Selwyn’s population at 62,200 and growing

It’s official – Selwyn is confirmed as the third-largest territorial authority in the South Island. Provisional population estimates released last week by Stats NZ show the district’s population at 30 June 2018 was estimated at 62,200 – an increase of 4.8 percent from the June 2017 figure of 59,300.

The latest figures show Selwyn’s growth has pulled clear of Waimakariri (60,700) and now sits behind only Christchurch and Dunedin among South Island councils.

Stats NZ confirms that Selwyn has been the second fastest-growing district in New Zealand, with only Queenstown-Lakes district (5.5 percent) growing at a faster rate.

Selwyn mayor Sam Broughton says the latest data continues a long-term trend of sustained growth for the district.

“It’s not a surprise that we keep seeing our population growing,” he says. “The district has a host of advantages that make our district attractive.

“We can offer land at affordable prices, a family-friendly environment, excellent infrastructure, great road and rail links for business – and of course, some of the most stunning natural landscapes in the world, right on our back doorstep.

“These factors are attracting families from around New Zealand and the world, along with businesses that are establishing or relocating in our townships and business zones.”

The population figures are backed up by the Council’s own residential growth data. In the year to June 2018 the Council issued 2,458 building consents, only slightly lower than the previous year, and new residential subdivisions are continuing to develop.

Selwyn’s economy is also on a strong growth curve. The district’s gross domestic product (GDP) for the year to June 2018 increased by 5.3% during the year – nearly double the New Zealand average of 2.7 percent, and well ahead of the Canterbury regional figure of 2.5%.

“Growth has been good for us and Selwyn is in a fortunate position, but growth and change are not easy or cheap,” Mayor Broughton says. “As a council we continue to plan and focus on delivering quality infrastructure and services at affordable levels for our community.’

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Professional population estimates at 30 June, Stats NZ

Why wasn’t my bin collected?

There are a number of reasons why our waste management contractors may not have collected your bin. If your bin was not collected, a tag may have been attached to it explaining why.

Some reasons why your bin may not have been collected are:

· the lid was not shut flat or the bin was overflowing
· the bin was contaminated (eg non-recyclable items in the recycling bin or plastic in the organics bin) or contained liquid or hazardous waste
· the bins were not correctly presented at the kerbside.

If you think your bin was missed please contact us on 347 2800 or by filling out an online helpline form at selwyn.govt.nz/contact-us. Please provide the serial number on the side of your bin.

We are experiencing huge growth in organics volumes right now and this is causing our collection trucks to take a little bit longer to complete all collections so if your bins are still full leave them out for a short while before contacting us as our team may still be on their way.

For further information you can go to selwyn.govt.nz/bin-not-collected.

Property revaluations in your letterbox soon

If you own property in Selwyn you will receive an updated rateable value for your property in the post by mid-November.

The new valuations, assessed by Quotable Value (QV) on behalf of the Council, will be used to help calculate the Council’s rates next year – they will not affect your rates until the year starting 1 July 2019.

Here are some key things to note:

· The new capital value reflects the likely selling price if the property had been sold on 1 July 2018.
· Revaluation doesn’t mean the Council collects any more money from rates, but it helps us work out everyone’s share of rates, which is partly based on capital value.
· Even if the value of your property has increased, it doesn’t mean your rates will rise by the same amount.

For most residential properties in Selwyn, only around a quarter of their rates bill is based on capital value, with the majority set based on a fixed amount per property, such as for library services.

The average increase in capital value across Selwyn was 6.7% (an average of all capital value changes for residential, rural and business land). This means property owners whose capital value increased more than the average for Selwyn can expect a slightly higher than average rate increase from 1 July 2019. Property owners whose capital value increase was less than the average can expect a slightly lower than average rates change next year.

Property owners also have the opportunity to object to the valuation if they choose to – these must be lodged by 20 December 2018.

More information will be included with your revaluation notice, or visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/revaluation.

War memorial lighting

As part of WWI Centenary and Armistice commemorations, the Council has installed feature lighting at war memorial sites in townships across Selwyn.

