stay in a dangerous condition through another winter! Another irrational priority was the building of the Springs Road/Colins Road roundabout south of Earlesbrook. There are several intersections that should have been higher on the list. How about Springs Road/Boundary Road, Shands Road/Weedons Road, or Edward Street/Ellesmere Road. We could understand if the developer was paying for all of the roundabout but we suspect not. LCRA will be writing to the council on these matters.

If you have any further comments on any of the above or other community matters, please email us lincolnresidentsinc@gmail.com or contact us through the website (www.lincolncommunity.co.nz). We need your feedback.

Lindsay Wilson

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LOCAL HAPPENING'S IN JUNE

David Pugh Williams awarded life membership

Lincoln Bowling Club (LBC) were very proud when David Pugh Williams a long serving and dedicated member of LBC was awarded Life Membership of the Ellesmere Bowls Sub Centre at the Sub Centre's AGM on Sunday 21st June 2026.

David joined the Ellesmere Match Committee in the 2015-16 season. He consequently became the Deputy Match Convenor. Over the subsequent years, alongside Heather Murdoch they completed the Ellesmere programmes and draws for Ellesmere Open and Champion of Champion events. This involved hours of voluntary work and travel to the various host clubs.

On a number of occasions as well as running events David would often be seen on the sideline or the green performing official umpiring duties. David was awarded a Silver Star in 2020-21 after winning five Ellesmere titles.

Ellesmere Bowls is indebted to the dedication shown by David for his support of the Sub Centre and the sport of Bowls.



Jordan Luck local fundraiser a great success

On Wednesday 17 June at the Tai Tapu Hotel, Lincoln High School student Clara Graham hosted *Story and Song*, a special fundraiser supporting her upcoming educational trip to Nepal.

The evening featured New Zealand music legend Jordan Luck, former lead singer and songwriter of The Exponents. Jordan generously volunteered his time, creating a memorable night filled with entertaining stories, live music, and laughter.

A raffle featuring over \$1,000 worth of prizes was also held, with generous donations from local businesses helping make the event a success. A huge thank you also goes to those who couldn't attend but still contributed through donations. The incredible support from the community has helped bring Clara one step closer to this amazing opportunity.



Lincoln Spinners & Knitters support NICU premature babies

Recently the group sent it's second box of Peggy squares to the Premmie Baby Club project.

Both the group and interested Lincolniters knitted, crochets and wove over 400 squares to send for distribution to NICU units across New Zealand.

We are a friendly bunch who meet fortnightly (excluding school holidays) in Lincoln Library every second Thursday exc school holidays 11am till 1.30pm. Members bring their projects and enjoy each other's company, share tips, patterns and help teach newbies to the various crafts.

Thelma, one of the members teaching the 10 stitch blanket square pattern.

SELWYN SURVEY RESULTS GUIDE

NEXT STEPS IN HEAD START DISCUSSIONS

Selwyn communities have given ‘loud and clear’ feedback to the Council on the proposed local government reforms, says Mayor Lydia Gliddon.

Open 5-21 June, almost 7,000 responses were received in the ‘60 Seconds for Selwyn’ survey, highlighting strong community interest in how Selwyn’s future is shaped.

In a workshop on 24 June, Selwyn District Councillors took a first detailed look at the results and used that feedback to guide early discussions on the Government’s Head Start reform programme.

When it comes to exploring options, 46 percent of responses asked Council to explore both amalgamating with other neighbouring councils, and becoming a Selwyn-based unitary authority, before making a decision. Thirty-four percent of responses asked Council to only explore becoming a Selwyn-based unitary authority.

Unitary authorities are organisations that have the functions of both regional councils and territorial authorities (city/district councils), such as Marlborough and Gisborne District Councils.

“I’m delighted to see strong engagement and feedback from communities throughout the district. We wanted to canvas a range of views to give us a solid understanding of the destiny Selwyn wants to shape,” says Gliddon.

The survey saw residents from across the district voice their opinion, with strong participation from working-age ratepayers, predominantly from Rolleston and Lincoln, and a high level of engagement (41 percent provided written feedback). Thirty-two percent of responses were from people living rurally, with communities from Arthur’s Pass to Rakaia Huts having their say on what matters most.

Feedback also shows residents care deeply about maintaining local identity, keeping decision-making close to home, and ensuring services remain affordable and reliable. Concerns about rates, growth pressures, and protecting rural communities were also recurring themes.

Selwyn Mayor Lydia Gliddon says the Councillors’ workshop was an important early step in working through the implications of the feedback.

“Our Councillors have now had the chance to get into the detail of what our community has told us,” she says.

“We’re not making decisions yet. It’s about understanding what matters most to our residents,

testing different ideas, and making sure we’re asking the right questions as we move forward.”

