Consultation on 10-year plan opens soon

Selwyn residents will get the chance to have their say on the Council’s future plans next month.

The Council has adopted its Long-Term Plan Consultation Document, Fast Forward ‘28, for public consultation, which will be open from 4 April until 4 May.

Fast Forward ‘28 sets out the key projects and activities the Council is planning, and how these will be funded. Average annual rate rises of 4% are forecast over the next 10 years.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the Council is proposing substantial investments in facilities and services to support the district’s current population and continued growth.

“Selwyn is now the third-largest district in the South Island, and it’s important we plan to ensure our infrastructure and facilities meet our communities’ needs,” he says.

The plan outlines proposed new projects, as well as key developments already scheduled – like the completion of the Rolleston Town Centre as a focal point for the town and district.

Nine significant new proposals are open for consultation. These include proposals for an indoor courts complex at Foster Park, an extension to Selwyn Aquatic Centre, and a new district-wide rating system for community centres, halls and reserves.

Mayor Broughton says the proposals in the plan represent a balance between completing the projects that our communities need and continue to ask for, and keeping rates affordable.

Copies of the consultation document, Fast Forward ‘28, will be available from Wednesday 4 April online at www.selwyn.govt.nz and from local libraries.

Rolleston town centre plans taking shape

Development of the new Rolleston town centre has taken a step forward with the Council approving a plan outlining the broad location of key elements.

The town centre is to be developed on what is currently part of Rolleston Reserve, and includes four key components – the new Rolleston Library and Community Centre, a town square, a commercial and retail area including hospitality outlets, and transport and service linkages.

The recommended plan sees the library and community centre located at the key corner of the reserve and Tennyson Street, with direct pedestrian access to car parking in Moore Street.

Retail activity has a frontage along Tennyson Street, while food and beverage has a frontage to the Wordsworth Street extension, and along a proposed promenade through the reserve.

The town square, which provides a formal outdoor gathering space, is located between the library and community centre and the commercial areas. Space is also provided within the location plan for a cinema complex, adjacent to the community centre.

Detailed design work is now under way for the key elements. The first major project will be the new library and community centre – a 2,200m² facility which is planned to be opened in late 2019.

Jones Road/Hoskyns Road

Work begins this week to install traffic lights at the Jones Road/Hoskyns Road intersection, in Rolleston.

The upgrade will include traffic light installation, street lighting upgrades, storm water upgrades, footpath installation and road resurfacing. Construction is expected to be completed by June.

Murray Washington, Selwyn District Council’s Asset Manager, says the jointly funded Council/ NZTA project will improve this key intersection and provide for much improved traffic management in a rapidly developing area of Rolleston.

“Hoskyns Road is increasingly becoming the key strategic link between the Malvern area, State Highway 1 and Rolleston, as well as serving the Jones Road Industrial area, Izone Southern Business Hub, and the proposed iPort industrial park,” he says.

Road closures of Jones Road will be required periodically for the pavement construction to be completed. Traffic management will be in place to minimise disruption to traffic.

The two bus stops on the eastern side of Jones Road may need to be closed at times. Temporary bus stops will be available during these times. A 30 km/h speed limit will be in place around the work site. Road users are asked to take care when driving through the site, follow on-site signage, and be alert to changes in traffic management.

Construction will occur from 7am-4pm, Monday to Sunday, and overnight from 6pm-6am, Sunday to Thursday. All works are subject to weather and on-site conditions.

Selwyn District Council has contracted Isaac Construction Ltd to carry out the upgrade. The total project cost, including design, construction and other work, is approximately $1.3 million.

A map of the proposed new road layout is available at www.selwyn.govt.nz/roadingprojects.

Masefield Drive/Rolleston Drive

This intersection upgrade began in February. It includes traffic lights, cycle lanes and footpaths (both separate and shared), as well as storm water work and road resurfacing started in February.

Since construction commenced, Fulton Hogan have removed existing traffic islands, trees, completed 70% of the traffic light ducting, installed sumps, a soak pit and poured new kerb and channel on the southern side of Masefield Drive.

On Saturday a streetlight pole was relocated, which will allow construction of temporary surfacing of the southern side of the intersection. Traffic will then be shifted around so work can progress on the northern side of the intersection.

By the end of March, Fulton Hogan are intending to complete all new kerb and channel, storm water works, install all remaining ducting for the traffic lights and install the new traffic signal poles.

Pavement construction will follow, with the intersection to be fully completed by the end of May.

Council services during Easter weekend

Rubbish and recycling normally collected on Friday 30 March (Good Friday) will be collected on Saturday 31 March. Collection on Monday 2 April (Easter Monday) will occur as normal. Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed Friday 30 March, but open from 10am-4pm on Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is open from 8am–8pm daily from Friday 30 March to Monday 2 April, with normal hours (6am–9pm) resuming on Tuesday 3 April.

Selwyn Libraries will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, but open on Saturday 31 March with normal opening hours.

Council’s Rolleston Headquarters, Rolleston Community Centre and Lincoln Event Centre will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, and reopen on Tuesday 3 April.
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On the roads this week
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