

Swanson



Welcome to Swanson! Founded in 1854 and named after William Swanson, it is a lovely community on the edge of the Waitakere Ranges. To feel at home is to know the people around you, so we invite you to connect with your new neighbours and become part of our community.

From the volunteers at Celebrating Swanson
Keeping Our Community Connected.

Connect with us:

- Window on Swanson Road is our local newsletter and free to pick up at the dairy. For \$20 per year it will be posted to your home. Corrie Cook is the editor, contact her on wos@amcltd.co.nz
- Celebrating Swanson is a group of locals who organise events in the community. Our website is celebrating-swanson.org.nz. Have a look and if you join the email list, we'll send you an update on what is happening not more than once a month.
- Facebook fans: Celebrating Swanson as well as Window on Swanson, have their own pages, so "like" us to be updated with the latest info. For a wider audience, try the Swanson/Ranui Community Group.
- There is a Swanson group on Neighbourly: neighbourly.co.nz, with a notice board for events.

Events:

- Swanson Market - running for over 20 years and held on the first Sunday of each month (excluding January), in the car park at the Swanson Railway Station from 8am to noon. Pay only \$5 to sell your unwanted items, preserves, plants or locally grown vegetables. Meet the locals while browsing for treasures and it has the best sausage sizzles in town! Contact Sharon Davies on **027 498 9597** or go4shaz@xtra.co.nz
- Winter Movies - every first Saturday of the month at 7pm from May to October, we get together at 705 Swanson Road, the community hall behind St Mark's Church, next to Swanson School. Ice creams for sale in the intermission, a free cup of coffee or tea, great company and a nice warm way to spend a cold winter's evening. Koha (donation) to cover hall hire & costs. Ideas for movies or want to reserve a seat? Contact Annalily van den Broeke on **021 220 7136** or annalily@artants.co.nz

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- Swanson Selwyn Seniors - Friday mornings, with speakers and exercises. Call Kathy Hoskins for more information on **021 109 9498** or hoskins@orcon.net.nz
- Christmas Carols - in December, you can't miss this! Organised by Celebrating Swanson, this event is held in the village. If you'd like to help organise, come and sing with us, or just want to know when & where, contact Annalily on **021 220 7136** or annalily@artants.co.nz

For local events and
businesses check out
celebrating-swanson.org.nz

What's in Swanson?

For the young ones:

- Swanson Playcentre: teakoranga.org.nz/swanson or phone **09 833 9238**
- Kids Express: kidsexpress.co.nz or phone **09 832 4740**
- Farm Friends: farmfriends.co.nz or phone **09 832 3600**
- Primary school: swanson.school.nz or phone **09 833 3500**

For everyone:

- Swanson Medical Centre: swansonmedical.co.nz or phone **09 833 9433**
- Train / bus times: at.org.nz
- Police: we share our community constable with Ranui. His name is Luatangi Li and he can be contacted through the Massey Police Station on 390 Don Buck Road, phone: **09 832 4099**. He is also your go-to person if you want to set up or join a Neighbourhood Support group in your street.
- Swanson RSA at 663 Swanson Rd, phone: **09 833 9013** or swansonrsa.co.nz. Enjoy the brand new facility with food & music, quiz nights, bowls and entertainment.
- Redwood Park Golf Club: redwoodparkgolf.co.nz or phone **09 833 8353**
- St Marks is a daughter church of the St Michaels Anglican Church in Henderson and serves the Swanson/Waitakere Foothills communities. 705 Swanson Road, stmichaels.net.nz or phone **09 838 8380**
- Auckland's largest playground is on our doorstep: the Waitakere Ranges. It is a privilege to live so close to endangered wildlife like kokako, robins and whitehead. You too can contribute to enhancing our native flora and fauna by planting trees

for birds, getting rid of weeds or joining a local conservation project like Ark in the Park arkinthePark.org.nz For more info on biodiversity in Auckland, what to plant, caring for wildlife and our natural treasures visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz and search for 'biodiversity.'

- Sustainable Swanson group: Annalily van den Broeke, phone **021 220 7136** or annalily@artants.co.nz organises local working bees, planting and weeding.
- The Waitakere Ranges Local Board are your political representatives in Auckland Council. aucklandcouncil.govt.nz and search for: **Waitakere Ranges Local Board** or follow them on Facebook: facebook.com/waitakereranges
- Swanson is in the Waitakere Ward and has two elected councillors representing us.

Community rooms available:

- The Railway Station Trust manages the room next to the Swanson Station Café, it has tables, chairs and a small kitchen. Great for meetings for up to 15 people. It is free to use for community groups, contact Sharon Davies on **0274 989 597**, go4shaz@xtra.co.nz to book.
- Swanson School has a community room larger than the Station Room, with a small kitchenette and carpet. Free and available for community use only (not for private events). The large school hall is also available for hire for a fee. Contact Jackie Lea at Swanson School for more info and to book: phone **09 831 0001** or jackiel@swanson.school.nz
- St Mark's Church hall, behind the church, next to Swanson School, 705 Swanson Road. This is used for Swanson Movie Nights, the Friday Selwyn Group and after school care. But there is still some availability. Contact the church for prices and booking: phone **09 838 8380**, office@stmichaels.net.nz.

Neighbouring villages of Ranui and Waitakere Township:

- Ranui Community House, café Korero and community garden: ranuicommunityhouse.co.nz or phone **09 833 6280**
- Ranui Library: on Facebook and aucklandlibraries.govt.nz or phone **09 839 2260**
- EarthSong Eco-Neighbourhood: earthsong.org.nz or phone **09 832 8286**.
- Ranui Swanson Football Club in Starling Park: ranuiswansonafc@xtra.co.nz.
- Ranui Domain: Offers free adult exercise equipment to use, entry 510 Swanson Road.
- Waitakere Primary: waitakereprimary.school.nz or phone **09 810 9607**
- Waitakere Golf course: waitakeregolf.kiwi or phone **09 810 9399**
- Bethells/Te Henga: a stunning beach, a pop-up café and Lake Wainamu, with its famous black sand dunes!

Did you know:

- Swanson Park at 621 Swanson Road, has a colony of endangered long-tailed bats? Have a look at dusk or get more involved and hire a bat detector from Auckland Council: ben.paris@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- The Swanson Railway Station was originally Avondale's station. It is actually one of Auckland's oldest railway stations, first built in 1879. The community fundraised for it to be relocated in 1996 and worked hard to renovate and restore it. It houses the Swanson café and a community room and is owned and managed by the Swanson Railway Station Trust. Money raised through the Trust helps to maintain the building and to support many local organisations and events. For more information on the Railway Station Trust, contact Chairperson, Sharon Davies on **0274 989 597** or go4shaz@xtra.co.nz
- The Swanson Heritage Group wrote a book called "Rugged Determination" for the 150th anniversary of Swanson. Available for only \$30 from John Newick jnewick@gmail.com or join the heritage of West Auckland group.
- Awhiorangi Promenade and Rangimarie Avenue hold a yearly 'Street Party'. It is bring-a-plate but the bbq is provided. Why not do something similar with your neighbours? Neighbours Day Aotearoa is in mid-March!

