



Santa is coming to Lincoln town!

Annual Lincoln Christmas Parade & Market – Saturday 14 December 2024



The much awaited for annual Lincoln Christmas Parade and Market is set for Saturday 14th December.

The Market begins by 9am, stretching from The Famous Grouse to The Laboratory. The street will be closed from 8am for set up. There will be ample space to explore craft stalls and food options until the parade arrives at 10.30am.

Come and purchase Christmas presents, garden plants, treats, and support the stalls participating in this event. Many local clubs have stalls to promote their activities and as fundraisers. The Lincoln Rotary Club will feature their Hams Wheel, and the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Brigade will run a raffle and have the fire engine available for viewing. The Lincoln Farmers and Craft Market, located next to the Lincoln library, will be extended onto the green behind.

Local clubs, businesses, schools, kindergartens, Scouts, Guides, and vintage vehicle owners participate in the parade.

Enter a float! There are prizes up for grabs, including \$500 for first place, \$250 for second, and \$150 for third. Participants are encouraged to form groups and use their imagination to showcase their passion, fun, culture, with a Christmas theme. Check out photos from last year's event on Facebook for inspiration.

Those interested in entering a float, walking, cycling, dancing, or marching should get in touch. Scan the QR code below or email us at lincoln.xmasfloats@gmail.com. Volunteer opportunities are also available for those interested in dressing up as clowns and walking in the parade to distribute sweets and manage crowd safety.

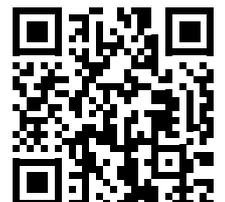
The **Decorated Bikes Competition** for children (little ones up to Year 6) will be held under the oak tree next to the library, with judging at 10am. Participants will then join the parade with Santa.

Adam All Sorts Clown will entertain children and distribute animal balloons around the town from 10am till 12 noon.

Santa's Grotto will be located at 13 Gerald Street, along with face painters. Visitors are welcome to greet Santa and take photos.

Event organisers wearing pink hi-vis vests will be available to assist and guide participants. Feel free to discuss the event with them and learn about involvement opportunities for next year.

This event celebrates the Lincoln community, highlighting local clubs and service providers, and provides an opportunity to connect with neighbours and friends.



Facebook: Lincoln Christmas Parade and Market. Emails: lincolnxmas.stalls@gmail.com, lincoln.xmasfloats@gmail.com

Photos shown above from the 2023 parade by Rebecca Claridge Photography – rebeccaclaridge.com

Kia ora Lincoln!

We are winding up for the holiday season, as schools prepare to break for the summer, our wonderful hospo spots host groups of colleagues to celebrate the end of another year, and the weather simply can't make up its mind! It is now officially road cone season too, watch as the bright orange waves appear around the western end of town. We shall have temporary traffic lights at the Springs Road/Gerald Street/Ellesmere Junction Road roundabout, temporary 30kmh restrictions around the work sites and some parking restrictions around the work sites, so patience will serve us all well.

With summer approaching, the Liffey plays host to many a school kid looking to cool off and our tamariki and rangatahi, children and teens mooch about their hometown. It's a good time to remember that rangatahi are not well served for places to busy themselves and when out of the classroom will be enjoying their freedom and the weather. Positive engagement between our community members is key to maintaining the culture we love in Lincoln. It takes a village as they say, so let's remember to be kind to all kinds as we see each other around the township.

A great example of the power of positive communication to support our great community was shown in our November LiCRA hui. We had in attendance representatives from LUSA who gave a post-event update as to how Garden Party went from a student perspective, the event was well run and LUSA provided an update on how the new community measures they put in place worked. LUSA were also seeking feedback

from the community regarding how the Garden Party was from the perspective of residents and businesses. If you were unable to make the meeting and wish to provide feedback to LUSA on the event please feel free to email Demetrio at president@lusa.org.nz.

Check out the LiCRA Facebook page for details of the next LiCRA hui / meeting.

As ever your feedback is very much welcome. Scan the QR code to fill out the feedback form, or email us direct.

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editorial info.

Lincoln Community News is the official newsletter of the Lincoln Community and Residents' Association Incorporated. It is produced by The Selwyn Printing Company and comes out monthly, with the exception of January.

We're seeking stories!

Do you have a story to share? We are always looking for news and information about what is happening in Lincoln and the Selwyn District. We'd like to hear the stories of residents' achievements, exciting happenings, community developments and more! This is a community newsletter and we welcome your voice.

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Platinum Award for Local Community Care Organisation

Lincoln and Districts Community Care (LDCC) is aware that there is always room for improvement in their organisation and so they took the opportunity to participate in the Selwyn Responsible Business Awards for a second time. In 2019 they received a Gold Award and this year they were thrilled to receive a Platinum Award.

In 2019 LDCC was complimented firstly for supporting and advocating for community with a holistic approach, providing a place for the community to engage with and support each other, through volunteering.

Secondly for being a hub for community initiatives, and thirdly through raising awareness of both physical and energy waste through various waste management policies and procedures.

In 2019, Barbara Williman, the Responsible Business Award Coordinator, suggested that CCL review current meals on wheels procedures and look at ways to work with the supplier to reduce waste i.e. compostable containers, and investigate alternatives to polystyrene delivery boxes.

This year, Mike Glover, for the Responsible Business Network, congratulated LDCC on all its endeavours, practices, and level of motivation to be an environmentally and socially responsible business.

Mike went on to write that "As a community based health and



support service you touch the lives of many elderly and vulnerable people in Selwyn. To do this you harness the collective power of up to 100 volunteers. This was recognised in the Selwyn Awards last year when you won a Gold Award for Community Volunteering which recognised the significant voluntary contribution you make "to improve the quality of life for people in the Selwyn district and enhance social wellbeing and connectedness". Your Meals on Wheels service, delivers

up to 7,000 mostly hot meals a year around the district, but due to logistical issues you have to deliver frozen meals to some clients. For some reason the DHB will not fund these, and so it was heart warming to hear that you subsidise these meals yourselves so that your vulnerable elderly clients can afford them and don't miss out. A great example of the care and compassion you bring to your role."

"You hope to increase communication with current and new medical practices in the district so that they're fully aware of the services you offer and can refer folks to you."

Kind regards, Community Care Lincoln

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Wishing you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year

We have some great new listings hitting the market in 2025 so if you or someone you know is considering a move, get in touch with us to find out more.

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lincoln senior citizens

On the 5th of November we had a great turn out of our Lincoln Senior Citizens at the Lincoln Event Centre to hear our guest speaker. We were lucky to have Tom Steele from Citizens Advice Bureau, who is a great speaker, come along to talk to everyone. He started with a little of his background then talked about the advice CAB can give our members on a variety of topics that may be concerning them. This could range from neighbour disputes or trouble with landlords or maybe a multitude of consumer issues and their rights as a consumer, and if you think you may have been treated unfairly then talk to CAB as they may be able to assist. There were lots of questions and many received some great advice on a variety of issues that clearly concerned them and others. A very worthwhile speaker that was appreciated by members. Then, of course, they had a cuppa with another popular yummy afternoon tea then lots of time to chat with old friends and make some new ones. It was another great get together of like minded folks.

Upcoming Events

Our next event, on the 3rd of December will be the last for 2024. How did that happen again so quick?! Time sure seems to fly by these days. So on the 3rd of December the "Christmas lunch for 2024" will be happening this year at the Lincoln Bowling Club. Please try and arrive by 11.30am to get seated. The lunch is planned to be served at midday – you won't want to miss this, it will be yummy as always. There will of course be some raffles, entertainment and a cuppa or coffee then plenty of time to catch up with friends and maybe discuss what you would like the big fella in the red suit to bring you this year. Sure happiness and good health and time with family and friends will be high on many members' lists, and yes some chocolate for those who are partial to the odd piece. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Contacts: Evelyn on 027 712 7195 or Gloria on 027 434 6554.

lincoln community trust

Lincoln Community Trust AGM



Monday 9 December 2024, 7.30pm

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm on Monday 9 December. Our venue is Lincoln Community Care, 16 Lyttelton Street, Lincoln.

Grant Applications

The Lincoln Community Trust has funds invested for the benefit of the community of Lincoln. Grant applicants should be Community organisations who must reside, ideally pay rates, or operate within the Lincoln Community rating area. Such funds may be distributed twice a year. Applications for such grants may be made at any time but must be in the hands of the Trust by the 31st of March or the 30th of September each year.

Application forms are available from Lincoln Community Care, 16 Lyttelton St, Lincoln or via email from admin@lincolncomcare.co.nz

down by the liffey gallery

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

This month's exhibition is the **annual members show** and it is on from Wednesday 4th December to Sunday 12th January. (Note that the gallery is closed from 23rd December to 7th January). This exhibition features a wonderful range of artworks and sculptures created by 30 members of Down by the Liffey Gallery. This show has a wonderful assortment of styles, colour and subject matter – come explore the world of art!

Opening hours are 11.30am–2.30pm Wednesday and Thursday, 10am–4pm Friday to Sunday.

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December already... It's a busy month but don't forget to pop your feet up, grab a nana rug, some delicious Lab treats and take a load off at The Apollo!

We have some really exciting films releasing here this month, as well as lots of favourites still screening in case you haven't managed to catch them yet – *Lee*, *Wicked*, *Moana 2*, *Heretic* and more!

As 2024 is coming to a close we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the team here at The Laboratory and Apollo Cinema!

A selection of films showing now and coming soon to our little-big screen this month:

RED ONE *Action/Comedy (PG)*

An action-packed globe-trotting Christmas mission featuring a buff Santa, killer snowmen, a powerhouse cast and a whole heap of adrenaline and attitude! Whether you are on the Nice List or the Naughty List this year – you can join the hunt for Santa Claus, Code Name: RED ONE!

Enjoy time out from the silly season madness with this action-comedy blockbuster and watch the new iconic duo – the North Pole's Head of Security (Dwayne Johnson) and the world's most infamous bounty hunter (Chris Evans), team up to save Christmas!

Screening now.

Mufasa: The Lion King *Family/Adventure*

Step into the majestic world of the Pride Lands with this extraordinary photorealistic CGI-animated prequel to the much-loved family favourite *The Lion King*.

Exploring the origins of one of Disney's most beloved characters, Mufasa, this film tells the story of the orphan who would become King. Featuring breathtaking landscapes, a talented voice cast that brings new energy and depth to some new and familiar characters, along with brand new songs that enrich *The Lion King* legacy. *Mufasa: The Lion King* promotes a deep sense of family, courage and of course, the circle of life!

Screening from the 19th of December. See it first at a special preview screening on the 18th of December at 7.30pm!

Paddington in Peru *Family/Adventure (PG)*

The third addition to the beloved Paddington series, this film provides all the warmth, humour & charm of its predecessors. Join Paddington and the Brown family as they visit Aunt Lucy in Peru and follow their hilarious adventures through the Amazon rainforest and Peruvian mountains. A great cast lineup including a hysterical performance by Oliva Colman as the antagonist nun!

Screening from the 1st January 2025.

Available for Private Hires now!

Better Man Biography

The Evolution of Robbie Williams.

Prepare to be captivated by the mesmerising tale of one of music's most iconic voices. *Better Man* is not just a biopic; it's a deep dive into the life, struggles, and triumphs of Robbie Williams where he is portrayed literally as a performing monkey! Let this not deter you, take it from our team who have been fortunate

enough to see it first-hand, it is triumphant! As Robbie himself has quoted: "This is my story but I'm not going to tell it in an ordinary way because I don't see myself as others see me."

Better Man explores the fragile human condition, delving into themes of love, loss, and resilience. It explores Robbie's complicated relationships, battles with mental health, and ultimate redemption. With candid vulnerability, it promises to celebrate his imperfections as much as his brilliance, connecting on a profoundly human level.

This isn't just a movie – it's a celebration of artistry and perseverance. Whether you're a lifelong fan of Robbie Williams or a lover of transformative stories, *Better Man* offers an inspiring, emotional and engaging cinematic experience that stays with you long after the credits roll!

Screening from the 26th of December. See it first at the sneak previews on the 14th and 15th of December!

Sonic The Hedgehog 3 *Action/Adventure*

He's back, you're gonna want to lace up your sneakers for this one! Sonic the Hedgehog returns to the big screen this holiday season in his most thrilling adventure yet. Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before. With their abilities out-matched in every way, Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance in hopes of stopping Shadow and protecting the planet.

Screening from the 26th of December.

Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy *Comedy/Romance*

This one isn't releasing until February, but we are so excited we had to let you know! In anticipation... why not book the cinema for a private screening of one of her first films – a throwback to where she left off! Contact us for more details.

Releasing on the 13th of February 2025.

Would you like to have the cinema all to yourself? You can!

Hire the entire cinema (all 15 seats) for your next special occasion: Work Do's, Children's Parties, Girls Nights and Boys Nights. Whatever the occasion we have you sorted at The Apollo and The Laboratory! For more information or to get a date locked in please email us at: goodparties@thelaboratory.co.nz

Please note we are closed on the 24th, 25th and 26th of December and 1st and 2nd January to give our team a well-deserved break!

What's on at The Laboratory

- Sun 1 Dec Sunday Music Session 3-5pm: *Dalia Thompson*
- Sun 8 Dec Sunday Music Session 3-5pm: *Fly by Night*
- Sun 15 Dec Sunday Music Session 3-5pm: *Hannah May*
- Wed 18 Dec *Carols in the Courtyard*, 6pm.
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Lincoln property market remains strong as summer approaches

As we transition from spring into summer, the local property market remains vibrant and competitive. The warmer months typically signal an increase in market activity, and this year is no different. With longer days and favorable weather, both buyers and sellers are seizing the opportunity to make property moves before the year ends.

Buyer interest remains robust, with steady demand across various property types and we're seeing consistent interest as we head into summer. People are keen to secure homes, and the combination of Lincoln's lifestyle appeal and proximity to Christchurch continues to drive demand.

Lincoln's market benefits from its unique blend of community charm and modern amenities. The town's family-friendly atmosphere, excellent schools, and green spaces attract a diverse range of buyers, from young families to retirees looking for a peaceful setting. As a result, well-maintained and competitively priced properties are selling quickly, often with multiple offers.

Traditionally, the property market slows down as the holiday season approaches, but this year has defied expectations, with steady buyer interest and competitive sales continuing into late 2024.

However, inventory remains a challenge. The supply of homes on the market is still lower than ideal, which keeps competition high and leads to quicker sales. As we move into the final months of the year, the property market shows no signs of significant slowdown, suggesting a positive start to 2025 for both buyers and sellers.

– Tanya Marillier, Property Brokers Lincoln

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Memories of the Lincoln Mill

In delving into our Society archives it would seem we have been looking for a photo of the Lincoln mill since at least 1967! While we continue to follow intriguing leads, we have also collated these recorded memories of Lincoln folk who all remembered watching the mill's huge water wheel as children.

Thelma Gillett lived at the Mill House in Lincoln. Her father, Thomas Hewton, served his apprenticeship as a millwright at his father's flour mill at Waianakarua, near Herbert, Otago. After diverting to motor mechanics, a chance meeting with a fellow millwright brought him to Lincoln and oversight of the mill operation under owner Charles Smith (c.1916). The mill had been converted to gas turbine operation, but remained uneconomic and closed in 1920. Jack Greaves remembered that when the mill closed it was no longer milling flour, only stock foods and was in a rundown state.

Thelma was born in 1916 ... "The first I remember of the mill was as a toddler. I used to love standing watching the mill wheel go around, and I also used to love standing near the water watching the ducks and swans. The bird life was absolutely fantastic there. And of course the lovely willow trees.

... I have no recollections of ever going in the mill. I wasn't allowed near it. There was a portion of ground that I could stand on but I wasn't allowed to go near the water or the mill. When I was bigger, I'd see the horses coming, the farmers and their drays. And they'd have their sacks of grain to be ground up. It was lovely watching the horses after the sacks of grain had been taken off and into the mill." Despite being the mechanic's daughter and later his bookkeeper, her first love was for horses!

"... The water came fairly well up to the front of the mill house. You could go out on the verandah at the front and see the water and then it was on one side of the mill house. There was a big expanse of water there.

... Going to town ... it was a great day's outing. I was allowed to go right to the water's edge and get in the row boat. And Mum would row me up the river among the swans and ducks. It was lovely seeing them all take off. And then she'd tie the boat up at



the railway bridge and we'd walk up the railway line and catch the train to town... that's the footbridge now..."

Our newsletters no. 34-36 record Jack Greaves' (b. 1908) Lincoln memories. "I well remember the big wheel and how slowly it turned in relation to the fast moving belts and pulleys inside the mill. One could go from the mill to the road on North Belt by rowboat or raft...." Jack also remembered all the fish in the deep mill pond.

Girlie Anderson, nee Stoddart, born in 1905, wrote to us in 2001 , "I haven't any photos of the old mill. I can remember going to the mill to have something ground and looking through the works and seeing the big water wheel ... I do remember boating on the river with Uncles Charlie and Harold [Stoddart] and others. I know we went up past the bridge, but not sure how far."

So, the mill and its waterwheel captured in memories, but not on film? We'll keep searching!

We wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy holiday times of sharing (and recording!) memories together. And maybe someone will drop that elusive photo into our Christmas stocking!

– Adriana de Groot, for Lincoln & Districts Historical Society
Email sec.ldhs@gmail.com

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Happy Christmas from Selwyn Community Patrol

Selwyn Community Patrol are based in Lincoln but also cover Prebbleton, Springston, Leeston, Southbridge and Tai Tapu. This year saw the return of the Lincoln University Students Association (LUSA) Garden Party – an event to celebrate the end of the academic year with 2,500 students attending, and 12 performances from acts such as Kaylee Bell, Mitch James, and Coterie.

Back in August, our committee attended a LUSA presentation "Community Impact Mitigation Plan for Garden Party." Due to the increase of people living in the area and the numbers of students, LUSA put in a highly structured plan with food and water stations; non alcoholic beverages; extra activities such as inflatables and outdoor games; portable toilets around the town; free buses; first aiders and extra security with Maori Wardens and Community Patrols; and free pizza to student flats that signed up to 'responsible partying.'

After the presentation we met with Sam Budd, the LUSA Manager and committed to doing special patrols on the day. We then contacted Karen (Patrol Leader – Rolleston) and Alven (Patrol Leader – Halswell) who both committed to helping us with this.

On the day of the Garden Party, between 9am and 9pm, we had ten patrols doing duty (four from Selwyn and three each from Rolleston and Halswell.) We had all three patrol cars patrolling at



the same time. All three patrols stayed connected by using both the mobile phones in the cars as well as the base radio.

The students had an amazing day – an immense variety of costumes and a lot of fun! We had some great interactions with the students and the entire day was extremely positive for everyone – the students, patrollers, and the community.

We are looking forward to helping again in future years, and also at our upcoming events including the Lincoln Christmas Parade on December 14th. Last year we had not only our patrol car but many of our patrollers also dressed as dinosaurs alongside our dinosaur-themed float! As well as a fundraising sausage sizzle. Please do come along and support us. We look forward to seeing you there!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
And have a fabulous **NEW YEAR**
From Selwyn Community Patrol -
Keeping our community safe.
Don't forget to visit our sausage sizzle and watch out for Charlie the dinosaur and his mates at the Lincoln Christmas Parade!
(Saturday 14th December)



MERRY CHRISTMAS
Pete, Sam, Simon and DJ (the company dog) would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you so much for your continued support this year.

We will be closed from Wednesday 25 December for a well deserved break, re-opening Monday 6 January 2025.

For any urgent tyre repairs or replacements needed during our holiday break please call our Leeston branch on 03 324 3709.

Please do be aware there will be call out and holiday fees added where applicable.



HO, HO, HO! Have a great break and enjoyable new year. – Pete & Staff BTC Lincoln.

Tai Tapu Garden Club

Our garden club meets every 3rd Monday at 1pm at Tai Tapu Community Centre.

Flower competitions each month, raffles and afternoon tea, with a variety of garden visits and speakers.

Please contact Lynne Parker (Secretary) on 027 505 9573.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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Another year almost through and it's been one of our busiest in a while! We're looking in the face of well over 350 calls this year.

We recently celebrated our annual honours night and it was a busy one, with many of our crew receiving awards;

3 Year Service Certificate

- QFF Shaun Ellis
- QFF Ben Chambers
- FF Luke Howat

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- QFF Lynden Kees
- QFF Megan Bright

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- SO Richard Olds for 20 years service
- SO Bryce Bisphan for 9 years service
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- SFF Dean O'Connell for 15 years service
- SFF Richard Reid for 15 years service
- QFF Matthew Crone for 7 years service
- QFF Andy George for 7 years service
- QFF Ben Hogan for 7 years service
- QFF Andriy Podolyan for 7 years service
- FF Angeline Hooper for 11 years service
- OS-FF Nick Greene for 7 years service

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- SSO Ian White for 31 years service

Trophies:

- Jim Thorn Trophy (Firefighter of the Year) Given to the firefighter who showed the best effort on the ground at incidents and trainings: **QFF Shaun Ellis**
- Allan and Jenny Kelly Trophy (Loyalty and Dedication) Overall dedication to the brigade as voted by the crew: **QFF Andy George**
- First Stripe Trophy (Rookie of the Year) **FF Josh Hatton** and **FF Hayden Reed** (who are our newest members and already proving their worth!)
- Greenwood Family Trophy (Chief Officer Trophy) For someone who puts in extra work above and beyond: **QFF Ben Chambers**
- Jack Bond Trophy – Watch of the Year: **Green Watch**, led by **SO Bryce Bisphan**
- Retirement gift and trophy presented to **Stephen Paston** for serving 47 years, 2 months, 20 days

An honorary membership presented to **Kim Lack**, wife of Gavin Lack, our brother who we lost on January 4th this year.

Congratulations to all who received awards.

As we get into the festive season, be safe and enjoy. If you need us, call 111 and we'll be there. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all at LVFB.

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Selwyn Diwali: A wonderful celebration!

