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WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER ISSUE

At our AGM on 14 September, Lindsay Wilson stepped down from the Lincoln Community & Residents Association (LCRA) committee and did not seek re-election, putting his faith in the new committee to carry the torch.

Lindsay has not only served as Chair of LCRA, but has also been a dedicated committee member for many years, including before the Association was disestablished by Council in 2024. While Lindsay is no longer on the committee, he won't be disappearing completely! He will still be around offering advice and assistance with various tasks, including looking after the flag tracks and newsletter distribution.

We would like to sincerely thank Lindsay for his many years of service, commitment to LCRA and dedication to our community. We wish him all the best and look forward to seeing him around Lincoln.

At our AGM, an attendee asked how we could go about getting a hospital for Selwyn. We now have an after-hours medical service in Rolleston, open until 8pm, reaching capacity well before closing the first weekend it opened. Having recently needed to use the 24-hour service on Madras Street, the question of how we provide better access to hospital-level care closer to home has certainly been on my mind.

I'd love to hear your thoughts on how we could create some positive tension around this issue — whether that means a petition, rallying the community, engaging with decision-makers or simply building momentum towards making it happen. We're here to advocate for our community, and a hospital is a big goal that will require collective effort to achieve, or at least to seriously explore. With local elections coming up, perhaps it is also time to put the question to our candidates and see what they have to say. What would you like to see us do?

We would also like to recognise and thank our sponsors for their continued support of Lincoln Local, including those who allow us to use their businesses as collection points. You may have noticed some new businesses advertising in recent issues. We thank all our new and returning advertisers for trusting us to connect them with our community. A special thank you also goes to Justine Holmes Design and Craig Crawford for their time and effort in helping put the newsletter together.

Looking ahead to October, we have Diwali, Swell!, Gin Tasting at the Lab, warmer weather, longer days and Labour Weekend. Our main road is also one step closer to completion. We know there are still Stages 2 and 3 to go, but each day brings us closer!

We look forward to connecting with you soon.

Tanya Douglas
On behalf of the Lincoln Community & Residents Association Committee

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Other Committee Members
Tanya Douglas (Treasurer), Peter Gormley (Secretary), Neale Elder, Kathryn Claridge, Ralph Scott.



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7pm, Monday 12th October
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SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

Culturefest 2026

Culturefest was absolutely brilliant – seeing so many families come together to celebrate our community's diversity never gets old.






Lincoln High School Showcase

On Tuesday, 15 September, the Lincoln High School Dance Team hosted its annual showcase to a record-breaking audience. The evening was a resounding success, featuring exceptional performances by the LHS Dance Team alongside talented guest acts from Rolleston College and the LHS Year 9 dance class. The night also served as a heartfelt farewell to Year 13 leaders Cartier Dann and Hayley Hopkins. As stellar dance leaders, they have played a pivotal role in the growth and success of the LHS Dance Team, and their dedication will be greatly missed





Photo credit: Toby De Silva

Ararira Spring Primary School Wild West Quiz Night (including cover photo)

Ararira Springs Primary held their annual Quiz night as a community event which once again was a sellout. This year the theme was 'Wild West' with a prize for best dressed team along with prizes for the winning quiz team. A group of hard working parent volunteers organised and ran the event with our usual Quizmaster, Chris, for generously giving his time once again to support fundraising for our kura. Always a highlight in the school calendar for parents, a fantastic night was had by all. Thanks to all of the local community businesses who donated prizes and resources to make this a success.







LINCOLN FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL HONOURS & AWARDS NIGHT

2026 is chugging along and we're on average 70 calls less than this time last year, but we can't be complacent because if the weather is due to get as hot as predicted over Summer, we could be in for a busy one – more on that soon...

Saturday 12 September was our annual Honours & Awards night, where members of the brigade received their service honours and brigade awards (totaling 335 years of collective service). Congratulations to all recipients (and thanks to families/employers too!).

United Fire Brigades Association awards:
3 Year Service Certificate awarded to FF Josh Hatton.
5 Year Service Medals awarded to QFF Ollie Bergquist, QFF Ben Chambers, QFF Shaun Ellis & FF Sam Wilson.

2 YEAR SILVER BAR
(Every 2 years after 5 Year Medal):
SO Richard Olds total service 21 years
SFF Bruce Reid total service 21 years
FF Kelvin Green total service 21 years
SFF Dale Hermiston total service 15 years
SO Eric Bergquist total service 13 years
FF Angeline Hooper total service 13 years
QFF Ben Hogan total service 11 years
QFF Matthew Crone total service 9 years
SFF Andy George total service 9 years
OS Nick Greene total service 9 years
QFF Megan Bright total service 7 years
QFF Lynden Kees total service 7 years

LONG SERVICE, GOOD CONDUCT
(Medal at 14 years and clasps awarded every 7 years after)
Receiving a 1st clasp for 21 years service:
DCFO Tim Quinlivan
SFF Bruce Reid
SO Richard Olds
FF Kelvin Green

2 YEAR GOLD BAR
(Every 2 years after 25 Year Gold Star Medal):
OS-SFF Gavin Gibbens total service 39 years
SSO Ian White total service 33 years

BRIGADE AWARDS

OS-SFF Gavin Gibbens received the Greenwood Family (CFO) Trophy for someone who puts in extra work above and beyond.

SO Eric Bergquist received the Allan & Jenny Kelly Trophy for Loyalty & Dedication to the brigade.