During the session, Councillors explored a range of potential options under the Head Start framework, including whether Selwyn should explore amalgamation with neighbouring councils, become a Selwyn-based unitary authority and take on regional functions, or explore a combination of both.

They also identified areas where further information is needed from staff to support robust decision-making and to fully understand the impacts of different options.

No decisions were made at the workshop.

“This was about working through the scenarios openly and making sure we are well informed before taking anything further to our community,” Mayor Gliddon says.

Next steps

- Staff will continue analysing the survey results and preparing further detailed advice for councillors.
- A public Council meeting on 15 July will see staff and Councillors work through the next steps on the Council’s Head Start proposal.
- Councillors will consider this work before confirming a preferred direction in a public meeting on 5 August.
- Councillors and the Mayor will continue to work closely with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on discussions and the work ahead.
- Any proposal will continue to be shaped by community feedback before being submitted to Government on 7 August, with more community input planned from mid-July in a similar quick, accessible format.

Councillors will continue to engage with the community as the process progresses, ensuring local voices remain central to any future decisions about Selwyn’s governance.

“We’ve had a really strong response from our community, it shows how important this is for our people,” Mayor Gliddon says.

“Now it’s on us to make sure that feedback is reflected in the options we put forward and the conversations we have next.”

For more information on Head Start, and the survey results, check out our Local Government Reform webpage: [Head Start Reforms | Your Say Selwyn](#)



GROWING CONNECTIONS ACROSS GENERATIONS

Supporting young people has always been one of Lincoln Rotary's greatest priorities. Situated in the heart of a rapidly growing community and alongside one of New Zealand's leading universities, the club enjoys a unique opportunity to build relationships with young people at every stage of their educational journey — from primary school to tertiary study and beyond.

For Lincoln Rotary, youth development is not a single programme or annual event. It is a network of connections built over many years, creating opportunities for young people to learn, grow and discover their potential.

Those connections often begin in primary school.

Each year, Lincoln Rotary's Primary School Quiz Night brings together teams from schools across Selwyn for an evening of fun, teamwork and friendly competition. For many students, it is their first encounter with Rotary, and for Rotarians, it is a chance to celebrate curiosity and learning while connecting with families and schools from across the district.

The club's relationship with Lincoln Primary School extends far beyond one evening each year. Rotarians Peter McNaughton and David Boustead have spent many years helping students develop vegetable gardens and

orchards that have become living classrooms. Together with teachers and pupils, they have planted, pruned, mulched and harvested, turning simple gardening projects into lessons about food, sustainability and the rewards that come from working together. Garden parties and working bees have become as much about friendship and learning as they are about growing vegetables.

As students move into their teenage years, Lincoln Rotary continues to provide opportunities for growth and development.

Programmes such as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), the National Science and Technology Forum and Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) encourage young people to broaden their horizons, challenge themselves and develop skills that will serve them throughout their lives. Students returning from these experiences frequently speak of the friendships formed, the confidence gained and the inspiration they have found for their future careers and studies.

The club also celebrates young people who are following vocational pathways. Through the Apprentice of the Year Awards, Lincoln Rotary recognises character, perseverance and leadership among young tradespeople, acknowledging the important contribution apprentices make to the future prosperity of their communities.



The Totara Tree award winners were Kaylee Hill and Kate Olijkan.



Supporting young people also means ensuring every voice has the opportunity to be heard.

For many years, Lincoln Rotary has proudly supported speech competitions involving young people with learning disabilities and autism. These inspiring events are a reminder that confidence, creativity and individuality come in many forms, and that communities are enriched when everyone is encouraged to participate and express themselves.

Being located alongside Lincoln University offers another special opportunity.

Earlier this year, Lincoln Rotary welcomed postgraduate students from twelve countries to an International Night. Their research topics ranged from regenerative agriculture and environmental science to finance and humanitarian logistics, and their stories reflected the diversity and talent that international students bring to New Zealand. For many Rotarians, it was a chance to gain insights into different cultures and perspectives. For the students, it was an opportunity to build friendships and feel connected to their host community.

Those university connections extend beyond a single evening. Lincoln Rotary has enjoyed a long relationship with Lincoln University and values the opportunities

this provides to engage with students and young researchers from around the world. In many ways, the university and the community that surrounds it create a natural environment for intergenerational connections, where experience and youthful enthusiasm can be shared for the benefit of all.

Perhaps that is what makes Lincoln Rotary's approach to youth development distinctive. Rather than focusing on a single age group or programme, the club has built relationships that span generations. From children discovering the joy of growing vegetables, to teenagers exploring leadership and career pathways, to postgraduate students sharing their research and cultures with the community, Rotary seeks to encourage young people wherever they are on life's journey.

Because while programmes and projects are important, it is the connections between people that leave the greatest legacy.

And those connections continue to grow.

LINCOLN TOWN CENTRE: PROGRESS TO DATE



@ 25 June 2026

Good progress continues on the Lincoln Town Centre project, with key milestones now clearly visible. Road pavement construction between Robert Street and the public car parks is nearing completion, helping to improve access and shape the new road layout.

The William and Robert Street intersection has now returned to two-way traffic, and we'll keep opening roads where possible to make it easier to move around town. Over the coming weeks, crews will finish kerb and channel work, further defining the streets.

A temporary footpath from the southern car park to Robert Street remains in place until the end of June to keep pedestrians moving safely. Near the Famous Grouse Hotel, work on a new detention tank, kerbing and rain garden works are continuing to improve drainage and enhance the area.

We're pleased to share that the overnight water main works along Gerald Street are progressing ahead of schedule, with completion now expected on 26 June, bringing this part of the project to a close sooner than originally planned (5 July).

Thank you to local businesses who joined our recent drop-in session, and everyone who stopped to chat at the Lincoln Market. We've really enjoyed connecting with the community, answering questions, and sharing the growing excitement as Stage One edges closer to completion in September 2026.

Stages two and three of the project, located further along Gerald Street, are expected to commence in Spring 2026.

Please contact Fulton Hogan on **0800 7623 34** (0800 ROAD FH), Monday to Friday, 8am – 5pm, or email **cant.info@fultonhogan.com**. Urgent matters outside these hours can also be reported via this number.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID WALLACE GAVIN SCOTT

While Wal was probably better known for his 46-year involvement with Lincoln Rotary and his Paul Harris Fellow award, his association with cricket since 1966, his great support for rugby at every level including becoming a Patron of the Lincoln Rugby Club and his involvement as a social bowler at Lincoln. Wal was also a very involved supporter of Community Care Lincoln from the beginning of the organisation.

In the early days, when there was an increasing awareness of the lack of health services such as district nursing, home aiding, meals on wheels, counselling etc. in the area covered by the Lincoln Medical Centre, Dr Gerald Irwin approached the Lincoln Rotary Club about the problem. Rotary decided to build suitable accommodation as part of their jubilee celebration and in July 1979 Wal was the Rotary organizer and presented a plan of the building to Rotary. Wal was also a 'grass roots' door knocker seeking public subscription towards raising \$30,000.00 for a Community Care Building, at the back of the Community Hall. This building was then built by Rotarians and opened in

1980. Wal has been on the Community Care Board, with his wife Pam, Chairman, Fundraiser, Volunteer, Member, and has worked at nine of the 'Spring Fling' fundraisers. He was also a Trustee on the ERAC Trust.

Wal was made a Life Member for his long service to Community Care Lincoln (see photo) in June 2023.

Kind regards

Community Care Lincoln

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Seminar on Eye Health for Seniors by Leesa Stuart, Lincoln Eye Optometrist.

1.30pm, Thursday 23 July 2026

Rata Wing of Community Care Lincoln

16 Lyttelton Street, Lincoln. All are welcome.





MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI

Matariki is the Māori tradition that marks the rising of the star cluster Matariki Pleiades. Matariki signals the start of the Māori new year and is a time of commemorating the passing of loved ones, making plans for the upcoming year, feasting, celebrating and giving thanks for the harvest. This year the rising period is 6 to 13 Hūrae/July. The public holiday of Matariki is on Friday 10 July 2026.

This year's theme of Matariki Herenga Waka is all about inclusion and encouraging all people to celebrate Matariki. We can all connect to the core values of Matariki and embrace the celebration of the holiday. People are encouraged to come together to learn, to share and to celebrate Matariki and the Māori new year together.

The three key principles for Matariki are:

Matariki Hunga Nui / Remembrance

Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki.

Matariki Ahunga Nui / Celebrating the present

Gathering together to give thanks for what we have.

Matariki Manako Nui / Looking to the future

Looking forward to the promise of a new year.

Want to learn more about Matariki or how to find the Matariki star cluster then go to www.matariki.com

Kūmara Fries with Hot Honey Mayonnaise

Move over ordinary chips... Matariki deserves crispy kūmara fries with a little glow-up. Celebrate Matariki with a simple dish that shines a spotlight on local produce. Golden kūmara from Gill Brothers (Shands Road) your local fruit and veggie stall. Oven-roasted until crisp and served with a sweet and spicy Hot Honey Aioli, made using Bee My Honey (Tancreds Road). Perfect for sharing around the table as we reflect, reconnect and celebrate the season together. A simple winter side that's made for gathering, sharing and celebrating Matariki.

Ingredients

2 orange kūmara, scrubbed and cut into fries
2 tbsp cornflour
2 tbsp olive oil
1 tsp smoked paprika
½ tsp garlic powder
Salt and pepper

Hot Honey Mayo

½ cup aioli or mayonnaise
2–3 tbsp Hot Honey (Bee my Honey)
1 tsp lemon juice

Method

Toss the kūmara with cornflour in a bowl – add olive oil, paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Bake at 220°C for 35–40 minutes, turning halfway, until crisp and golden. Mix the aioli, hot honey and lemon juice together, then serve alongside the hot fries for dipping.