Selwyn's Diwali Festival lit up Lincoln Domain on the night of Saturday 9 November, as nearly 10,000 attendees enjoyed the traditional 'Festival of Lights' organised by Archna Tandon and Surinder Tandon, Canterbury Indian Women Group and Bhartiya Samaj Canterbury.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who joined us for Selwyn Diwali and made it such a vibrant and joyous occasion, It was truly a rewarding experience, seeing the Selwyn Diwali come to life and we couldn't have done it without all of you after nearly five months of planning, resulting in a successful celebration that highlighted both Indian Heritage and New Zealand's multicultural diversity.

An audience of approximately 10,000 experienced great entertainment covering Indian regional diversity as well as a taste of New Zealand diversity.

We are deeply thankful to our major sponsor Generation Homes Canterbury and supporting sponsors Zealand Immigration, Mayank Sood Mortgage Adviser, Anshul Gupta Harcourts, Kartik Batra – Avon City Mahindra and our funders Selwyn District Council, Selwyn Creative Communities, Ministry of Ethnic Communities, Lottery Grants and Rata Foundation who made this event possible.

A heartfelt thank you to our esteemed guests – Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton, Selwyn Deputy Mayor Malcom Lyall, MP Dr Hamish Campbell, MP Dr Duncan Webb, MP Laura Trask, Canterbury Rural Commander Inspector Peter Cooper and Generation Homes Canterbury MD Evan Beker for honouring us

with their gracious presence. To open the Selwyn Diwali event, guests lit diyas and shared their Diwali greetings.

We had a record number of nearly 40 stage performances involving over 250+ performers – small children to adults who gave great performances. These performances covered Kapa Haka to devotional, classical, semi-classical, contemporary, Bollywood, folk (bhangra, Utrakhand, Kerala, and so on), hip hop, action-filled performances including fashion show.

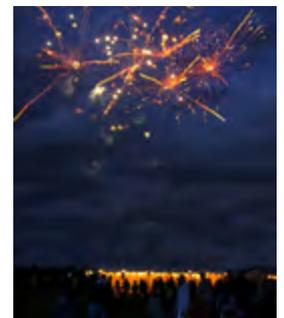
Our fifty wonderful stall holders covered art, activity, business and food. All of them brought colour, flavour and excitement to the night. Attendees got to experience delicious culinary experience of cuisines from India and other parts of the world. Thank you for adding so much fun and spirit to the Diwali celebration! Last but not least, a huge shout out for a spectacular fireworks display

"The Indian community in Selwyn is proud to present a unique event that showcases the incredible diversity of our culture through art, music, dance and food," says Archna Tandon, Chair of Canterbury Indian Women Group, the event organisers.

"We enjoy sharing our culture with the wider community, and Selwyn continues to be very supportive of this festival. We've seen it grow in popularity over the years."

We are incredibly grateful for this beautiful diverse community and their support and cannot wait to celebrate with you again next year.

Follow our Facebook page for more great photos and to join in the countdown for Selwyn Diwali 2025! fb.com/SelwynDiwali



SELWYN RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS

A celebration of businesses sustainable practices

On Friday 1st November over 80 people gathered at the Tai Tapu Community Centre to celebrate prize winners, to receive certificates, and to hear citations regarding the excellent work of all the businesses who participated in the 2024 Selwyn Responsible Business Awards.

The Chair of Lincoln Envirotown began the proceedings by thanking the supporters of the project and of the awards; Lincoln New World sponsored much of the food and Rossendale wines did the same for the wine; the project is largely financed by Waste Management of Selwyn District Council. The major thanks of the evening were to the 62 participating enterprises for their initiatives surrounding the environmental impacts and the community involvement associated with their activities.

The awards are seen as a way of encouraging small businesses to think sustainably and to reward and celebrate their endeavours, and the process is very much geared towards discussions of the issues associated with trying to be as environmentally sustainable as possible and how to benefit the wider community.

The event itself was most enjoyable. Councillor Sophie McInnes presented the certificates and trophies to the many participating businesses who attended, and the assessors' citations made clear the commendable work being done.

The evening was enhanced by two excellent guest speaker presentations. Frank Haakart told us of the journey to restore the



earthquake damaged pub in Hororata – converting the building into a rural place of art learning and exhibition and establishing "The Artist's In" project. Wim de Koning from Lincoln University outlined the exciting plans for the Solar Farm in Lincoln and we at Lincoln Envirotown look forward to joining the University in community engagement as this Lincoln asset grows.

All participants received certificates and the following category winners were recognised:

- Ellesmere – **The Selwyn Cattery**
- Malvern – **Selwyn Rakaia Vets**
- Rolleston – **Pure Collective**
- Education – **Matai Rangatira Glentunnel School**
- Lincoln – **Kapowai Studio**

Special congratulations go to: **Clean Green Laundry** for the Most Inspiring Business Award and **TOCK.earth** who won the Overall Selwyn Responsible Business Awards 2024.

To see a full list of go to www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz



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Kapowai Studio

selwyn timebank

Timebanking is a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages and stages of life to come together and share time and resources. Examples of some of the things our members receive help with are; repairing a bicycle, weeding, window cleaning, creating a CV, baking, transport to the airport, and fixing gardening tools – the list is endless and limitless! We also arrange several events and coffee mornings throughout the year. For more information on the great benefits of timebanking email selwyntimebank@gmail.com.



We are now well into the vegetable growing season, and the plots are filled with thriving plants. The young fruit on our trees indicate that we should have a good crop this season too.

Our annual workshop for gardening beginners, *Veges 101*, was held on 19th October. We encouraged everyone attending to get their hands dirty, but invariably some were keener than others. The young plants are now showing through.



Our penultimate workshop for the year was held on 9th November. The topic was worm farming and was conducted by Elizabeth Lovell, the Sustainability Educator at Selwyn District Council. Elizabeth's engaging personality and thorough knowledge of the do's and don'ts of worm farming made this a highly successful event. Two great hints that I learnt; cut everything up well to enable the worms to do their job, and it is OK to use rhubarb leaves. But worms don't like an acidic environment so avoid adding citrus fruit, onions and tomatoes.



I was happy to contribute to a Lincoln University research project recently to determine how a community garden interacts with the community, how the garden is used, and the benefits that the community receives. My contribution was answering questions in a survey conducted by Yesenia Moreno. I was able to provide a perspective on a range of topics including planning, funding, and management.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of local businesses which helps us to operate. This month I am pleased to report that Southern Woods gave us four raspberry plants, which are growing very well. Here is Mike handing over the plants.



We have been permitted to remove a good load of soil from Lincoln Baptist Church to build up some of our plots. Thank you LBC!

We find that young people are often very enthusiastic to help us in the Community Gardens, and we have hosted numerous groups this year. Our grandchildren, Caleb and Emily from Prebbleton were keen to help in tidying up an area adjacent to the Community Gardens.



The Community Gardens has enjoyed another successful year, thanks to the support of the Lincoln Envirotown Trust, and our volunteers, presenters, and sponsors. Heaps of vegetables were grown, nine workshops were conducted on-site, and presentations on composting were given at two public libraries and a school. I wish our supporters a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

– Ruth Wood, Coordinator, Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens
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Green Fingers Galore - 2025

A Lincoln Envirotown event to celebrate the many keen gardeners in our community, and to promote best practices in vegetable production.

Plan your garden now!

Entries will be accepted up to 1st February. Anyone in the Lincoln area can participate, and there is no entry charge. Entrants purchase their own seeds etc.

Garden visits will take place on 22nd February 2025, to meet and interview the entrants. Assessment criteria will be provided.

