

A rugby field of ReUse

From furniture and whiteware to roller skates, enough items to cover a rugby pitch have been saved from landfill in the latest step in rethinking the way we see waste.

The 2,000m³ treasure trove of items have been donated to stock the new ReUse shop at the Pines Resource Recovery Park near Rolleston, which opened on Saturday 1 March.

Good quality unwanted items have been pouring in, with Selwyn residents showing excitement to make the most of the opportunity to reuse items rather than throw them out. Items have ranged from furniture, homeware, clothing, books, décor and sports equipment to tools and even musical instruments including an accordion.

"We've been blown away by how supportive and excited the community has been to see the ReUse shop open. The range of items is astonishing. If you want it, it's probably at ReUse." Council Executive Director Infrastructure and Property Tim Mason says.

Money received through sales will cover the shop's operational costs and any surplus will help us to offset the cost of other recycling and recovery initiatives onsite. The team are proud to be offering a new sustainable shopping option for Selwyn, keeping waste out of landfill and providing job opportunities.

The shop is the next stage of the ReConnect project which is transforming thinking about what is waste. It follows the opening of the highly successful ReDiscover education centre which offers free on-site and outreach waste minimisation and sustainability classes, and more recently the ReNourish Community Garden. Potential future stages may include maker spaces where people can learn to repair and create items using reused materials, a multi-purpose waste hub, a tool library and a landscape supplies yard.

The shop will be open 9am-4.30pm Wednesday-Sunday at the Pines Resource Recovery Park, 183 Burnham School Road.

Find out more: selwyn.govt.nz/reuseshop

Join us for a Community Planting Day

- Preston Downs Reserve 3, West Melton: Friday 21 March, 10am-2pm
- Greendale Domain: Saturday 22 March, 10am-2pm
- Whitecliffs Bridge: Saturday 29 March, 10am-2pm
- Coalgate Domain: Sunday 13 April, 10am-2pm

What to bring: spade, drink bottle, sunhat, gloves, and sturdy footwear.

BBQ lunch provided.



Temporary Road Closure

Leeston Fete Saturday 22 March, 10am to 3pm

High Street, Leeston (between Cunningham Street and Market Street, Leeston & Lake Road) will be temporarily closed.

Council and Community Board Meetings

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 19 March 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston

Malvern Community Board*

Monday 24 March 3.30pm, Darfield Library Meeting Rooms

Sheffield Pool Deliberations

Wednesday, 19 March 6.30pm Sheffield Community Hall, Sheffield

*Livestreamed on the Council's website and YouTube channel.

Rates due 15 March

This is a reminder that your rates are due on 15 March. If you have not received your invoice, please contact our Customer Services team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or email contactus@selwyn.govt.nz. If you have recently moved to a new address in Selwyn, please phone or email the Council to update your details.

Dog Microchipping

Our free monthly microchipping clinics are taking place on Friday 28 February at the following locations.

Lincoln Library Service Centre: 9 to 9.30am Leeston Library Service Centre: 9 to 9.30am Council Offices, Rolleston: 11 to 11.30am No clinic at Darfield this month.



Please note clinics will not take place if wet. Any questions, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).



Selwyn Best Practice Grant-Seeker Workshop

Thursday 13 March, 9am-12pm, Rolleston Community Centre

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events



Sign Language for Beginners

Four-week programme starting **Saturday 15 March**, **1-3pm**, **Darfield Library**

The final session will take place on 5 April. Attendance at each session is required.

Ages 16+. \$20 per person for Selwyn Libraries members, \$40 for non-members.

Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Month of Sundays Rolleston

Sunday 16 March, 1-4pm Rolleston Town Centre

(the grass area behind Te Ara Ātea)

Featuring acoustic musician Andy Francis, cover band Simmer and fivepiece feel-good band Algal Bloom.

For more information, visit selwyn.govt.nz/events