The lights, which were installed at nine memorial sites at a cost of $137,000, provide for white or coloured lighting of the memorials, depending on the wishes of the community.

Council Property and Commercial Manager Douglas Marshall says as well as highlighting the memorials, the lights also allow the sites to support other important community events and commemorations.

“The installation of the lights is a fitting way to mark the centenary of the armistice and remember the sacrifice of the citizen-soldiers and nurses who went to war to defend the nation’s interests,” he says.

To date lighting has been installed at:

· Tai Tapu (Rhodes Park Domain Gates of Remembrance)
· Leeston Cenotaph
· Springfield War Memorial
· Hororata War Memorial
· Rolleston Memorial Clock Tower
· Darfield War Memorial
· Dunsandel War Memorial
· Prebbleton War memorial
· Sheffield War Memorial.

Lighting will be installed at other war memorials in the district in the future.

Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall commemoration

A formal commemoration to mark the centenary of Armistice Day will be held at Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall, outside the hall, as the building is due to be completed in late November.

Sunday 11 November 2018

8am: Flag raising
10.30 am: Assembly (not later than)
11am: Two minutes’ silence followed by prayer from Major Chris Purdie, military padre

Finish at noon: Refreshments provided
All welcome.

Traffic management will be onsite to assist with parking.

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On the roads this week
Pre-seal repair work is being undertaken on Waimakariri Gorge Road, Bridge Street in Coalgate and Coattrack Road.

On the Roads
A culvert replacement will be undertaken on Chamberlains Road near the Swamp Road end. Chamberlains Road will be closed at the work site while work is being undertaken. Access from the work site out to both Swamp Road and Goulds Road will be available at all times.

Birds Road and Boundry Road are having cycleway repairs completed over the week.

There will be footpath reconstruction work on Waimakariri Gorge Road, in-between Waddington Road and Main South Road.

Footpath maintenance work will be undertaken at Coleridge Village and at Rolleston Drive.

Maintenance grading will take place at Springfield, Te Pirita and Darfield.

Halloween Disco
Lincoln Event Centre, 4.30–6pm
Lincoln Event Centre’s Halloween Disco is back for 2018! For pre-registered children aged up to eight years, just $3 per child or $5 per family, tickets available from the Lincoln Event Centre reception or door sales on the day.

Found Objects as Art
Selwyn Art Gallery, Darfield
Expect the unexpected at Selwyn Gallery this November with Found Objects as Art. Works created largely from recycled objects will be on show, with the gallery excited to present a wide variety of styles, mediums and imagination under the same roof.

Rolleston Fireworks
Foster Park, 5pm
The iconic event is back again, brought to you by an incredible group of local volunteers. Earlybird tickets are on sale for just $5 per adult and $2 per child (5 to 12 years). Postponement date of Sunday 4 November.

Motukarara Fireworks Night
Waihora Domain, Motukarara, 5.30pm
Motukarara Fireworks Night, featuring live music, bouncy castle, kid’s market, pony, goodie sales, sausage/bacon sizzle, food trucks and of course, fireworks. No cell coverage means no EFTPOS, so please bring cash for the gate and goodies!

The Economic, Environmental, Political, and Social issues surrounding E-waste.
Lincoln Event Centre, 7–9pm
Aan Liefing from Ecotech Services Ltd. will be talking about e-waste. For more information contact Dave at projectmanagerlet@gmail.com.

Veges 101 - A Gardening Workshop for Beginners
If you know next to nothing about growing vegetables, but would like to get started, this workshop is for you! For more information contact Ruth Wood 325 2193, ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz

Rolleston Kids Market
Rolleston Community Centre, 10am – 12pm
Come along to Rolleston’s coolest kids’ market to buy or sell some pre-loved treasures. For children aged 6-13 years, caregiver required. Stalls $5 each, register as a stall holder at bit.ly/kidsmarket18 by 22 November. No food or drinks to be sold.

The Courtenay A&P Show
Kirwee Showgrounds, from 8am
Featuring fun and friendly competition, a great day out with an all-country meet.. For more information head to www.courtenayshow.org.nz.

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