Only vegetable gardens will be assessed, not flower gardens, shrubs or fruit trees, unless these are integrated with the garden area.

Green Fingers Galore is not a competition. The emphasis will be on participation and highlighting success, rather than winning.

For more information or to register, email ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz

<http://lincolnenvirotown.org.nz/>



CHRISTMAS CANTASTIC APPEAL

SDC's Christmas Cantastic Appeal is on again this year!

Bring in any non-perishable food items to your local library or community centre before 17 December and we'll donate them to our local Selwyn Foodbanks.

Help us support Selwyn residents in need this festive season!

-Selwyn District Council

Selwyn to begin work to set up a new water services entity

The Selwyn District Council has agreed to progress preliminary investigations and steps towards establishing a council-controlled organisation (CCO) for the districts water services.

Central government is introducing Local Water Done Well legislation to ensure future focused, financially sustainable, community water infrastructure and improvements.

Mayor Sam Broughton says that while Selwyn is in a good position with its current water assets, a CCO would bring new opportunities to manage and fund water services separately from rates for current and future residents.

Under the legislation, a new CCO would be required to be independent, financially sustainable, and subject to environmental and water quality regulations and restrictions.

The Council considered other models, including partnerships with other councils. However, a Selwyn-owned water service provider has emerged as the preferred option to comply with the legislative requirements to deliver a Water Services Delivery Plan by September 2025.

Mayor Broughton says the proposed model will be subject to consultation in early 2025 to ensure Selwyn residents have their say.

"We know that safe, secure drinking water is one of the most important issues for Selwyn residents. We will also protect against any future privatisation of water infrastructure."

The council agreed to establish a Local Water Done Well Strategic committee to develop the new entity's constitution, strategy, statement of expectations, and will hire a board chair to oversee the establishment of the CCO. The budget for the work is \$2 million including funding the development of the Water Services Delivery Plan and the proposed establishment of the CCO.

-Selwyn District Council



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Coming to Lincoln in March 2025!

Our Lincoln High School community is thrilled to announce our upcoming musical is going to be "Little Shop of Horrors" and will be performed from the 26th to the 29th March 2025.

This horror comedy rock musical follows the story of Seymour, a clumsy florist shop worker, who seemingly saves the florist from financial ruin by introducing a most 'unusual and fascinating' plant. Things take a turn for the worse when the flesh-eating and talking 'Audrey 2' plant makes increasingly unethical/unreasonable demands. The musical explores notions of morality, greed and being careful what you wish for.

Bookings have just opened for early bird bookings, with a reduced rate for two sessions, Wednesday and Saturday matinee, if purchased before Christmas.

See Trybooking for further details:
www.trybooking.com/nz/ULX

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Lincoln University and Environment Canterbury sign new Memorandum of Understanding

Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) and Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University have agreed to strengthen their collaboration to better benefit Waitaha.

The Council and Lincoln University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Wednesday 6 November. The MoU builds on the longstanding informal relationships between the two organisations and paves the way for future collaborations and closer cooperation.

The new strategic partnership between the Council and the University will see the two organisations work together on a series of research projects that will have significant and far-reaching benefits for the wider Waitaha region and the communities living within it.

The list of topics earmarked for consideration under the new collaborative approach features many of the major challenges facing land-based sectors in Waitaha and beyond.

Potential joint research projects include: Impacts and mitigations of agriculture on the environment; Farm economics under changing climate, legislation and market forces; Climate change adaptation and mitigation; Resource management planning; Peri-urban planning and management; Waterways management, and many more.

The new partnership will also provide a pathway and motivation for the Council and Lincoln University to collaborate on identifying opportunities for the Canterbury region and developing strategies to capitalise on those opportunities.

Under the new agreement, Environment Canterbury is committed to facilitating and extending the work of the University through co-creation and delivery of research projects, providing training, supervision and resources for suitable student-led research projects, providing work assignments and internships for high-quality student candidates, and contributing expertise to Master's and Doctoral students.

Lincoln University Vice-Chancellor Professor Grant Edwards says the Memorandum of Understanding is a natural fit between

two prominent like-minded organisations that are committed to ensuring a more sustainable future for Waitaha and its residents.

"Lincoln University's purpose is to facilitate excellent research and education in the land-based sectors, to help shape a world that benefits from a greater understanding of the relationship between land, food and ecosystems.

"The efforts of our staff, researchers, students and graduates will directly contribute to advancing agriculture, agribusiness, environmental management, recreation and tourism within the Waitaha region and beyond.

Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University has increased its student population year-on-year since 2018. It is on track to achieve its highest-ever student headcount of 5,000 by the end of 2024. Lincoln is New Zealand's only specialist university focusing on the land-based sectors. It is renowned globally for the quality of its teaching and research programmes, its graduates' high employability, and its outstanding campus experience.

Council Chair Craig Pauling, a Lincoln graduate himself, says Lincoln University and Environment Canterbury have a long-established history of sharing knowledge and expertise, and the new agreement will build on the past to benefit the future.

"It makes sense that, as the regional council, we work closely with a leading learning organisation such as the Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University to benefit us all."

Councillor John Sunkell has been a strong advocate for this MoU, and is thrilled to see it get to this point.

"Those in education, research and innovation can bring so much to our work by way of new ideas and ways of doing things. By working together, we are setting a powerful example of how we can unite to protect our natural world, our land based productive sectors and create a more sustainable future for generations to come."

Utilising technology and community engagement to protect native birds

The battle against introduced pests in New Zealand has been ongoing for decades. Tipping the scales in this war is the introduction of technology and the use of species-specific target tools.

Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University's Professor James Ross has conducted extensive research in this area.

"The three target predators are possums, stoats and rats. In the past, we were losing the fight for the birds, particularly in braided rivers and native forests. Stoats and ship rats climb trees so birds in the canopy and on the ground were vulnerable."

With the introduction of Predator Free 2050 in 2016, 18 landscape-scale projects covering 757,000 hectares are funded by the government through Predator Free Limited.

The Saving New Zealand's Birds report published by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment in 2017 highlighted the importance of this work as Professor Ross explains.

"Four out of five native bird species in New Zealand are endangered with some unable to be moved to offshore islands away from predators. That means managing populations on the mainland which has many challenges. For example, the captive breeding programme for black stilt releases up to 150 juvenile birds



Craig Pauling (left) and Professor Grant Edwards.

Selwyn outpaces national economic trends

every year though the current population in the wild is less than 200 and not growing due to cats, ferrets and hedgehogs.”

The reality, says Professor Ross, is that offshore islands are no longer a solution to re-homing native birds with the land area totalling only 30,000 hectares and the habitat not matching mainland New Zealand. With non-occupied offshore islands no longer a solution, what next?

“We need to inform the public just how dire the situation is and educate them about predator control and the different tools used. A great example of community engagement is in support of Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne Wellington’s wildlife sanctuary. Initially, 140 households began backyard trapping, expanding to four suburbs totalling over 3,000 hectares. Miramar Peninsula in Wellington again is another example – the success of people’s backyard trapping for rats and mustelids allowed the reintroduction of little spotted kiwi.”

To inform the public of the biodiversity and native bird population gains from the Predator Free 2050 programme, Professor Ross says continued funding is needed.

“We need to quantify these gains and share them with the public. Currently, the focus is on pest removal with few resources for monitoring outcomes. Before I retire, I want to continue working in AI, measuring biodiversity and native bird populations.”

Achieving outcomes, such as a 300% increase in kaka on Waiheke Island, is thanks to the success of Predator Free 2050 and the huge leaps in trapping technology.