CELEBRATING POSITIVE ACTION ACROSS OUR DISTRICT

Lincoln Envirotown Trust have recently been privileged to make the appointment of Chris Stagg to the position of Selwyn Responsible Network Assessor. Chris is looking forward to meeting with the business community regarding their environmental and community initiatives.

Chris's background spans business development, operations, manufacturing, marketing, customer relationships, health and safety, and sustainability-focused problem solving. Much of his experience has come from working inside growing small businesses and understanding the real-world pressures local operators face: limited time, limited resources, competing priorities, and the challenge of making meaningful improvements while keeping the day-to-day running. He is looking forward to supporting Selwyn businesses in a practical, encouraging, and constructive way.

2026 is a Responsible Business Awards Year. These awards are held every two years to recognise any businesses, schools, charities and organisations making a difference across the Selwyn / Waikirikiri District. These awards celebrate environmental action, social impact, education, community contribution, staff wellbeing, local resilience and responsible practices.

Responsible business does not have to mean doing everything at once; often it starts with understanding where you are now, identifying simple opportunities, and building from there.

Taking part is simple, friendly and practical, with a short visit and a chat with Chris to learn more about your business's strengths, successes, challenges you face, and how we can best support you in celebrating your sustainable business amongst your peers. You will be invited to join us in celebrating Selwyn Responsible Businesses at our October Sustainable Awards event.

Whether you are just beginning to think about sustainability, social impact, waste reduction, staff wellbeing, local procurement, or stronger business systems, we warmly encourage you to get in touch with Chris by email selwynrbnawards@gmail.com or phone 022 476 7932.



LINCOLN ENVIROTOWN COMMUNITY GARDENS

A smart idea

Slugs can decimate small plants, especially brassicas, but Barbara has introduced us to a smart way of dealing with them. She has used a felted wool fabric, the thermal insulation material, salvaged from 'My Food Bag' deliveries. This is cut into pads that measure around 15cm square. Two cuts are made to form a cross at the centre of each pad, and the small plant is gently inserted through the gap. Apart from deterring slug attack, the wool pads keep the roots of the plant warm and help retain moisture around the roots.

Barbara also acts as our liaison person with the Lincoln Kidsfirst Kindergarten. A former kindergarten teacher, she hosts small groups of children for their regular visits, and oversees the children's planting and harvesting activities. Barbara also takes them for a stroll to explain to them what is going in the worm farm, compost heaps and other plots. The children return to the kindergarten with a trolley full of produce to share with their friends and their families.

Meet Lois and Paul

Lois and Paul met in 2021 when Lois was the Coordinator of the Springston 'Secret Community Garden' and Paul, a volunteer there. Sadly, that garden closed in February 2024, but the site is now managed by the Canterbury Homeschoolers group.

Because of their combined passion for gardening, Lois and Paul have remained good friends. Paul was able to secure a plot at the Community Gardens, and in January, Lois joined him as a volunteer. They attend our weekly working afternoons and enjoy any task they are assigned to, such as pruning, planting, weeding, and harvesting.

Lois and Paul say they value the opportunity to help, to get out in the fresh air, to learn from others, and enjoying the comradery of chatting with like-minded people.

Lois reminded us of a quote by Audrey Hepburn, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow".

Ruth Wood

Coordinator, Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens
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Mahoe Reserve Planting Day

2–4pm, Sunday 5 July

@ Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road, Lincoln

Join us to help restore and maintain the Mahoe Native Reserve. This month we will be planting! All are welcome to come along from 2pm onwards.

While this event is free and bookings are not required, you can view more details at events.humanitix.com/mahoe-working-bee-2026.



Selwyn Trap Library

10am – 12pm, Saturday 25 July

@ 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.

*See events.humanitix.com/selwyn-trap-library-2026 or contact selwyntraplibrary@gmail.com
Free, booking not required.*



Veterinary Waste Minimisation Workshop

5.30pm – 8.30pm, Wednesday 15 July

@ Lincoln Event Centre

Veterinary clinics and farms pose specific waste challenges. We would like to invite you to join us for an informative evening to share ideas on how we can minimise, repurpose and manage packaging, medical and other materials commonly used in these sectors.

Free, booking required at events.humanitix.com/vet-waste



Apple Tree Maintenance –Beginners Workshop

10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 25 July . Postponement date 1 August

@ Lincoln Environment Community Gardens, behind the former Lincoln Maternity Hospital

Join Errol Wood, who will cover the basic techniques of tree selection, training, pruning, and dealing with common pests in apple trees.

No booking is required, but a koha is appreciated.



Don't Treat Your Soil Like Dirt!

