



Council confirms 30-year licence for Upper Selwyn Huts

The Council has confirmed a new 30-year licence term for licence holders at Upper Selwyn Huts.

This decision follows ongoing engagement and public consultation with the Upper Selwyn Huts Community.

The decision provides residents with long-term certainty while ensuring the settlement is managed responsibly and sustainably, Council Executive Director Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says.

“Our decision provides a clearer licence term, moving away from annual and short-term rollovers, giving licence holders greater certainty and the ability to plan ahead.”

Under the new licence arrangement:

- Licence holders will be granted a 30-year licence term, with a formal review at year 20, including consultation with licence holders to consider if the licence should be extended at the end of the 30-year term.

- Environmental assessments every 10 years to keep residents informed on any changes in the area.
- Building inspections will not be included as a licence condition.
- No bond will be introduced.
- No environmental triggers will automatically end a licence term.

A final deed of licence will be prepared following consultation on the 2026/27 Annual Plan, which will also confirm the updated licence fee.

“This is a significant step forward for the Upper Selwyn Huts community,” Kidd says. “We are committed to working alongside residents to ensure the area remains safe, sustainable, and well-managed for years to come.”

Changes to rates rebates system

The Rates Rebate Scheme provides a rebate of up to \$805 for low-income earners who were paying rates for the home in which they were living on 1 July 2025.

The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) has advised that it has made changes to the payment schedule for rates rebates, which mainly affect the timing of rebates for those who pay by Direct Debit.

Direct debits will now be recalculated between the 1st and 5th of the following month. This means the amount owing will be automatically adjusted for the next scheduled payment.

You can find more information and application forms from our library and service centres or online at selwyn.govt.nz/ratesrebate

Submissions open on Private Variation Request 4 (Rolleston)

Yoursection Ltd has lodged a Private Variation request to rezone approximately 17.3 hectares of land at 1/487, 2/487, 9/487 and 10/487 Weedons Road, Rolleston from General Rural Zone to Medium Density Residential Zone (MRZ).

More information on this application and how to make a submission can be found at selwyn.govt.nz/V4 or at any Council library and service centre.

Submissions on this request can be made until 5pm Wednesday 15 October 2025.

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Council and Community Board Meetings

Following the end of the triennium on Wednesday 17 September, the Council and Community Boards are in recess until the results of the 2025 local government elections are confirmed.

Council spraying programme

Did you know?

The Council carries out spraying in waterways and on roadsides during the year to manage vegetation.

We are about to start our spring spraying. This work is essential for reducing flood risk, maintaining road safety and infrastructure.

Why we spray

Vegetation can:

- Block waterways culverts, manholes and gutters increasing flood risk and reducing water flow to farms
- Obstruct visibility of traffic signs and intersections
- Damage kerbs, footpaths and guard rails
- Create hazards for pedestrians.

You can find out more at selwyn.govt.nz/roadsidespraying or selwyn.govt.nz/waterwayspraying



Events

Selwyn Emergency Support Team Information Evening

FREE

Monday 29 September, 7–8pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Find out how you can help our community in an emergency.

Register at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Online Safety — Parent and Teen Workshop

FREE

Wednesday 1 October, 6–9pm
Youth Hub, Rolleston Community Centre

Space for teens and parents to discuss issues separately and together.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Archery Have-a-Go

FREE

Sunday 5 October
Osborne Park, Doyleston

Whānau friendly. Drop-in.

Choose from one of four 45-minute sessions — 10am, 11am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm. All equipment provided.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events