“We’ve gone from tracking tunnels and other simplistic methods to now using thermal cameras with AI. Traps are often set up in remote areas, so AI allows operators to be sent alerts when the trap is activated or requires maintenance. In the past ten years, the technological development of trapping tools has been really exciting,” says Professor Ross.

In recent research, by Pest Free Banks Peninsula, audio, visual and social lures were added to traps to see if the combination would increase catch rates. The audio lure produces sounds, with an aggressive possum sound found in previous research to be the most effective. LED lights display patterns and reflections while body odours from stoat bedding materials are social lures.

“We tested lures in Banks Peninsula in areas with high and low possum populations. The trials showed audiovisual and social lures used in a trap were significantly more effective than the non-lured sites, doubling the number of possums caught. These are simple devices too, making them cost-effective and easy to attach. We’ve already had lots of interest from the predator-free sites.”

So, what does the future hold for Predator Free 2050? Professor Ross shares next steps are defending areas from reinvasion and expanding to control predators beyond possums, rodents and stoats.

“How do we eliminate rodents that live in many habitats and close to people using control tools that won’t adversely affect non-targets? An exciting project I have been involved with is formulating a rat-specific toxin. This product would be a real game changer. If we keep focusing on species-specific tools, the future looks bright.”

The Selwyn district continues to outpace national economic trends, delivering strong and sustainable growth while fostering opportunities for businesses and residents. Positive indicators across multiple sectors show that Selwyn is bucking the national trend as it grows.



Mayor Sam Broughton said Selwyn’s recent performance reflects the district’s proactive approach to economic development.

“Our economy grew by 0.5% compared to 0% nationally with an encouraging 1.9% growth in the recent quarter. Consumer spending here has risen by 9.3%, against a national increase of 0.5%. These results highlight Selwyn’s resilience and our community and businesses confidence in the district’s future,” said Mayor Broughton.

Significant achievements include strong business and employment growth. New business activity has increased, with business units in Selwyn up 4%, triple the national growth rate, and Selwyn residents in employment rose by 5.9% (1.2% nationwide).

Education and tourism also delivered standout results. Lincoln University saw a 20% surge in enrolments, and annual tourism spending increased by 9.9%, well above the national average of 0.9%.

The Mayor commented that “the momentum we’re seeing today is no accident, and Selwyn’s economic development strategy, Kai Aku Rika, launched earlier this year, will build on this foundation”.

“We’re growing and doing so sustainably, ensuring our community remains a great place to live, work, and visit. Selwyn is—and will continue to be—open for business.”

Alongside housing, non-residential building also continued to buck national trends with a 30.6% rise in the value of non-residential building consents this quarter, contrasting sharply with a 6.4% decline nationwide. Selwyn processed 380 residential consents this quarter, up from 291 in the same period last year. This growth supports housing availability and affordability, with local house values rising 3.4% compared to a national decline of 0.3%, while Selwyn remains more affordable than the national average.

However, challenges remain, Mayor Broughton says.

“Retail and construction sectors have felt the effects of high interest rates, and while unemployment remains well below the national average, recent increases have impacted young people. Applications for the housing register have risen by 4.5%, highlighting the need for additional public housing in Selwyn as we lag well behind comparable districts in terms of Kainga Ora housing. While there is still work to do, our forward-looking approach through Waikirikiri Ki Tua gives us a 50–100 year vision to help ensure Selwyn will continue to provide a stable, innovative, and welcoming environment for sustainable growth.”

–Selwyn District Council

“In the past ten years, the technological development of trapping tools has been really exciting.”

Hi. That was a long hard year, but the Lincoln Voice Committee have been still working away in the background, you may have seen us regularly quoted in the local Selwyn Times and The Press. Somehow it has been busier than ever, and so much has been going on. We will try to summarise the main points here, but you can also check our Facebook page facebook.com/LincolnVoice where we try to collect much of the information relevant to Lincoln planning, and our passions for the environment, road safety, education, and healthy communities. We also have a Facebook Group called 'Lincoln Linked' if you would like to post about anything you think is important. We set it up for more in-depth discussions about Lincoln – it has a small but growing following.

Trees

We have a passion to keep trees, particularly large mature healthy trees. We submitted on the Selwyn District Council recent consultation/survey about trees, as they finally noticed that areas such as Rolleston have very few trees. It is obvious that trees are vital to the environment, for biodiversity, shade, climate change mitigation, and aesthetics. Yes, they do have roots, leaves, etc etc but these issues can be worked around. The catch to that is the cost. If you look at wealthy suburbs – not just here but around the world – they have trees. Look again at poorer areas and you will find a lack of trees because if 'cost' is your only deciding factor, as it is with many of the developers here – then trees/flower beds/green areas will be the first to go.

Council Representation Review

We submitted on the representation review. Having looked at neighbouring Hurunui, Waimakariri and Christchurch – they all positively encourage Community Boards as a way of hearing what local communities' needs are at the Council table. Selwyn wanted the opposite – to remove all Community Boards (we only had Malvern Community Board left) and to reduce the number of Councillors to eight – when we have a bigger population than ever? The eventual result was we feel great, in that all wards kept their Councillor numbers, and Rolleston gained one. The Malvern Community Board was retained. Whilst it may have had a dysfunctional period over the last few years there is potential for them to really be able to represent a very widely spread and rural community. It would be great to see Lincoln or Springs Ward have a Community Board again – What do you think? Malvern pay for theirs with a targeted rate of \$25. Currently there is no community representation for Springs Ward at the Council table as they have disestablished Community Committees and Residents Associations are currently out on their own. There is a chance that one Residents Association from each area – such as the Lincoln one, could have a MOU with Council – is that the way to go?

Emergency Radio Tower in Lincoln Town Square

We managed to arrange a meeting with TAIT, Chorus, SDC, and local business and community representatives. There were shallow promises to look at alternative placements of the tower, and some success was achieved when it was agreed to at least move the tower to the back of the Chorus building so that it was between the building and the carpark – rather than in the very centre of the Council designated 'Town Square.' We made it clear that we were in no way against the tower as it is a vital piece of Emergency Services Infrastructure, but we had expert advice that it could easily be placed in several other far less obtrusive locations. We questioned the need for secrecy around the tower and if it had not been accidentally leaked, it would one day just have 'appeared.' Is

this the way to treat communities? So far, the tower has not been built – but TAIT have generously donated \$40,000 to Lincoln High School to kit out the laboratories of the new Science Block, which is finally underway to being built, which is great news.

Water Tank

We have received information concerning the building of a water tank in one of the subdivisions – it is simply huge and will have an impact on properties that look straight onto it. This was not notified to residents and knowledge of it came from an unknown source – so they also would have woken up to it just appearing there one day. Two issues with this – as well as not knowing about it – it clearly shows the lack of forward planning to supply sufficient drinking water to the ever-growing town, and we should now expect more of them to be appearing. The work around this issue is ongoing. We received documents from an OIA info request, and meanwhile (after they found out) the Council met with residents for a 'conversation.' The outcomes of this so far are that the Council have offered to clad the tank in a different colour material and plant trees around it (this will not make it invisible and will take 20 years for the trees to grow anywhere near sufficient height.)

Fast Track Transport

There is now a \$36.9 million hole in Selwyn Funding for transport and 20 upgrades have been shelved. Somehow the Lincoln Town Centre is suddenly going ahead – after a 10-year delay? In a very rushed announcement at the end of November the community found out about what was starting the very next day! The plan has caused controversy with the removal of the angle parks on Gerald Street; the total lack of consultation; the lack of understanding that the designers had of the Lincoln Community – both student university life and the rural aspects of the town. No consideration was given to residents neighbouring the properties where work has started, and little help was given to those being evicted from their home. On talking to the designers, it was clear that retaining mature trees was not a priority which is sad considering the Council survey and discussion about trees and setting out a tree policy for Selwyn – they do not yet have one.