10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 15 August

@ Lincoln Environment Community Gardens

Healthy soil is the foundation of every thriving garden — from lawns and vegetable patches to flower gardens. Join Roger McLenaghan and Josie Mazzetto from Lincoln University as they explore soil characteristics, why it matters, and practical ways to maintain healthy garden soil.

No booking is required, but a koha is appreciated.

For more information about these events go to www.facebook.com/LincolnEnvirotown or see the posters at Lincoln Events Centre, Lincoln Library and other locations. For bookings go to events.humanitix.com



LOCAL LAD'S HAIRSTYLE GOES VIRAL

Lincoln High School Year 13 student and Lincoln Combined First XV hooker, Charlie James has become a familiar face in the community — thanks in part to his eye-catching haircut.

The 18-year-old was spotted again by Sky Sport cameras alongside his mum during the Crusaders' match against the Chiefs in May, with commentators quickly noticing his distinctive hairstyle.

Charlie's look is a skullet — a shaved or shorter style on top with longer hair at the back — which has evolved over several years. It began as a mullet during the Covid lockdown period before transforming into a skullet and later a skullet with a 'frullet', a small front tuft inspired by former All Black Jonah Lomu.

The frullet didn't win over everyone, especially Charlie's mum, so the pair compromised and he returned to the skullet that has now become his trademark. Despite the attention, Charlie has no plans to change it anytime soon.

His rugby teammates are quick to give him plenty of good-natured stick, with some loving the look and others not so sure. Even opposition players have been known to compliment his unique style, proving it gets noticed both on and off the field.

But Charlie is known for much more than his haircut. He has loved rugby and sport since he was young,

starting ripper rugby at Lincoln Rugby Club at five years old before progressing through representative teams, including the Ellesmere Under 14 Development and Under 16 Representative sides.

For Charlie, rugby is about the friendships, teamwork, physical challenge, and being part of his community. It has also been a great outlet while managing the challenges of school, including Dyslexia, Auditory Processing Disorder (APD), and Verbal Dyspraxia.

Charlie has never let these challenges hold him back. With years of speech therapy behind him, he continues to believe in himself and tackle life head-on. Charlie simply sees himself as a normal teenager who gets on with things, follows his passions, and doesn't let obstacles define him.

Recently, Charlie has taken on another challenge, focusing on his health and fitness. Through changing his diet and committing to early morning gym sessions five days a week, alongside rugby training and games, he has achieved significant weight loss and improved his energy and mobility. The change has seen him move from prop into the role of hooker — a position he has embraced.

With his determination, positive attitude, and passion for rugby and sport, Lincoln is proud to call him one of its own and wishes him all the best beyond high school.

LINCOLN SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH BIRTHDAY.

WOW what an awesome day it was.

The 9th of June saw 58 of our wonderful members arrive at the Lincoln Bowling Club to celebrate 50 years, yes 50 years of fun laughter and great company. The room was awash with gold, well gold decorations anyway, but it looked great and it sure did sparkle, thanks to the teams efforts to make it look special for a special day. Members started arriving at 11am and the room was soon full of laughter and smiles and the odd gold balloon popping with the temperature in the room rising. Rumour has it at least a dozen had already exploded in someones car outside, before being bought in, maybe a tad too much pressure eh. Raffles were bought, lots, as they were amazing prizes, seats with friends were found and the chatter and laughs began, great. The amazing ladies from Selwyn Lions had the catering well organised and were soon serving up a scrumptious two course meal, where did all that food go? It was great. The famous Mr Willy arrived to entertain us and soon had most tapping their feet and those who knew the words joined in singing the songs there was lots of smiles all round.

Then the massive 50th birthday cake was revealed and four of our 90+ year olds, yes 90+ wow, performed the cutting for us and soon most of it had disappeared with a cup of tea or coffee and there were some happy full

tummies. Raffles were drawn, more smiles and then there were spot prizes given out as well and there was time for more chat and laughter. It was a special day so thank you to all who organised it and made it happen and special thanks to our members who came along, remember friendship is important to all of us.

Upcoming events

On the 7th of July we meet again at the Lincoln Events Centre this time at 1.30pm, our ladies will ring to remind members. There will be a guest speaker and of course some raffles, the sales table and an enjoyable afternoon tea and lots of time to chat with friends.

The following meeting is on August 4th at the Lincoln Events Centre at 1.30pm. 'Watch this space' as we have two very special guest speakers, one flying in with Air New Zealand to share some stories with you and of course there will be raffles, sales table and another lovely afternoon tea, with time to chat to our guests and with friends, hope you can make it 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 027 712 7195
or Gloria on 027 434 6554.