QFF Ben Chambers received the Jim Thorn Trophy (Firefighter of the Year), given to the firefighter who showed the best effort on the ground at incidents and trainings.

Green Watch awarded the Jack Bond Trophy for Watch of the Year by his 2 yr old Great-Grandson Jack Bond Junior. (Comprising of SO Eric Bergquist, SFF Andy George, SFF Dale Hermiston, SFF Harry Shaw, QFF Ollie Bergquist, QFF Julie Chapman, FF Kelvin Green, FF Josh Hatton and RCFF Holly Manders.)

A handful of businesses also supported our night with donations of equipment or services. Thank you to:

- **Kelly Shakespeare Photography** for taking our two yearly brigade photo prior to the event (was like herding cats) (www.kellyshakespearephotography.co.nz)
- **Blacklight Lighting Sound Video** for supplying a PA system (www.blacklightgroup.co.nz)
- **CoolTranz** for supplying a chiller truck for the bar (www.cooltranz.co.nz)
- **Southern Ice Distributors Ltd** for keeping our beverages cold (www.southernice.co.nz)
- **Selwyn Life Church** for use of a stage (www.lifechurch.co.nz/selwyn)

The night was later cut short by a house fire, but a snappy response by our duty crews who quickly responded.

As we get closer to Summer and the weather warms up, make sure if you're planning a burn off that you visit checkitsalright.nz. Do your due diligence and ensure it's the correct season, make sure the weather is suitable, have the means to extinguish, especially if the burn off does get out of control (which we hope it won't).

Come give us a follow at facebook.com/lincolnfirebrigade and for more in depth info on fire safety and callouts, see www.lincolnfire.org.nz.

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Senior Firefighter Andy George



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PEOPLE OVER 70 SHOULD NOT DRIVE ON PUBLIC ROADS, OR SHOULD THEY?

Driving is a privilege that carries enormous responsibility. Every driver must be able to react quickly, see clearly, make sound decisions and control a vehicle safely in changing circumstances. As people grow older, however, physical and mental abilities can gradually decline. Therefore, there is a strong argument that people over the age of 70 should no longer be permitted to drive on public roads, even when they believe they are perfectly safe drivers. A human might say “Rather than waiting for someone else to decide when you should stop driving, why not take control yourself by proactively checking your confidence, skills and readiness to keep driving safely?”

According to traffic safety data, drivers over the age of 70 have higher rates of fatal crashes per km travelled compared to middle-aged drivers, second only to young, inexperienced drivers. Additionally, older adults are physically more fragile, making them significantly more vulnerable to severe injury or death when involved in an accident.

One of the greatest problems with older drivers is that declining ability is not always obvious to the person experiencing it. Reaction times can become slower, eyesight and hearing may deteriorate, and judging the speed or distance of approaching vehicles can become more difficult. Strength, flexibility and coordination may also decline. A driver may genuinely feel completely capable while being less able to respond to an unexpected hazard than they were when younger.

Confidence can itself become a problem. Someone who has driven safely for fifty years may believe that their experience makes them exceptionally safe. Experience certainly has value, but it cannot completely compensate for slower reactions, impaired vision or reduced concentration. Modern roads can also be demanding, with heavy traffic, complex intersections, cyclists, pedestrians and increasingly sophisticated vehicle technology.

There is also the question of medication and health. Many older people take medicines that can cause drowsiness, dizziness or confusion. Although these effects may be mild, they can become significant when someone is operating a vehicle. A sudden medical episode behind the wheel can have devastating consequences.

Stopping everyone over 70 from driving would undoubtedly be controversial and would affect many competent and responsible people. It could also reduce independence, particularly for those living in rural areas where public transport is limited. Nevertheless, road safety involves protecting the entire community, not simply preserving an individual’s independence.

The argument is that the risks associated with ageing are sufficiently serious to justify a clear and simple rule. Once a person reaches 70, they have had a long and productive period of driving and should be required to retire from driving on public roads.

BUT if you want a balanced view on the risks of you driving and tips for safer driving come to the Age Concern Canterbury Staying Safe Driving refresher course.

Kind regards
Community Care Lincoln

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Age Concern Canterbury Staying Safe Driving Refresher Course

10am – 2pm, Monday 19th October
@ Lincoln Community Centre, 16 Lyttelton Street, Lincoln

This theory-based course, run in association with NZTA and NZ Police (a local Police Officer from the Road Safety Unit gives a presentation), offers practical tips, simulated scenarios, and personalized feedback, empowering us older drivers to maintain our independence while ensuring our driving is as safe as possible. A light lunch is provided (a donation is welcome).

In brief the course covers the following themes:

- **Keeping safe** Assessing your driving safety and how ageing affects driving safety.
- **Being safe** Key factors affecting driving safety, recognising the effects of adverse driving conditions, decision making and route planning.
- **Safe journeys** Intersections and give way rules, roundabouts, open road driving and busy roads.
- **Driver licence** Renewal process

This course is very popular, and numbers are limited. To secure your place please contact Charlie Hudson, chudson@ageconcercan.org.nz or 03 331 7808 or Sally Heslop, admin@lincolncomcare.co.nz or 03 325 2007



MOTORCYCLE CRASH PREVENTION AND FIRST AID WORKSHOP

Calling all motorcycle riders! Learn how to reduce your crash risk and gain the skills to respond confidently in an emergency. The session will cover: Crash prevention strategies, scene management, emergency response, life-saving first aid training and realistic practical scenarios. A light lunch and first aid kit is included.

9am – 3pm, 17 October @ Lincoln Event Centre. Event presented by Rider Down NZ and supported by the Selwyn District Council Road Safety Team

Free to attend, bookings required. www.selwyn.govt.nz/news-and-events/events/motorcycle-crash-prevention-and-first-aid-workshop



YOUR COMMUNITY PATROL – LOOKING OUT FOR YOU

Our patrol are out and about in your community most days. Often you won't see us as we are out late at night but with the lighter days you will see us patrolling around. We have been asked particularly to check on areas with playgrounds during after school hours as we do have some young people who are not behaving in a way that is great for the rest of the community. Everyone has a right to feel safe and be able to walk around and not be sworn at!

In Lincoln and our surrounding areas that we cover we are quite lucky to have a low crime rate but there are many other situations that we come across. For example garage doors left open; public property left unsecured; road traffic incidents and this week a fire. With the forecast weather this summer, fire is going to be a real risk particularly in our more exposed and rural areas. So here is a quick summary of ways to make your property safer and be prepared should an event happen in your neighbourhood.



To protect your rural property from wildfire and property fires:

- **Clear a safety zone:** Remove long grass, trees, and heavy debris within 10 metres of your house. Ensure your driveway is at least 4 metres wide and 4 metres high for fire engines. Thin trees and space out crowns between 10 and 30 metres away.
- **Maintain roofs and gutters:** Clean pine needles, dead leaves, and debris from roofs and spouting regularly.
- **Store firewood safely:** Keep stacked firewood and other flammable materials safely and away from homes.
- **Display your RAPID number:** Ensure your Rural Addressing Property Identification number is clearly visible from the road so emergency services can find you fast.
- **Check the fire danger:** Visit *Check It's Alright* to check current fire seasons, rules, and to apply for a burn permit before lighting fires.
- **Work smart on hot days:** Try to avoid using machinery that creates sparks (like welders, chainsaws, or mowers) near dry grass during hot, windy, or peak afternoon conditions.
- **Equip your gear:** Carry a dry powder fire extinguisher, water knapsack, or shovel when operating machinery in high-risk rural conditions.
- **Secure water sources:** Maintain an accessible static water supply (such as a tank, pond, or pool) with clear signposting for firefighting use.
- **Provide couplings:** Ensure compatible fittings or fire engines.





JUNIOR CHEFS OF AOTEAROA

Junior Chefs of Aotearoa is all about getting Kiwi kids into the kitchen and teaching them a skill they can carry with them for the rest of their lives.

I started working with young cooks back in Rotorua in 2016. What began as a local idea grew into something much bigger, and over the years we have had some amazing young chefs come through the programme. For me, it has never just been about finding the best cook. I want kids to learn where their food comes from, how to make something from scratch, how to work together and, most importantly, have the confidence to cook for themselves and their families.

Since moving to Canterbury, we have continued that journey with our free kids cooking classes. The response has been incredible. Hundreds of children have registered, showing us there is a real appetite for something like this.

Junior Chefs is coming to Rolleston

Our next Junior Chefs of Aotearoa show will take place in Rolleston from 11–18 February 2027, and we are looking for young chefs aged 8–13. This time you won't be cooking alone. Junior Chefs is a team competition, with two kids in each team. Find your best mate, brother, sister or favourite buddy chef and start thinking about what you could cook together. We will select 10 teams to take part in the show.

Throughout the competition, teams will take on different challenges, including a mystery box, breakfast challenge, gourmet burger challenge and a very special challenge where they will prepare a family meal for our emergency services. There will also be a charity challenge where the kids will choose a cause they care about and see how much they can raise. The final four teams will then face one last challenge — cooking a complete three-course meal.

Where do we want to take Junior Chefs?

We have much bigger plans for Junior Chefs of Aotearoa. Our goal is to keep growing the free cooking classes and eventually take them to more communities around New Zealand. We also want to grow the competition into a proper national children's cooking show. The dream is to eventually film Junior Chefs of Aotearoa for television and give young Kiwi cooks a platform where the whole country can see what they are capable of. I'd love to see kids from small towns, big cities and different backgrounds cooking alongside each other and representing their communities. And who knows where some of these young chefs might end up in another 10 or 20 years?

That's what makes this exciting. It isn't only about creating future chefs. It's about teaching kids something they will use for the rest of their lives.

Registrations are now open through The Bicycle Thief website.

If you're 8–13 years old, find your buddy chef and get ready. Two kids. One team. We can't wait to see what you can cook. Let's get Kiwi kids cooking.

Chef Deep
Junior Chefs of Aotearoa



Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln teachers (from left): Shabana Shareef, Lou Combe, Cam Dudley and Joyce McHerron (former teacher who now relieves). Absent Fiona Antonovich.

A PLACE TO PLAY, LEARN AND GROW

For many Lincoln families, Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln has been much more than a kindergarten. Since opening its doors in the 1980s, it has become an important part of the local community, welcoming children from whānau across the district and enjoying the support of parents, grandparents and the wider community. The kindergarten also has a special connection with the local Rūnanga, having been gifted the additional name Ori Piu Piu.

Today, the kindergarten's four teachers bring more than 80 years of combined experience to their work, creating a place where tamariki are encouraged to explore, discover and learn at their own pace.

At the heart of the kindergarten's philosophy is a simple idea: 'play, play, play'. Within its calm yet busy indoor and outdoor spaces, tamariki engage in meaningful learning through creativity, curiosity and play. Each day provides opportunities for children to follow their interests, contribute their ideas and take an active role in their learning. In doing so, they develop confidence, independence and capabilities that will support them throughout their lives. As Kaiako Matua (Head Teacher) Cam Dudley explains, "Here at Lincoln, we try to let the kids have as much uninterrupted play as we can. We view their play as very important mahi and we love to have a lot of fun whilst we do this. So laughter, hugs, high fives, joy and lots of celebrations happen as well. Working alongside families and being part of the community is a privilege we value deeply as kaiako, and never take for granted."

The kindergarten is fortunate to have an exceptional outdoor environment, with generous space for tamariki to explore, investigate and flourish. Learning doesn't stop at the kindergarten gates, either. The children regularly venture beyond their leafy, hedged sanctuary to explore Mahoe Reserve across the road, visit local community gardens and discover Lincoln's ever-changing landscape.

Environmental learning has long been an important part of the kindergarten's identity. Lincoln was one of the very first Enviroschools, this means the kindergarten has an ongoing commitment to environmental leadership and putting sustainable practices into action.

Over the years, the teachers have noticed significant changes in the community around them. In the early days, the kindergarten was attended largely by children from rural families, many of whom had access to large properties and plenty of space to explore. Today, with Lincoln's growth and the development of smaller residential sections, many children have less opportunity to experience that kind of outdoor environment at home. The kindergarten helps fill that gap, providing a safe and stimulating space where children can run, explore, get curious about the natural world and simply have the freedom to play.

Ask the teachers what makes Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln special and their answer is immediate — the relationships. It is the strong connections with the community, the environment and local schools that make the kindergarten such an important part of Lincoln. With children going on to at least 10 neighbouring schools, those relationships continue long after they leave the kindergarten.

After decades of welcoming Lincoln families through its doors, Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln continues to provide something that remains just as important today as it was when it first opened — a place where children can play, explore, build relationships and develop a lifelong love of learning.

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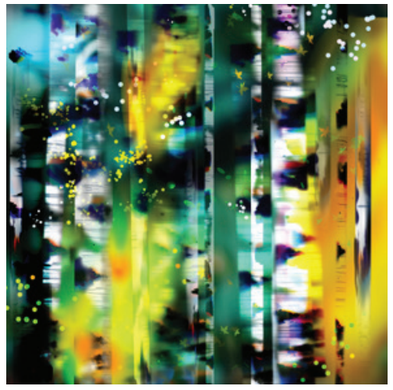
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This month's exhibition *'A Balancing Act of Colour & Form'* is on display from 8th October to the 1st November and features **Rebecca McMaster, Maya Wypych and Willy Roberts**. These talented artists' works explore abstract art through their individual styles and colours. Explore the beauty of this bold and abstract exhibition.

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



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FRENCH TOAST WITH CARAMEL APPLES

Quick and easy and perfect for dessert or brunch.

Caramelised Apples

2 Granny Smith apples peeled and cut into thick wedges/ slices
1 Tablespoon butter
2 Tablespoons brown sugar

Heat butter in small frying pan and cook apples till just starting to get soft. Add brown sugar, stir and let simmer on low while making the French Toast.

French Toast

4 slices brioche or any slightly stale bread
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk or cream
1 tsp vanilla
pinch of salt
butter, for frying

Mix the egg, milk, vanilla and salt in a shallow bowl. Heat butter in a large frying pan.

Dip bread in egg mixture and coat well, then fry on medium till golden brown. Keeps well in a warm oven if you are doing a bigger batch.

Top toast with the warm golden apple and serve with ice cream or cream.





LINCOLN ENVIROTOWN COMMUNITY GARDENS

Apple tree pruning

Our annual apple pruning workshop was postponed for one week because of unsuitable weather. (It is unwise to prune fruit trees in damp or wet conditions because this can infect the tree with diseases.) The second Saturday was an improvement and we went ahead, but the workshop was more talk than action.

The mantra for pruning fruit trees is that a small bird should be able to fly through it. Thin shoots and branches that cross can be removed. Avoid excessive pruning however; the experts advise cutting back vigorous shoots by about one third. To maintain your apple tree, cut the tree back by a quarter of its size each year in winter. If you do prune your tree back too much each season, you will end up with lots of growth, but no fruit and may have to wait two years for the new growth to start producing fruit.

Our young helper is Te Ata Kohurangi Hamilton. She visits the Community Gardens regularly after her mother collects her from school. Te Ata Kohurangi said “I like coming to the gardens because they look beautiful and I like being in nature.”

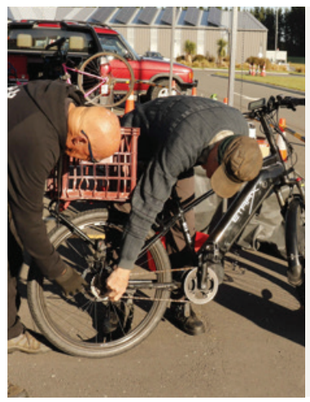
Soil pH testing

Recently, Roger McLenaghen, assisted by Josie Mazzetto and Hannah White, from Lincoln University Department of Soil Science, conducted a soils workshop. There were 23 participants, attracted by the opportunity to have their garden soil pH tested. A wide range of results (pH 4 – 8) was obtained. For most vegetables and other plants, a pH of around 6.5 is optimal, i.e.. slightly acidic. This pH enables plants to easily absorb essential nutrients in the soil such as phosphorus, calcium and magnesium. If the pH is wrong, the plant will not thrive, even if the soil is rich in nutrients. Most vegetables will tolerate a pH range from 5.5 to 7.5, but for brassicas an acidic soil (below 6.0) triggers a serious fungal disease called clubroot.

- To raise the soil pH (make it less acidic) – add garden lime
- To lower the soil pH (make it more acidic – add elemental sulphur, pine needles or ammonium sulphate

Hannah is commencing a Masters project at Lincoln University, focusing on the soils in the Te Whariki subdivision. Residents of this area are invited to contact Hannah to have their soil tested at no cost. If you are interested, please email me (ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz) with your name and address details, and ‘Te Whariki project’ in the subject line.

Ruth Wood
Coordinator, Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens
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Repair Café Returns to Rolleston

10am – 1pm, Saturday 10 October (Items must be collected by 2pm).
@ Rolleston Community Centre

Got a toaster that’s lost its spark, a bike gathering dust, or a favourite t-shirt coming apart at the seams? Don’t throw it out – bring it along to the October Repair Café! Skilled volunteers will be on hand to help troubleshoot and fix household appliances, computers, clothing and textiles, bikes, general items, and garden machinery like lawnmowers and line trimmers.

Registering beforehand with a description of your item helps volunteers prepare the right tools — but drop-ins are welcome too. Register at events.humanitix.com/repair-cafe-oct-26
Cost: Free. Questions? Contact Dave at Lincoln Envirotown Trust: 03 423 0445 or projectmanagerlet@gmail.com



Selwyn Trap Library

10am – 12pm, Saturday 31 October (usually open on the last Saturday of every month.
@ Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market

Come and see us for free trap hire and bait and location advice. We will lend you the right type of trap to remove pests like rats, hedgehogs, possums, and stoats.

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



Garden Workshops

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

VEGES 101
10.30am – 12pm, Saturday 31 October
A vegetable gardening workshop for beginners.
events.humanitix.com/veges-101-2026

STARTING & MAINTAINING A WORM FARM with Ben Hogan
10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 7 November
This beginner’s workshop is suitable for all ages. Worm farming is a great way to turn your organic waste, such as kitchen scraps, into rich fertiliser for your garden, in the form of worm castings and worm tea and will cover how to maintain and troubleshoot common worm farm problems and mistakes.
Koha donation greatly appreciated. See events.humanitix.com/veges-101-2026

KNOWING YOUR SOIL – IMPROVING ITS ATTRIBUTES & HEALTH with Dr Sally Price
10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 28 November



Clothes Swop

7pm – 8.30pm, Tuesday 1 December @ Lincoln Event Centre

Refresh Your wardrobe —for free. Swap clothes you no longer wear for something you’ll love. Drop your clothes off in advance at one of our collection locations, and you’ll be given a VIP ticket — giving you and a friend early entry before doors open to the public.

Free, full details on events.humanitix.com/clothes-swap-2026

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

SELWYN LIONS CLUB

September's meeting was a special one, with District Governor Alastair Rankin joining us. He inducted our newest member, Ingrid, and presented Jane and Lois with a badge and Certificate of Recognition from California, USA, for their month-long Helen Keller centennial display at Lincoln Library. The highlight was the presentation of the prestigious Melvin Jones Award to our Catering Coordinator, Helen A., recognising her community impact and contribution to the Club since 2017. Helen's dedication, generosity, leadership and exceptional catering skills make her a much-valued member of our Lions family. Congratulations to all four recipients.

Selwyn Schools' Speech Competition

Our annual Speech Competition for Year 7 and 8 students from the Selwyn Principals Association cluster was hosted this year by Ararira School in Lincoln. Now in its 17th year, the competition showcased an impressive standard, with students speaking confidently on thought-provoking topics, often with a touch of humour.

Our thanks to Ararira School, the guest judges and everyone who supported the students.

Dunsandel Bowls Tournament

Our annual Dunsandel Bowls Tournament fundraiser was another great success, with perfect weather, excellent bowling and fantastic prizes and raffles organised by Barbara P. and Jo. Helen A. and her catering team provided another delicious spread, while we thank Dunsandel Bowling Club for the use of their facilities and all our generous prize and raffle donors.

Selwyn Lions Club QUIZ NIGHT
7pm, Monday 19 October @ The Rock Rolleston

Have you booked your table yet? If not, you had better be quick – there's a limit of 18 tables, great prizes to be won and some awesome raffles – so don't forget your cash. Gather up your family, friends, neighbours or workmates and join the fun.

$10pp. $40 for a team of four. $60 for a team of six. Register your team, call Helen on 021 235 3879. Payments can be made online to The Lions Club of Selwyn Charitable Trust. Account No: 03-1553-0026360-00. Please note your team name in the 'Particulars' and how many in your team as the 'Reference'. You have to be in to win!!

MENSSHED LINCOLN







At Lincoln Men's Shed we're starting to prepare items for display and sale at our stall at Lincoln Christmas parade (yes, only eight weeks away). Items for sale include rustic signs like the ones shown below, or we can take orders for custom signs. Other items for sale include a tiny wooden car, child's table and chairs, carts. If you have any specific requests we are more than happy to discuss.

We're also working on the usual range of projects, including sharpening garden tools and repairing furniture. We've completed a number of projects for Ararira Springs Primary School. One of our current projects is making cutout feathers and disks for the school for art installations.