Fast Track Housing

We have upset Deputy Mayor and Springs Ward Councillor Malcolm Lyall by calling him a 'hypocrite' for crying that the government are 'forcing' development on them. We know that Selwyn Council chose to greedily bypass all planning and chose to take PC69 – Lincoln South – now Earlsbrook – as their own subdivision and rezoned it directly from rural to medium density. His response is that we 'don't understand planning' – and yet we have expert planners, lawyers within our group and even Carters own lawyer clarified the situation at the District Plan Hearings. There will now be another 4,727 homes in Selwyn due to the Fast Track (excluding PC69 which now seems to have gone back up to 2,100) 3,130 in Waimakariri and 528 in Christchurch. Over 5,000 of these are being developed by the Carter Group. This will lead to 12,000 new residents in Selwyn based on an average of 2.9 people per household. 850 houses will be in Ohoka on prime food producing land (the same as PC69 – Earlsbrook) – with no links to any local towns and no infrastructure – at least Waimakariri were sensible and originally declined the development. Earlsbrook does not meet any 'housing crisis' need as they are too expensive. We have always made it clear that we are not anti development, but we are pro planning and acting with the needs of the environment, the future, and the existing community needs in mind.

We have asked for a breakdown of developer contributions by sub-division for Lincoln over the past 10 years. We also asked where they have been spent. We did this through the Official Information Act process. We eventually received a reply after several delays that it would cost us \$2,995 for the Council to find this information for us! Alarm bells most certainly are ringing – and we will not be paying that money as this information should be easily accessible – but we have put in a complaint to the Ombudsman.

Schools

We are hugely concerned about the pressure on all our local schools. This is not only at primary level but even more importantly at high school level. Crowded temporary classrooms have become the norm for many years now but it is not often publicised. The Council and the Community need to advocate more to the Government for better treatment and expansion of education facilities in Selwyn. This needs to also be supported by more organisations to help those families that are struggling to access the help that they need for their children with specific needs. Do any of the planned developments include any type of social housing – this is actually where the housing crisis lies. Is there anything planned for the youth of Lincoln?

Lincoln Envirotown "Focus For Future" Film Festival

We supported Lincoln Envirotown and Dave Fitzjohn with their environmental short movie competition. It turned out to be a great evening this year and was well supported by attendees, and featured some stunning movies from our younger generations.

We are continuing all the above work as well as putting pressure on the Council about safer nitrate levels in our drinking water (a forgotten issue now!) and road safety around our town – we submitted a petition to improve safety on Lincoln roads with 700+ signatures earlier this year. We have amazing media contacts with Selwyn Times, The Press, Stuff and RadioNZ, and continue to work with them to raise the profile and needs of Lincoln community. We are so happy that the Lincoln Town Upgrade is starting but wish that the current Lincoln population had been consulted – and it was not based on a ten-year-old plan that was altered but again not consulted on. We also supported and loved seeing the return of the Lincoln University Garden Party, and we are looking forward to the hugely successful Lincoln Christmas Parade. Please do contact us with any issues or comments as we love to hear from our community.

Thank you for your continued support,

– Regards, Denise Carrick on behalf of all Lincoln Voice Inc.

Email lincolnvoice@yahoo.com
 Facebook facebook.com/LincolnVoice

Ellesmere Badminton Club

Friendly Social Badminton
 Everyone welcome
 Beginners to experienced players

Tuesdays 8.00 – 9.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre
 \$5 per person/night

For more info contact Katinka on 027 32 52 044



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

31 Gerald Street, Lincoln
 Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
 Sunday Mass: 8.30am
 Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 9am

Parish Priests
 Fr Brian Fennessy, M: 027 675 8456
 Fr Chris Orr, M: 027 659 1962

Selwyn Parish Leadership Team Chair
 Tricia Smith Ph: 325 2234
selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com



LIFE CHURCH SELWYN

10am Sundays at Lincoln Event Centre (Meijer Drive).
 All welcome – an intergenerational and multicultural church.
 Life Kids programme available during service.

Campus Pastors: David & Jo Bennetts

Life Church Office:
 1543 Springs Road, Lincoln

www.lifechurch.nz
selwyn@lifechurch.nz



LINCOLN BAPTIST CHURCH

109 Carnaveron Drive, Lincoln

10am Sunday Service
 All welcome.
 An intergenerational and multicultural church

Youth and children's programme available during service.

Life/home groups;
 Youth Groups

Phone: 325 3396
 Email: admin@thelink.nz
www.thelink.nz



LINCOLN ANGLICAN PARISH

Incorporating St Stephen's, Lincoln; St Mary's, Springston; St Mark's, Greenpark and St Paul's, Tai Tapu.

St Stephen's and St Paul's have a weekly service at 10am Sundays. The others meet at 9 or 9.30am, 2–3 times a month.

Contact for more details:
 Polly Warren, People's Warden
 Ph: 321 7370. Mob: 027 8787 643
 Rev. Mark Barlow
lincolnanglican.org



LINCOLN UNION CHURCH

20 James Street, Lincoln

Sunday Service 10am
 Together with God

Sunday School
 10am during term time

Mainly Music 9:15am Wednesdays during term time

All welcome.
 For more information contact:
 Minister: Rev. Phyll Harris
 Ph: 325 2257
www.lincolnchurch.org.nz



LINCOLN CHINESE CHURCH

20 James Street, Lincoln

Sunday Service 2pm

Youth Group:
 Every Friday 6pm–9pm
 (Free meal, Bible study, Group sharing)

All welcome.

Pastor: Charles Yu

Tel: 325 3238
 Mobile: 027 615 9796
 Email: yuf228@hotmail.com



ALL NATIONS BAPTIST CHURCH

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- International Community

Every Sunday at 4pm
 Lincoln Community Care
 16 Lyttelton Street, Lincoln.

Pastor Paul Anger
 Ph: 021 033 7274
 Email: paul.anger@hotmail.com

Lincoln Community News

We welcome stories, listings, articles and news from community groups, organisations and residents of Lincoln and surrounding areas.

For more information or to submit articles, please email:

LCN@selwynprint.co.nz

EVERY SATURDAY: Lincoln Farmers' & Craft Market – On the green beside Lincoln Library. 10am–1pm

November 2024

SATURDAY 30 NOV

Death Café Lincoln
2.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre

December 2024

SUNDAY 1 DEC

Mahoe Reserve Working Bee
2pm–4pm

Pioneer Hall Open Day
Corner Gerald St & Kildare Tce, Open 2–4pm

Liffey Cottage Open Day
James Street, open 2–4pm

Sunday Music Session at The Laboratory
3–5pm, feat. Dalia Thompson

7 & 8 DEC

Selwyn Libraries Book Sale
10.30am–3pm both days,
Te Ara Ātea, Rolleston

SUNDAY 8 DEC

Tee Off at Foster Park
Give golf a go! 12pm–3pm,
Foster Park, Rolleston
For ages 12–24 years

Sunday Music Session at The Laboratory
3–5pm, feat. Fly by Night



TUESDAY 10 DEC

Christmas Crafts
5+ years, 3.30–4.30pm at Lincoln Event Centre,
Koha of items for local food banks appreciated.
Bookings required
events.humanitix.com



THURSDAY 12 DEC

Little Dancing Elves
10.30am–11am at Lincoln Event Centre. Ages 1–5 years.
\$5.20 per child, drop-in.