SELWYN LIONS CLUB

Our annual changeover function

Prior to the new Lions year commencing in July, each Club appoints their new officers for the following 12 months. The officers are then announced at a formal dinner – ours' was held on Sunday 14th June at the Hornby club. We were fortunate to have Lion Paul O'Connor attend as our guest. Paul was the instigator of the Lions Cancer Trust free skin cancer screening bus for which our recent Bridge Tournament raised monies. He gave us a fascinating insight into his life's work to date. Our outgoing President, Sharon, was bided farewell and thanked for all of her successes; incoming President Barbara was welcomed with promises of things to come in 2026/7. We are a small but strong club who enjoy fun times together whilst raising funds for our communities. Over the past year we have donated over \$25,000 across New Zealand generated via our various fundraising activities. It is very satisfying making a difference in people's lives. The Lions motto "We Serve" is certainly applicable.

Lincoln Senior Citizens anniversary

Recently the Lincoln Seniors Citizens Club celebrated their 50th anniversary. The Senior Citizens Club supports older adults in the area providing outings and social connections to enrich their lives. We were asked to cater for this auspicious occasion and what a privilege it was to do so. Their volunteers had decorated the room in gold and it looked stunning. We wish them all the best for their next 50 years.

Putting our skills to good use

A positive outcome of our ladies acting as BBQ chefs for the Selwyn District Councils' Summer in Selwyn series was that we developed a friendly relationship with Adam from Arbor Green. Adam had loaned council their community BBQ for their events and was impressed enough with our skills as chefs that he invited us to cook for two of their public events! The weather was in our favour for the last one and our ladies did themselves proud cooking 750 sausages. They went down a treat with the guests whilst raising more funds for the community.

Selwyn Lions sponsor an environmental photo competition

Along with other activities, Post Grad Week at Lincoln University features an environmental photo competition which was sponsored by our Selwyn Lions Club. There were a total of 55 entries split over two categories, 'Impacting the Environment' and 'Enjoying the Environment'. These were judged by Selwyn Lions members and then the 'People's Choice' was voted for by staff and students.

Dee Patel was winner of 'People's Choice' with his delightful photo of a fantail (see below).

Luna Nguyen was winner of 'Impacting the Environment' with her action shot photo of native tree planting.

Dhawni Patel was the winner of 'Enjoying the Environment' with her colourful photo of walking among the lupins.







Photo by James Barker on Unsplash

DOG FEES DUE 31 JULY

Selwyn dog owners are reminded to register their furry friends by 31 July 2026, as new Dog Control Fees and Charges come into effect following approval by Council on 27 May as part of the Annual Plan process.

The updated fees help fund essential animal control services that keep communities safe including responding to roaming or aggressive dogs, investigating incidents, and reuniting lost pets with their owners.

Selwyn District Council Team Leader Animal Control, Matt van Keulen, says dog registration is a legal requirement and a key part of responsible dog ownership.

“Dog control isn’t optional – it’s a service councils must provide. Registration fees ensure we can continue to support dog owners, respond when issues arise, and keep both people and pets safe across our district.”

All dogs in New Zealand must be registered from three months of age. Registration helps identify dogs, return lost pets quickly, and provides accountability when problems occur.

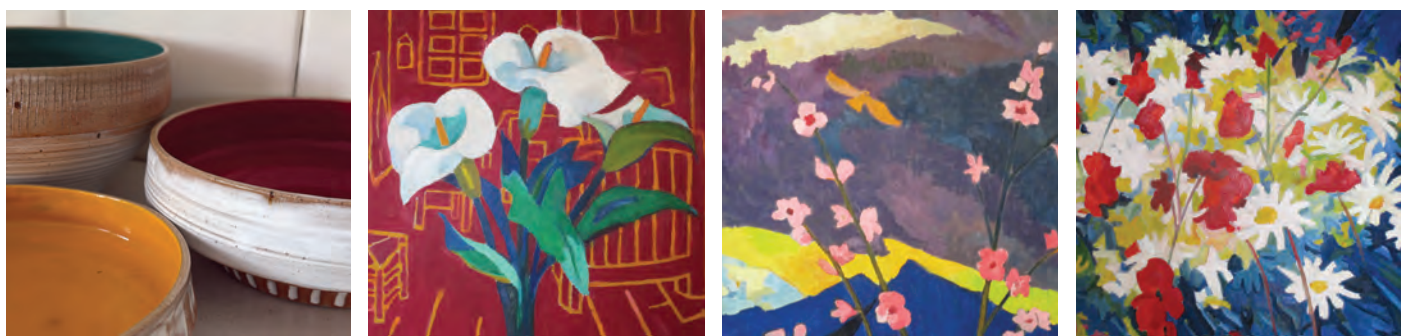
Council’s dog control service includes:

- Registration and database management
- Monitoring compliance with dog ownership rules
- Responding to complaints and incidents, including dog attacks
- Managing impounded dogs and reuniting them with owners
- Enforcement and classification of menacing or dangerous dogs
- Supporting dog owners to meet their legal responsibilities

Fees are reviewed annually through the Council’s planning processes to ensure they remain fair and reflect the cost of delivering these services, with further changes to be considered through the upcoming Long-Term Plan.