We are currently open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm – 4pm. Feel free to come along when we are and see what we are about and join us for afternoon tea.

For further information:
lincolnmensshed.wordpress.com
lincolnmensshed@gmail.com
facebook.com/lincolnmensshed
facebook.com/SeriousSawdustNZ
(this page shows some of the items available for sale)





Left: In August, we were lucky to be entertained by famous identical twins Bob and Rolly Janek, known in the media as 'The Mischievous Twins'. Arriving in New Zealand from Hungary as refugees at just three years old, both went on to serve in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, sharing hilarious stories of 50 years of mischief, adventure and laughter. Right: Enjoying the first day of spring at Moffats Flower complex.

LINCOLN SENIOR CITIZENS

September Coach Trip

On 1st September, 37 of our members boarded the coach for another day out and about. Our first stop was the Moffats Flowers complex, where a staff member joined us on the bus to give an interesting talk about the business and how it operates in 2026. The beauty and wonderful smells of the orchids, roses and other plants were amazing, with the variety of colours and plants they now produce giving us plenty to admire. We also learnt that their biggest sales periods, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, require planning up to a year in advance.

We then headed to Armadillos Restaurant in Halswell for a delicious and very generous two-course lunch. There were plenty of happy faces and full tummies before we boarded the coach back to Lincoln Another very enjoyable and interesting day was had by all. A special thanks to Moffats Flowers and Armadillos for helping make the day so enjoyable.

Upcoming Events

Our next event is **Monday 6 October at 1.30pm** at the Lincoln Event Centre. We are planning an afternoon of music, fun and laughter with friends old and new, along with the essential afternoon tea, popular sales table and raffles.

For November, we are hoping to organise another coach trip, with full details available at the October meeting.

New members are always welcome! If you think Lincoln Senior Citizens is for you, come along and meet us — we would love to see you.

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

LINCOLN TENNIS CLUB

For anyone who fancies a bit of exercise and the chance to meet a new group of people, Lincoln Tennis Club could be the place for you. Whether you are an 'ace' player, were an 'ace' player many years ago and looking at getting back into it, or are just a bit rusty and looking for a friendly game there will be something for you.

There are a number of options: Join a Saturday team, join a mid-week team playing Tuesday or Thursday evening or join a team that play during the day on a Wednesday not as part of a competition.

The season runs from mid October until the end of March and matches are played at home (on the courts by the domain) or away at venues across Selwyn.

For more info, please email:
lincolntennisnz@gmail.com

LINCOLN BOWLING CLUB

Lincoln Bowling Club celebrated the start of the 2026 – 2027 season with a 'Roll up' and Social drinks afternoon on the 12th September. Our members enjoy a wide range of Summer and Winter bowling options, both social and competitive. We welcome people who are new to bowls as well as experienced bowlers moving into the area.

Enquiries: secretary@lincolnbowlingclub.com
www.lincolnbowlingclub.com
Lincoln Bowling Club, 162 North Belt, Lincoln



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Selwyn DISTRICT COUNCIL



Consultation is now open for Selwyn's Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Selwyn District Council is reviewing how we manage waste and minimise landfill through its Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

We're inviting our community to have their say on the proposed direction for waste and recycling services.

Consultation open now to 16 October.

yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/wmmp

SWELL Expo returns

SWELL (ageing well in Selwyn) Seniors' Lifestyle Expo is returning to Waikirikiri Selwyn this month.

Back for its seventh year, the Expo is being held on Tuesday 13 October, from 9am to 2pm at the Lincoln Event Centre. The free event will help connect older residents with organisations, services and activities that support wellbeing, inclusion and active living within the community.

With more than 70 exhibitors, visitors can discover local social groups and community activities, explore health and wellbeing services, and learn more about life planning, volunteering and travel opportunities.

Bring family and friends and enjoy live entertainment, guest speakers, coffee, food vendors and market stalls.

To find out more, pick up a copy of the What's On in Selwyn brochure from any Selwyn Library or community centre, or visit **selwyn.govt.nz/swell**.



Local Matters – Kā Puna Springs

Join us at this town-hall style community meeting to hear directly from your Mayor and Councillors about local projects, priorities and issues, ask questions, and join the conversation about your community's future.

Thursday 29 October, 7–8.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre

selwyn.govt.nz/localmatters





TALKING RUBBISH!

Talking rubbish! There is a lot of rubbish around at the moment – but this is about the actual physical rubbish that we all create!

We have just started consulting about the way our rubbish collected. I am on the panel for this so I would be really interested to know what you think! It has the fascinating title of 'Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2026 – Consultation.' But before you totally switch off this is actually really important as we all produce rubbish, we all pay rates for rubbish bins, and we all have varying options of rubbish bins at our homes. So technically we should see a response from every home in Lincoln and beyond about what you want!

We have an ever growing population, more people = more rubbish! It has to go somewhere – whether we like that or not. Currently Selwyn throws away enough waste to fill 2000 buses every year! Nearly half of this is organic waste that could be composted or collected separately.

By doing this we could keep costs down, reduce greenhouse emissions and create a more sustainable Selwyn.

The main change would be a new option of a medium sized red bin and waste collected fortnightly instead of weekly, reducing rate payers costs, reducing emissions and encouraging separation of food and garden waste. This already happens around NZ, Australia, UK/ Europe and locally in Christchurch, Waimakariri, Timaru, Waimate, and Mackenzie – so we are a little bit late to the party!