SATURDAY 14 DEC

Lincoln Christmas Parade & Market



Pioneer Hall Open Day
Discover Lincoln's first library, corner Gerald St & Kildare Tce,
Open 10am–12pm

Movie Night: Home Alone
6.30pm at Selwyn Sports Centre, Rolleston. \$5pp,
\$15 family of four. Tickets:
events.humanitix.com/
family-movie-night-ssc

SUNDAY 15 DEC

Sunday Music Session at The Laboratory
3–5pm, feat. Hannah May

TUESDAY 17 DEC

Get Your Skates On Party
3.30–5pm, Selwyn Sports Centre, \$7.40pp, book via
events.humanitix.com

WEDNESDAY 18 DEC

Carols in the Courtyard
Sing along with a brass band at The Laboratory. Song sheets and mince pies provided! From 6pm

SUNDAY 22 DEC

Sunday Music Session at The Laboratory
3–5pm, feat. Bone & String

SUNDAY 29 DEC

Sunday Music Session at The Laboratory
3–5pm, feat. Hazel Diez

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THURSDAY 2 JANUARY

Jordan Luck Band
1–9pm at Tai Tapu Hotel
Tickets from
www.undertheradar.co.nz



SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

Pioneer Hall Open Day
Corner Gerald St & Kildare Tce, Open 2–4pm

Liffey Cottage Open Day
James Street, open 2–4pm

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

Teddy Bears' Picnic
10.30am–1.30pm at Brookside Park, Rolleston

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

Lunar New Year Crafts
Celebrating the year of the Snake, 3.30–4.30pm at Lincoln Event Centre, all ages.
Bookings required
events.humanitix.com

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

Emergency Services Family Fun Day
11am–3pm, Rolleston Community Centre

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

Chalk Art Competition
at Lincoln Event Centre, 3.30–4.30pm, free to enter
events.humanitix.com

Future Events

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Kite Day
11am–3pm, Foster Park

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Lincoln Picnic in the Park
5–7pm, Lincoln Event Centre

SATURDAY 1 MARCH

Selwyn Sounds
Lincoln Domain



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Contact: Richard Boyce, phone 027 7141 324 or 325 2279
or Alex Hayward, phone 324 4094. Email lionspeastraw02@gmail.com
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useful contacts

Art Group of Lincoln	Faye 347 3399	Lincoln Scouts	021 258 5680 (text)
Community Garden	021 074 3905	Lincoln Table Tennis Club	325 7694
Death Café Lincoln	020 425 0369	Lincoln Tennis Club	lincolntennisnz@gmail.com
Down by the Liffey Gallery	325 2877	Lincoln Women's Institute	741 1549
Ellesmere Badminton Club	027 325 2044	Mother4Mother	357 4970
Ellesmere Indoor Bowls	325 3143	Rotary Club of Lincoln	029 999 8330
Ellesmere Probus Club	325 6165	Selwyn Lions	325 7957
Junior Enviro Action Group	027 307 0767	Selwyn Parenting Network	021 166 8603
Kaituna Golf Course	027 477 9425	Senior Citizens Club	027 712 7195
Liffey Toastmasters	027 955 7996	SeniorNet	027 547 4793
Lincoln Badminton Club	347 9707	Spinning/Knitting Group	325 3320
Lincoln Bowling Club	325 2289	Springs Day Club	329 5634
Lincoln Bridge Club	325 3222	Springston Evening Garden Club	344 5781
Lincoln Business Assn	325 2039	Springston Garden Club (daytime)	325 5002
Lincoln Community Care	325 2007	Tai Tapu Garden Club	329 6268
Lincoln Community Committee	021 171 1054	Time Banking	423 0456
Lincoln Cricket Club	029 240 0093	Toy Library	021 044 2407
Lincoln & Districts Historical Soc.	325 3320	U3A Ellesmere	028 415 4961
Lincoln Envirotown	329 5858	Community Dental	0800 846 983
Lincoln Farmers Market	329 5757	Healthline	0800 611 116
Lincoln Girl Guides	027 462 8871	Lincoln Comm. Response	325 7732
Lincoln Golf Club	325 2453	Lincoln Library	347 2876
Lincoln ICONZ	347 8722	Lincoln Maternity Hospital	325 2802
Lincoln Indoor Bowls	347 3212	Lincoln Police	378 0160
Lincoln Masonic Lodge	349 9905	Lincoln Fire Station	325 2801
Lincoln Men's Shed	260 1348	Nurse Maude	375 4200
Lincoln Netball Club	lincolnnetballsecretary@gmail.com	Selwyn Community Patrol	660 0320 info@selwyncommunitypatrol.org.nz
Lincoln Outdoor Bowls	325 2289		
Lincoln Patchwork and Quilting	021 129 2833		
Lincoln Plunket	325 2179		
Lincoln Rugby Club	027 303 1879		

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community notices

Springston Garden Club (Day)

Springston Garden Club meets on the first Thursday of the month, 1.30pm at the Lincoln Events Centre. We have a variety of interesting speakers, raffles, sales table, and garden tours with like-minded gardening enthusiasts. New members welcome. If you are an experienced gardener, novice or just curious to know more please contact Sue Warman, (Secretary) on 027 303 2706 or springstongardenclub@gmail.com.

Lincoln Spinning & Knitting Group

The Lincoln Spinning and Knitting Group is now meeting at Lincoln Library on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 11am to 1pm. All welcome to join our small, friendly group. For more information phone Adriana on (03) 325 3320 or Rosemary on (03) 337 4811. Find us on Facebook by searching 'Lincoln Spinning & Knitting Group – Canterbury, N.Z.'

Lincoln Scottish Country Dance Club

The Lincoln Scottish Country Dance Club meets in the Lincoln Events Centre, Meijer Drive, from 7.30pm on Tuesdays. Looking for fun, friendship and fitness? Then come along for a look as the first night is free. New members are most welcome as full tuition is given and a partner is not essential. For any further information, contact Annette (03) 349 7126 or Coreen (03) 344 2057. Email: lincoln@dancescottish.org.nz

St Patrick's Craft and Friendship Group

Join a small, friendly group of people, who either bring along a current craft project or come just for friendship and afternoon tea. Current group members include knitters, embroiderers and sewers so they can teach others or help with any problems. Everyone is welcome to come along. The group meet in St Patrick's Parish Centre, which is joined to St Patrick's Catholic Church at 31 Gerald Street, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm every Tuesday. For more information contact Yvonne on (03) 366 9795 or 027 334 1151.

Lunar New Year Crafts

Thursday 23 January, 3.30pm at Lincoln Event Centre

Celebrate the Year of the Snake! Come dressed in red or traditional Chinese attire to bring good luck. This family-friendly event will be filled with cultural games, hands-on craft activities, and learning opportunities. Discover your own Chinese zodiac animal and share the knowledge with your whānau as you explore the fascinating folk stories behind each zodiac sign. All ages welcome. This is a free event with limited seats – please register your spots through events.humanitix.com.

Lincoln Bridge Club Free Beginners Lessons

Tuesday evenings 7.30–9.30pm. Lincoln Event Centre
Contact Stuart on 325 3222.

Lincoln Bridge Club is a friendly, social club playing Duplicate Bridge. The club meets on Monday afternoons at the Event Centre from 1.30–4.30pm and on Thursday evenings from 7.00–10.30pm.





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