



Consultation opens on new Deed of Licence for Upper Selwyn Huts

We're inviting the public to give feedback on a new Deed of Licence for Upper Selwyn Huts.

Located on Crown-owned land beside Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere, the Upper Selwyn Huts community has changed over time from recreational huts to include a mix of temporary and permanent residences. The land is managed by Council on behalf of the Crown, and the current Deed of Licence (DOL), which gives hut owners the right to occupy the land, has been extended several times. Many of its terms no longer reflect the current situation.

"This consultation is about informing a new agreement that provides clarity and certainty for licence holders and residents, while also ensuring environmental risks are responsibly managed and obligations are fair, practical, and transparent," says Denise Kidd, Executive Director Community Services and Facilities.

The consultation is seeking public feedback on four key terms proposed for inclusion in the new DOL, including:

1. The length of future licence terms
2. Whether serious environmental events should be grounds for a licence ending early
3. The introduction of a bond to support land restoration at the end of a licence term
4. How Council should undertake building condition inspections

"This is an opportunity for the community to have input on how we manage the settlement now and into the future," says Kidd. "The huts are located on public land, so decisions must be made with fairness and the broader interests of the district in mind."

"Whether you're a licence holder, a resident, or simply have a connection or interest in the area, your feedback matters," Kidd says.

The consultation will run for five weeks and is open from 9am Monday 16 June to 5pm Monday 21 July 2025. Drop-in sessions will be held throughout the consultation period by appointment. To learn more or make a submission, visit selwyn.govt.nz/USH.

Planning for future wildfire risk in Rolleston's growth

Crown Research Institute, Scion, recently hosted a workshop on wildfire risk.

Designed to foster future-focused thinking, the session brought together a diverse mix of professionals from planning, development, engineering, landscape architecture and emergency management. Mayor Sam Broughton attended the event and highlighted the importance of proactively addressing wildfire risk.

The workshop is part of broader research led by Scion scientist Lisa Langer, which explores how wildfire risk is being considered in urban development. "Examination of anticipated increasing wildfire risk is essential in integrated planning design and development decision-making for future residential expansions," says Langer.

The focus on Rolleston, a rapidly growing residential area, provided the opportunity to explore wildfire risk residential housing planning with a proactive council preparing for the future. The case study examines gaps in current planning approaches. Interviews with professionals revealed wildfire risk is often seen as a low priority; it is overshadowed by more familiar hazards such as flooding and typically excluded from planning.

The workshop created a valuable space for cross-sector collaboration, encouraging professionals to reflect on urban expansion and explore how integrating wildfire risk considerations could lead to more resilient communities.

Changes to sport and recreation fees

New fees and charges will be in place from 1 July 2025 for some fitness and swimming classes and Council services following an annual review of prices.

The majority of fees for the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Selwyn Sports Centre, and Group Fitness classes will increase by approximately 2.7%. The change for most services will be less than 50 cents per visit.

General pool entry to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre will increase by 20 cents for an adult and by 10 cents for a child or preschooler. Casual entry for Group Fitness classes will increase by 30 cents for adults and 20 cents for Gold, Community Services and Hapai card holders. **Details at selwyn.govt.nz/prices**

Council and Community Board Meetings

Council Meeting

Wednesday 18 June, 1pm,
Council Chambers

Malvern Community Board Meeting

Monday 23 June, 3.30pm,
West Melton Community Centre

All livestreamed on the Council's website and YouTube channel.



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selwyn.govt.nz/annualplan

Mānawatia a Matariki

Thursday 19 June, 5-9pm
Rolleston Town Centre (behind Te Ara Ātea)

Celebrate Matariki with your whānau.
All ages welcome, drop-in.

FREE

Matariki Crafts

Monday 23 June, 3.30-4.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Thursday 26 June, 3.30-4.30pm
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

4+ years, \$5 per person. **Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events**

Family Games - Darfield

Saturday 28 June, 7-8.30pm
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

All ages welcome, \$5 per person.

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