Councillor Denise Carrick
crdenise.carrick@selwyn.govt.nz
027 386 0145

To find out more and have your say please go to the survey at **yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/wmmp** or pop into the library and pick up a copy!

FEATURED EVENTS



Kitchen Chaos

11am – 11.50am, Friday 9 October @ Lincoln Event Centre

Sensible Spray and wild Wipe are messy magicians who've been invited to a surprise party. They need your help to figure out how baking works before the party starts! Circus, slapstick and magic combine in this very special adventure for kids aged 3 to 8 and their grown ups. After a sold our Court Theatre season in 2025, Kitchen Chaos brings all the joy, mess and mayhem audiences have come to expect from Rollicking Entertainment's signature style of children's theatre. Meet and greet with the characters available after the show!

All Ages. General admission: $16.58 each ($15.00 + $1.58 fees). 0800 BUY TIX (289 849)

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Swell Seniors' Lifestyle Expo

9am – 2pm, Tuesday 13 October @ Lincoln Event Centre

Explore over 70 community clubs, organisations and wellbeing providers at Selwyn's leading expo for older residents. With live entertainment, interactive activities and expert guest speakers, this is not-to-be-missed event. Selwyn Swell also has two weeks of have-a-go activities – check out your SDC What's On Brochure.

Free entry. selwyn.govt.nz/swell



Halloween Disco

4pm – 5pm, 30 October @ Lincoln Event Centre

Get ready for a frightfully fun time at our spooktacular disco – a safe and exciting way for children to celebrate Halloween! With music and dancing, spooky decorations, games, a fang-tastic photo wall and prizes, why not come and join in the party? Don't forget your costume!

2–8 years. $5 per child, bookings required.
events.humanitix.com/halloween-disco-lincoln

SELWYN RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS 2026: LAST CHANCE TO TAKE PART

October is here, and with it comes our biggest celebration of the year – the Selwyn Responsible Business Awards evening, taking place on 30 October. This is your final opportunity to register and be part of it.

Held every two years, these awards recognise the businesses, schools, charities and organisations across the Selwyn / Waikirikiri District that are making a genuine difference – whether through environmental action, community contribution, staff wellbeing, local resilience, or responsible business practices.

Taking part couldn't be simpler. Assessor Chris Stagg will pop out for a friendly 30 minute chat about your business's strengths, successes and challenges – no forms, no fuss. From Bronze right through to Diamond, every effort is worth celebrating, and this is your chance to be recognised alongside your peers at our October Sustainable Awards event.

If you've been meaning to get in touch, now's the time – entries close soon.

We also encourage businesses to make contact if they would like to network with other like-minded businesses to share ideas, understand what resources are available, participate in workshops, and more.

Register your interest with Chris Stagg:
selwynrbnawards@gmail.com
022 476 7932



Lincoln Anglican Parish Plant Fair

9am – 12pm, 31 October
@ Cnr James & Edward Street, Lincoln
Cash only

October has come and there's word on the air:
it's time for the Anglican Parish Plant fair!
Lincoln Locals: put the date in your book
and swing on down on the day for a look!

There'll be pansies and violets, some lobelia too.
Salvia, hydrangea and campanula (blue).
Nerines, geum, phlox and dahlias, bright.
When they're all in bloom they will make quite a sight.

And if the flowers don't quite do it for you,
we have a selection of vegetables too –
cabbage and corn, broccoli, beans,
ev'ry variety of tomato, it seems!

Don's display of hostas is a sight to behold.
But blink and you'll miss it, in a jiff they're all sold!
You'll even find more than just plants for your plot,
you may find a repurposed spade or nice pot.

The foodies among you are in for a treat:
there'll be jams and preserves – savoury and sweet.
How many jelly beans? Go on, take a guess.
If you get it correct we'll be so impressed!

If you've not been before, we'd love you to come.
And I totally reckon you should bring your wee mum
and your auntie and uncle, heck – bring the whole fam!
Or why not invite your nice neighbour, Sam?

Where Edward and James streets converge is the spot,
gates do not open 'til 9 on the dot.
We don't have machines (we're not quite that flash),
so make sure you come prepared with hard cash.

Proceeds go to charity, so with each item you've bought
You can rest in the knowledge that you've helped to support
great causes: some near and some far away,
but all doing good in their own unique ways.

So circle the date, come along and peruse.
Stay for a chat for a while if you choose.
Find laughter and smiles, enjoy the spring air
We'd love to see you at our Parish Plant Fair.

Selwyn Diwali Festival 2026 – The Festival of Lights

2pm–9.30pm, 1 November @ Lincoln Domain
Proudly organised by the Bhartiya Samaj Canterbury and Canterbury Indian Women Group.

Get ready for celebration as the Selwyn Diwali Festival lights up Lincoln Domain with colour, culture and community spirit. A vibrant, free celebration for the whole whānau!

ABOUT DIWALI: *Diwali, the Festival of Lights, celebrates the victory of light over darkness and the joy of new beginnings. Since 2015, the Selwyn Diwali Festival has brought our community together to share this beautiful tradition of hope, culture and celebration.*

LIVE PERFORMANCES From graceful traditional folk dances to high-energy Bollywood numbers, live music and instrumental acts.

DELICIOUS FOOD Enjoy Indian street food, curries, desserts and sweet treats to delight every tastebud.

RIDES & GAMES Bouncy castles, games and rides

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES Enjoy henna art, rangoli, crafts and fun workshops for all ages.