“Most dog owners in Selwyn do the right thing,” says Mr VanKeulen. “These fees help us support that and make sure our communities remain safe and well managed.”

For more information on dog registration, fees and how to make a payment, visit selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration.



COLOURFORM

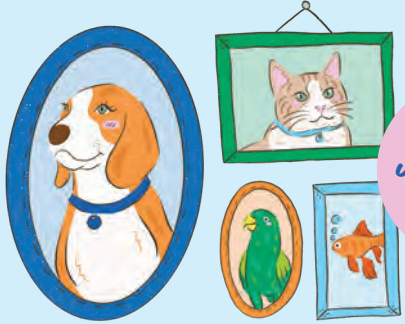
Did you know there's an art gallery in Lincoln? Each month Down By The Liffey Gallery features a selection of talented artists in an exciting exhibition.

This month's exhibition 'Colourform' is on display from 2nd July to the 26th July. Featuring painter **Cyril Hector** and potter **Della Goodinson**, as they come together to celebrate the joy and emotion of colour through painting and form.

Opening hours are:

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

Selwyn Pet Expo



\$5 PER PERSON, UNDER 5'S FREE.

Sunday 2 August, 10am–4pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Already a pet parent, or dreaming of a furry addition to your family?
The Selwyn Pet Expo returns for year three – bigger, better, and packed with stalls, paw-some deals, and expert advice.
A must-see event for animal lovers of all ages!



Tickets on sale now:
selwyn.govt.nz/petexpo



Down by the Liffey Gallery
Lincoln's Community Art Gallery, 1 James Street, Lincoln

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July 2 - July 26

OPENING HOURS
Thursday - 11.30am to 2.30pm
Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 10.00am to 4.00pm

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www.downbytheliffeygallery.com



FEATURED EVENTS



Underwater Wonderland – KidsFest

10am – 12.30 pm, Wednesday 8 July

@ Lincoln Event Centre, in association with Lincoln Envirotown Trust

A morning of craft and science activities, led by the creative students from Lincoln High School. Your kids will discover the incredible marine life that calls our oceans home – from majestic whales to the tiny creatures found in our rocky shores.

Ages 3-12. \$5 ticket admits up to 4 people including caregivers.



Lincoln Kids Market 2026

10am – 12.00pm, Thursday 9 July

@ Lincoln Event Centre

Join us this winter for the famous Kids Market, where young entrepreneurs can buy and sell quality pre-loved goods and handmade items! From toys and books to sports gear and creative crafts, it's the perfect chance to declutter, earn some pocket money, and find amazing bargains.

Bookings required for stallholders. Purchase a stallholder ticket at events.humanitix.com/lincoln-kids-market-2026. Free to attend as a buyer.



Selwyn Hot Chocolate Challenge

4-17 July

@ Selwyn. Brought to you by the Ellesmere Promotions Trust

During the July school holidays, cafés and mobile vendors across Selwyn (and two in Christchurch) will be creating their very own signature hot chocolate for you to discover, taste and rate. From indulgent classics to bold, creative twists – hot or cold, alcoholic or non-alcoholic – this is your excuse to explore and treat yourself! Visit the most outlets and you could win a \$100 prize.

Locations: Coffee Culture Lincoln, Dunsandel Store & Cafe, Darfield Bakery, The Pedal Pusher Rolleston, Hororata Village Cafe & Bar, For Goodness Cake @ Leeston, Full Monty's Rolleston, The Choclatier @ Phillipston, The Store @ Tai Tapu, Cycling the Dream @ McCleans Forest Park

For more information visit <https://bit.ly/HotChocEvent>



Encanto – Free Family Movie

Darfield: 6pm, 11 July @ Darfield Recreation Centre

Southbridge: 6pm, 18 July @ Southbridge Town Hall

The Ellesmere Promotions Trust brings you Encanto, a movie the whole family can enjoy. Bring your favourite bean bag, cushion or sleeping bag. Free popcorn and hot chocolate with every ticket (bring your favourite cup!). Sausage sizzle from 5.30pm. @ Southbridge the Playcentre will be selling hot soup and a roll, and Swirly Whirly will be there with ice creams.

Free but bookings required.

<https://bit.ly/DarfieldMovie>

https://bit.ly/Tickets_FamMovieSouthbridge

FUTURE EVENTS



Focus for Future

Deadline for entries Tuesday, 1 September @ Environmental Short Film Competition

Calling creative storytellers, filmmakers, and environmental advocates to create a short film (under 5 minutes) inspiring environmental action. Any style welcome, with categories for all ages. Films will be screened and awards presented in September. See events.humanitix.com/focus-for-future-2026



Selwyn Pet Expo

10am – 4pm
Sunday 2 August
@ Lincoln Event Centre



Variety Dance Club

Friday 21 August to 25 September
6.30pm-7.30pm
@ Selwyn Sports Centre
\$8 per person. Booking required



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Lincoln Community and
Residents Association

Join our community meeting

7pm, Monday 13th July, Community Care

ARTS ON TOUR RETURNS TO THE LABORATORY!

Carnivorous Plant Society

MONDAY 6 JULY 7.00PM
THE LABORATORY
DOORS OPEN FROM 5.30PM
FOR DINING BEFORE THE SHOW

TICKETS \$30
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SHARE YOUR EVENT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Do you have a community event happening
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Send your contributions to
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by the 20th of the month.



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Free Popcorn & Hot Chocolate Bring your beanbags, pillow, own cup



Music at The Laboratory

Our Sunday Music Sessions run every Sunday from 3-5pm
@ The Laboratory, 17 West Belt, Lincoln

Sun 5 Jul	Isabel Burroughs
Sun 12 Jul	Flynn
Sun 19 Jul	Van Pender
Sun 26 Apr	Hannah May

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



Carnivorous Plant Society, Arts on Tour

Mon 6 July. Doors open at 5.30pm for drinks or dining before the show,
with the performance starting at 7pm.

Tickets \$30.00, and are available on Eventfinda or at the bar.

Join us for this fantastic Arts on Tour event: Prepare for a unique experience featuring, vibraphone, tuba, harmonica, pan flute, synthesisers, drums, bass, vocals and high end cackling alongside hand drawn animations that will ignite all your senses.

Band leader, Finn Scholes, known for his work with Dave Dobbyn, Circling Sun, Hopetoun Brown and composition on The SpongeBob Squarepants movie will take a trio of NZ's most talented musicians and play music that weaves stories and transports the listeners to the far reaches of the globe from South-East Asia to South America and back to good old New Zealand.



Karma Keg, 2-4pm

Saturday 25 July – for Selwyn Artistic Swimming
Saturday 1 August – for Broadfield Netball

Come along and buy a beer from the Karma Keg and we will donate the full price to our chosen 'Good Cause'! See if you can help drain the keg to help to donate up to \$1,000.00! We love hosting Karma Kegs here at The Lab and giving back to our community! If you would like to apply for a Karma Keg please email us at: goodparties@thelaboratory.co.nz



Vintage Vibes Morning Tea

11am or 11.30am. Wednesday 5 Aug
\$21pp. Bookings required

Delicious house-made treats with tea or coffee

JULY ALREADY—TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

We've got something for everyone this month, plus plenty of fantastic options for the school holidays including **Supergirl**, **The Sheep Detectives**, **Minions & Monsters**, **Toy Story 5** and more.

Make movie time even better with our Kids Snack Pack—crisps, a mixed lolly bag and a kid-sized drink for just \$10 per person. See you soon at The Apollo!



Minions & Monsters (PG)

Animated / 25 Jun

This is the rambunctious, ridiculous and totally true story of how the Minions conquered Hollywood, became movie stars, lost everything, unleashed monsters on the world, and then banded together to save the planet from the chaos they created.



Toy Story 5 (G)

Adventure / 2 July

Buzz, Woody, Jessie and the gang are back for a brand-new adventure — this time facing the biggest threat to playtime yet: technology. Packed with heart, humour and chaos, this fun-filled family film is perfect for audiences of all ages.



The Odyssey (TBC)

Drama / 16 Jul

Christopher Nolan brings Homer's legendary tale to life in a spectacular big-screen adventure. Starring Matt Damon as Odysseus, the film follows his perilous journey home after the Trojan War. With an outstanding cast and stunning IMAX visuals, this is one not to be missed!



I, Object (PG)

Drama/Animation / 23 Jul

Blending live action and animation, this heartfelt story explores grief, imagination and healing. After losing his father, 10-year-old Tom retreats into a world where everyday objects come to life. Charming, inventive and deeply moving, it reminds us that friendship comes in all shapes and sizes!



H is for Hawk (M)

Drama / 30 Jul

Based on a true story, this moving film follows Helen after the loss of her beloved father as she finds comfort in an unexpected friendship with a stubborn hawk named Mabel. As their bond deepens, she begins to heal and rediscover the beauty and wonder of life.



Spider-Man: Brand New Day (TBC)

Action / 30 Jul

The world may have forgotten Peter Parker, but he hasn't forgotten them. Now alone in New York after erasing himself from loved ones' lives, he fights on as Spider-Man. As pressure builds, a strange physical evolution begins, just as a powerful new threat emerges.



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Help keep Lincoln connected. Share your community stories
and reach your neighborhood in the next issue.

Send your contributions to editor@lincolncommunity.co.nz
by the 20th of the month for the next coming issue.

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Lincoln Bowling Club	325 2289
Lincoln Bridge Club	325 3222
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