Residents say Selwyn still ‘a great place’

Proportion of residents rating service good or very good

- Overall Council performance: 69%
- Rubbish collection: 95%
- Water supply: 76%
- Parks and reserves: 85%
- Cycleways and footpaths: 55%
- Selwyn is a great place to live: 91%

Friendly communities, good services and facilities, peaceful, open spaces, events and activities, and feeling safe – these are just a few of the reasons why most local people enjoy living in Selwyn.

The Council’s 2018 annual residents survey shows that 91% of people surveyed agreed that Selwyn was ‘a great place to live’ – the same proportion as last year.

A majority of residents also gave the thumbs-up to the services and facilities that the Council provides, with 69% of residents rating the Council’s overall performance as good or very good, similar to last year’s 70%.

The result continues a long-term trend which has seen the overall performance rating increase steadily from 58% in 2013.

Among the services that respondents rated most highly were rubbish collection (95% rated good or very good), recycling (84%), parks and reserves (85%), libraries (84%), and water supply (76%).

Across the 24 different Council services surveyed, the biggest increases in satisfaction were recorded for organic waste collection (up 4%), making roads and footpaths safer (up 3%), and playgrounds (up 3%).

Services which saw a significant decrease in satisfaction included water races (down 6%), public toilets (down 6%), cemeteries (down 5%), land drainage (down 5%), the resource recovery park (down 5%), and sewerage and waste water (down 4%).

Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton says it’s no surprise that people feel positive about the district.

“Selwyn has a lot to offer – thriving townships, a growing economy, good schools and services and a stunning environment right in our back yard,” he says.

“It’s great to hear that most residents think the Council is doing a good job overall, but it’s also important to get feedback on the areas where need to lift our game. We do take careful note of the findings of this survey each year, and look at how we might need to shift our priorities to provide better service in key areas.”

The survey was carried out in June and July by independent research company Research First, and surveyed 421 people using telephone, cellphone and online surveys to provide a statistically representative sample of Selwyn’s population.

The full residents’ survey is available at: www.selwyn.govt.nz/residents-survey

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The need for the Draft Parking Strategy is a signal of the impact of growth in the district. With that growth comes the demand to manage parking that works for growing residential communities and an expanding business sector, as well as our rural areas. This strategy is about ensuring that the parking system provides safe, efficient access to services and destinations, and allows Selwyn’s townships to thrive.

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For more information visit yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/draft-parking-strategy.

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Christmas Bazaar Market

The Lincoln Green, beside Lincoln Library, 9.30am

Entertainment and activities for the children, a visit from Santa, and a great festive atmosphere. Lots of amazing stalls. Come and enjoy the morning, your Christmas shopping starts here!

Paint and Vino

Lincoln Library, 7–9pm

Join us for a fun evening of painting while enjoying a wine or two. Working alongside artists from Down by the Liffey Gallery, create your very own still life painting. Tickets $20, for information go to Selwyn Libraries on Facebook.

Leeston Kids’ Market

Rolleston Community Centre, 10am–12pm

Come along to Rolleston’s coolest kids’ market to buy or sell some pre-loved treasures. For more information head to www.leestonlibrary.org.nz.

The Courtenay A&P Show

Kirwee Showgrounds, from 8am

Featuring fun and friendly competition, a great day out where town and country meet. For more information contact Debbie Herridge on 027 515 1962.

Selwyn Twilight

Christmas Market

Rolleston Community Centre, 1–4pm

A great opportunity to get a roll on with your Christmas shopping. For more information you can contact Debbie Herridge on 027 515 1962.

Selwyn Libraries

Digital Photobook Workshops

Would you like to learn how to create a digital photobook, but not exactly sure how? Come along to a free workshop and develop your skills to create a digital photobook from your treasured memories. Recommended for adults with basic computer skills. Sessions are held from 15 – 29 November at Lincoln, Rolleston or Darfield library, bookings essential. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz for more information.

For information on listing a community event visit Selwyn District Council

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NOTICES

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 14 November

Rakai Ruhs 9.30–10am
Southbridge School
10.45am–12pm
Aberly Road, Rolleston 2.30–3pm
Thursday 15 November

Annabel’s West Melton 1–1.30pm
Lincoln University Early Childhood Centre 2–2.30pm
Prebbleton Township/Tavern
3.30–5.30pm

Monday 19 November

Tal Tapu Playcentre 9.30–10am
Ako Rolleston 10.30–11am
Rolleston Christian School 12.15–1.15pm
Selwyn Kids 1.30–2pm
Lollipops Rolleston 2–2.30pm

Tuesday 20 November

Glenroy Hall 11.40am–12.10pm

Windwhistle School 1–1.30pm
Glenlinton School 1.55–2.55pm
Glenlinton Hall 3–3.30pm

SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Funding is available for Selwyn sport teams who need to travel to local competition games and are comprised of members aged 5–19 years (school competitions in school time are not eligible). This funding round is for summer sports only.

For further information and application forms go to www.selwyn.govt.nz/ruraltravel or contact Stuart Westoby, 03 347 2708, stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz.

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