MARKET STALLS Explore stalls featuring jewellery, clothing, beauty products and unique treasures.

FIREWORKS Don't miss the spectacular fireworks at 8.45pm, lighting up the night sky to close the festival.





Music at The Laboratory

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

Sun 4 Oct: Hazel Brown | Sun 18 Oct: Jack Thomson | Sun 25 Oct: Nick Jackman

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

Karma Keg Fundraising, 2-4pm

Saturday 3 Oct Avonhead for Playcentre
Saturday 7 November for Selwyn Swim Club
Saturday 5 December for Lincoln Netball

Anyone who buys a beer from the Karma Keg helps donate the full price to the chosen club or charity, up to $1000! We love hosting Karma Kegs here at The Lab, if you would like to apply we'd love to hear from you, please email us at: goodparties@thelaboratory.co.nz

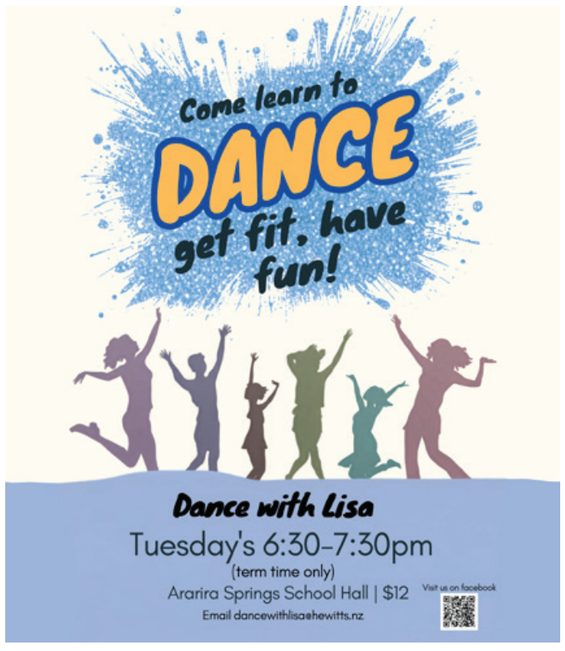


Vintage Vibes Morning Tea

11am & 11.30am, Wednesday 7 October. $21pp – bookings required please

Join us for a lovely morning of chats, delicious house-made treats & tea or coffee.





Love Music? Love Movement?

Lincoln has a new dance class for adults! Join us for great music, fun, and a chance to learn a different dance every week. Whether you're new to dancing or have danced before, meet new people, learn new moves, and discover the joy of dancing!

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

Join us this October for a great lineup of films! From the brutal fight for survival in *Heart of the Beast* to a fresh take on *Sense & Sensibility* and the wonderfully quirky *Fisherwoman*, there's something for everyone. Grab your popcorn, settle in and enjoy the magic of our wonderful local theatre!



Heart of the Beast (TBC)
Adventure / 24 Sep

Set in the wilds of remote Alaska – but filmed right here in our own spectacular South Island! Brad Pitt and his loyal combat dog are thrown into a brutal fight for survival after a plane crash leaves them stranded. Expect breathtaking scenery, heart-pounding action and an adventure you won't want to miss!



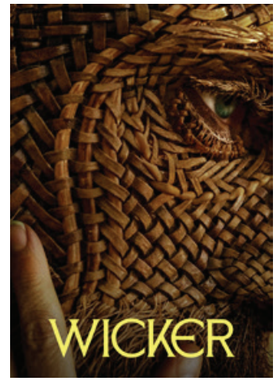
Digger (TBC)
Dark Comedy / 1 Oct

Tom Cruise like you've never seen him before, starring as the most powerful man in the world and racing against time to save humanity from the disaster he's unleashed. Our team was lucky enough to catch a preview, and all we'll say is: it's something new, with seriously unexpected turns, and wait till you see the cat!



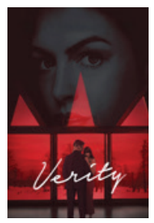
Sense and Sensibility (TBC)
Drama / 15 Oct

Being agreeable never did a woman any good. Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility gets a bold, irresistible new twist, starring Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esmé Creed-Miles. Witty, romantic and deliciously sharp, it's Austen as you've never seen her before.



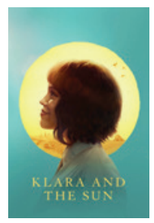
Wicker (TBC)
Drama / 5 Nov

Meet the Fisherwoman: smelly, single and tired of ridicule. When she commissions a husband made from wicker, her unconventional romance sends her conservative seaside village into a frenzy of jealousy and chaos. Starring Olivia Coleman, this wildly original tale explores love, rebellion and self-discovery.



Verity (TBC)
Thriller / 1 Oct

Based on Colleen Hoover's best-selling novel, this dark, seductive psychological thriller will have you questioning what's real and who can be trusted. Starring Dakota Johnson and Anne Hathaway, expect secrets.



Klara and the Sun (TBC)
Drama / 22 Oct

What if the perfect friend wasn't human? Based on Kazuo Ishiguro's bestselling novel and directed by Taika Waititi, Klara and the Sun stars Jenna Ortega as an Artificial Friend whose unwavering loyalty transforms one family. Tender, magical and deeply moving.



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SHARE YOUR STORY OR EVENT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Help keep Lincoln connected. Share your community story or event and reach your neighborhood in the next issue.

Send your contributions to:
lincolnresidentsinc@gmail.com by the 18th of the month for the next coming issue.

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