



## WE ARE IN FOR A WARM SUMMER!

Cool off by taking a dip in our lakes and rivers. Venture into the mountains for a walk, bike or hike to be one with nature. Raise a glass of Selwyn's finest wine as you watch the sun set over the Southern Alps and plan your next summer adventure.



### A LABOUR OF LOVE, SWEAT AND TEARS

It's a warm summer's day. You're driving along the Akaroa highway. Your eye catches a sign with a hare on it. It leads you to a boutique vineyard Cross Hares and a cellar door under the shade of the oaks, open most days 10am–6pm.

A hare darts across the road. "Usually, the hares sit under the vines of the vineyard," says Natalie Edwards, owner of Cross Hares. "What I like about them is they don't bother us or the vines. They basically sit there as if we are the intruders." When thinking up a name for their business, they decided to name it after the hares that cross the vineyard.

Natalie and Warrick bought the Tai Tapu hillside property with an established vineyard back in 2014. They immediately fell in love with the place and despite not knowing anything about grape growing, they continued the previous owner's vision of producing award-winning wines. "We could write a book on everything we've learnt. We put a lot of love, sweat and tears into growing these grapes."

Instead of using sprays, Cross Hares remove weeds in a sustainable way, by getting their sheep to strip out all the weed growth. They are now Biogro organic certified.

After reestablishing a previous relationship with The Crater Rim Winery, the pair had their first double pick in 2016, which created their bronze winning pinot gris — a personal favourite of Natalie's.

What attracts people to Cross Hares is the silky-smooth, award-winning taste of their pinot gris and pinot noir. Having previously received recognition, the icing on the cake was a gold medal for their Longbow 2019 Pinot Noir in the NZ International Wine Award, making all the hard work worthwhile.

### RETAIL THERAPY AT ITS BEST

Keen to get outdoors to explore Selwyn over the summer but the rain just won't seem to stay away? Why not embark on a unique indoor adventure by visiting the Hato Hone St John Store Rolleston. The unique shop provides a retreat from the weather and offers an array of items from fashion accessories to clothing and home décor.

By choosing to shop at St John, you're not just finding great deals — you're also making a positive impact on the environment. Each purchase contributes to sustainable living, promoting the ethos of reduce, reuse, and recycle. It's guilt-free shopping at its best.

Plus, visiting the store can be so much fun! Try on vintage clothing, experiment with quirky home décor, or find the perfect book for your next beach holiday. Make your visit extra fun by starting a family treasure hunt to see who can find the quirkiest and most interesting treasure!

If you love treasure hunting and want to give back to the community, you can become a volunteer with Hato Hone St John Store. Join the team and experience the joy of giving back.





## CAMPING ADVENTURE ALONG GREAT ALPINE HIGHWAY 73

Get set for an amazing camping adventure along the stunning Great Alpine Highway 73 in Selwyn this summer.

Kick off your trip at Klondyke Corner, surrounded by nature's wonders. Pitch your tent, soak in the views, and chill under the starry night sky. There are 40 non-powered/tent sites here, accessible by vehicle. Please note that bookings are required as this campsite can be quite busy during the summer months!

After a relaxing night at Klondyke Corner, start your day with fishing at Lake Pearson/Moana Rua. There's rainbow and brown trout aplenty in the lake! Then, take a short stroll from Avalanche Creek Shelter to the breathtaking Avalanche Falls in Arthur's Pass Village. It's a 10-minute walk filled with waterfall wonders and natural beauty.



## FIND ONE OF SELWYN'S HIDDEN GEMS BY THE WATER

Summer swimming offers a perfect escape from the heat and Selwyn has some great local spots. For the most up-to-date swimming information, visit [lawa.org.nz](http://lawa.org.nz).

Lake Pearson is a picturesque glacial lake surrounded by the Southern Alps just off SH73. Known for its calm atmosphere, it is an ideal get-away location for relaxing in a natural setting.

Lake Lyndon is located near Porters Pass on SH73. As one of Selwyn's colder lakes, make sure you're prepared for the lower temperatures. If you're not keen to brave the cold, you can try other activities on the lake including jetboating, paddleboarding or birdwatching.

Renowned for its natural beauty and turquoise water, Rakaia Gorge is the perfect spot for a summer swim with friends and family. Rakaia Gorge also offers opportunities for kayaking, fishing and picnicking.

If lake swimming isn't your thing, check out Selwyn's local outdoor community pools, most are heated with lifeguards on duty.

Keep kids of all ages entertained at the refurbished Darfield Swimming Pool with its new three-metre hydro slide, water play area, water bomb platform and toddler splash pool. For more slide fun, don't forget to check out Southbridge Pool.

Take a splash at Sheffield Memorial Pool in the lane pool or paddling pool.

Great for families with primary and pre-school children only, visit Leeston Learner's Pool. Open daily but not lifeguarded.

For the cooler days or to escape the summer heat, Selwyn Aquatic Centre offers something for all ages, with five pools available, inflatables, paddleboats and other fun events. Make a splash this summer!

## WAIKIRIKIRI CHARCUTERIE

A charcuterie or cheeseboard is a summer staple for any party or get together. Treat your guests to a slice of Selwyn with our local food platter recipe.

### INGREDIENTS

- Poaka finocchiona salami, pork coppa, pork culatello
- Jones Family Farm peppered havarti or creamy havarti, gouda
- Emilio's Cheese bosco, formaggella, baked ricotta, blue sheep cheese
- Wairiri Buffalo manchego, scamorza, labneh spread
- Hazelz hazelnut paste
- White Heart spiced hazelnut handfuls
- Trickett's Grove walnut pieces
- Avalon cherries
- Freshly picked blueberries from Blueberry Bliss, Berries Direct and Boyds Blueberries
- Raspberries from Otahuna Berries, Raspberry Café
- Strawberries from Hauora Produce
- Chutney
- Crackers

Pair with your favourite Selwyn wine: Melton Estate Summer Love, Straight 8 Mr G Riesling, Cross Hares Jewelled Gecko Pinot Noir, Braided River Rose and Rossendale Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc.



## EVENTS

Lincoln Christmas Parade and Market  
Saturday 9 December, 9am–12.30pm  
Gerald Street, Lincoln

Wine Run at Rossendale  
Saturday 20 January, 1.30pm  
100 Old Tai Tapu Road, Tai Tapu

Selwyn Sounds  
Saturday 2 March  
Lincoln Domain, Lincoln



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