The Council has adopted its Long-Term Plan 2018-2028, which signals a series of landmark projects for Selwyn over the next decade.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the plan is a response to the challenges and opportunities of Selwyn’s growth. “We’ve worked hard to ensure we provide the infrastructure and services our growing community needs, while balancing the affordability of rates,” he says.

“There are some big projects ahead – and we’re committed to getting them under way as soon as possible because we know how important they are to the whole community.”

Average rate rises of 4% per year are forecast over the 10 years. In 2018/19, the average rise will be 6%, with a similar rise in 2019/20, reflecting expenditure on major community facilities and roads.

Key projects and decisions from the Long-Term Plan

**District-wide rating for halls and reserves**

**Proposal:** A district-wide rating system to fund the district’s community centres and halls, and reserves.

**Your comments:**
A majority of respondents supported this proposal, with many noting that it would provide a fairer and more equitable funding system.

**Council’s decision:**
The district-wide rates for community centres and halls, and reserves will be introduced from the 2018/19 year.

**Selwyn Aquatic Centre extensions**

**Proposal:** An extension to Selwyn Aquatic Centre including a new 25 metre pool, café and fitness wellbeing space.

**Your comments:**
This proposal received very clear support, based on the pressure on the existing facility. Many submitters proposed a 50-metre pool, rather than 25 metres.

**Council’s decision:**
The Council approved the extension with a 25-metre pool. It noted advice from sports bodies, that with a 50-metre pool already planned in Christchurch, there would not be sufficient demand for a second pool in the region. It also noted that a 50-metre facility would cost more than double the budgeted construction cost, and close to three times the annual operating cost.

**Water race rating review**

**Proposal:** The introduction of a new rating structure for the water race network, based on a standard district rate. The new rate includes a ‘public good’ element payable by all ratepayers, to reflect the environmental and amenity value of the network.

**Your comments:**
More submitters and survey respondents supported this proposal than opposed it, although a significant proportion were undecided.

**Council’s decision:**
The new water race rating structure was adopted by the Council as proposed.

**Changes to community grants**

**Proposal:** Introduction of a new Community Grants Scheme to bring together various existing funding and grants programmes, including additional new funding of $140,000.

**Your comments:**
A significant majority of submitters supported the proposal, with a number seeking a higher level of funding along with support for activities such as arts, heritage and biodiversity.

**Council’s decision:**
The new scheme was approved. The Council will review the level of funding for future years, and plans to increase funding by $10,000 each year. A separate environment and biodiversity fund will be retained.

**New community centres**

**Proposal:** Replacement of three major community centres, in Prebbleton (2020/21), Hororata (2023/24) and Leeston (2025/26).

**Your comments:**
The proposals for new community centres received strong support. Some submissions discussed the timing of the projects.

**Council’s decision:**
The Council approved the proposals for the new centres, to be funded from the district-wide rate and other sources. Further work will be undertaken to confirm the timing.

**Rolleston council offices extension**

**Proposal:** Construction of a 385 square metre extension to the Selwyn District Council offices in Rolleston, to meet staff accommodation requirements and provide public parking.

**Your comments:**
Overall both online responses and formal submissions on this proposal showed support for the proposal.

**Council’s decision:**
The Council resolved to proceed with construction of the extension to the Rolleston offices and car parking as proposed.

**Walking and cycling strategy and action plan**

**Proposal:** The Council proposed the adoption of the Walking and Cycling Strategy and a programme of projects and improvements, including seven new cycleways.

**Your comments:**
The proposed strategy and programmes was strongly supported. A number of comments also suggested other potential locations for cycleways.

**Council’s decision:**
The Walking and Cycling Strategy will proceed as proposed for the first three years, with the timing of future cycleways to be reviewed from 2022.

**Other projects**

**St John Ambulance:** The Council approved a one-off grant of $60,000 in 2018/19 to support the development of ambulance services in Selwyn.

**Brookside Park lighting:** An upgrade to sports field lighting at Brookside Park, estimated at $300,000, will be undertaken in 2018/19.

**Liffeys Domain fencing:** Remediation work to a value of approximately $32,000 will be funded, to provide fencing at both Liffeys Domain North and Liffeys Domain South.

**Rolleston Town Centre retail space:** An allocation of $5.4 million has been provided in 2018/19 and 2019/20 for the development of retail/cinema space as part of the Rolleston Town Centre development. There is no impact on rates.

**Lincoln Town Centre parking space:** Funding of $2.5 million was approved for the acquisition of land, and construction of carparks in Lincoln, to accelerate the provision of car parking in the town centre.

**Public transport:** Funding of $60,000 in 2018/19 was approved for a trial public transport service to service the Darfield and Leeston areas.

**Solid Waste:** The targeted rate for recycling will increase from $63 to $80 per household, because of increased processing costs for recycled materials, arising from significant changes in global markets.

**Health Hub:** Funding to construct a district hub for health and social services was increased from $9 million to $15 million, in response to an increase in the range of services that health service providers are indicating they may provide. This project is an investment by the Council, with no impact on rates.
Meetings

Public Forums: Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Bernadette Ryan or your local committee at least three days before the meeting.

Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details, email meetings.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Audit and Risk Subcommittee Wed 27 June 8.15am
District Plan Review Committee Wed 27 June 9am
Selwyn Wahora Zone Committee Tue 3 July 2.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre Property Committee Wed 4 July 9am
Council Meeting Wed 4 July 1pm
Audit & Risk Subcommittee Wed 4 July 3.30pm
Citizenship Ceremony Wed 4 July 6.30pm
Council Water Rate Subcommittee Mon 9 July 1.30pm
LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate Township Committee Tue 26 June 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station
Coalgate Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee Tue 4 July 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station
Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Management Committee Mon 2 July 7.30pm
Darfield Recreation Centre
Doylesland Community Committee Wed 4 July 7.30pm
Osborne Park Hall
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee Mon 9 July 7.30pm
Kirwee Recreation Reserve
Leeston Community Committee Mon 2 July 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room
Lincoln Community Committee Mon 9 July 7pm, Fitzgerald Room Lincoln Event Centre
Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee Thurs 29 June 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Springton Hall Committee Thurs 28 June 7.30pm
Springton Hall
Note – additional meeting
Tawera Memorial Hall Committee Wed 4 July 7pm, Tawera Hall
Waihora Park Reserve Committee
Osborne Park Hall
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Kirwee Recreation Reserve

On the roads this week

Maintenance metalling will continue on Knvyett’s Road and South Two Chain Road. Drainage work will be done on Essendon Road and Mitchells Road.

Sight rail maintenance is being undertaken on Mt White Road, Tancred Road and Voss Road. The new traffic signals are operating at the Masefield Drive Rolleston Drive intersection with some remaining road marking to be completed along with footpath, berm, landscaping and streetlight work.

At the Jones Road Hoskyns Road intersection the pavement work and line marking has now been completed, and the traffic signals poles are currently being installed. The traffic lights are scheduled to be switched on Thursday.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

An application for an on licence has been received from A Pocket Full of Spice Limited. Objections are open until 10 July. An application for a club licence has been received from Broken River Ski Club. Objections are open until 9 July. An application for an on licence has been received from Black Door Hospitality Limited. Objections will be open until 6 July. An application for an on licence has been received from Rossendale Catering Company Limited. Objections will be open until 6 July. For more information please visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices