

CouncilCall

Wednesday 26 February 2025



Your Water Done Well

Last week the Council launched a three-week consultation with our community about creating an independent council-owned organisation to manage our drinking water and wastewater, with stormwater services to be delivered by an internal business unit of Council.

The Council are keen to hear what the community thinks about both options before we finally decide and implement the changes required to meet new Government legislation.

"We want to keep costs as affordable as possible, so we must examine which model provides low-cost certainty in the long term. The analysis shows that within 10 years, the WSCCO will be the cheaper option, and these savings will continue to grow," explains Selwyn District Council Mayor Sam Broughton.

"If we keep the services in-house, which does have some short-term gains, but with greater uncertainty, our community would be faced with higher ongoing charges in a few years, and so in-house looks less sustainable from a cost-of-living crisis point of view," says Broughton.

The Mayor says Council staff have done a fantastic job running and investing in our water infrastructure over the past few years.

"However, we have seen political interference in water infrastructure investment around the country, which has led to leaking pipes and a lack of investment. Our preferred option is to keep our water pipes in public ownership, while bringing in the best brains and experience to lead water investment and compliance with future regulatory requirements."

"We want to implement the best option to future-proof our water services in line with the Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn strategy." Either way the council would retain control as the sole shareholder, says Broughton.

The consultation will finish on March 12, and submission hearings will be held on March 20 before the council considers its final decision on April 2.

Selwyn residents can read the full consultation document and make a submission by visiting www.selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater.

Tender of Reserve 1501

Tender is sought for a Licence to Occupy the below land for a term of five years.

The land is approximately 2.0234 hectares and situated on the corner of Courtenay Road and Telegraph Road. The legal description of this land is Reserve 1501. Tender is for pastoral or arable/grazing activities of the said land.

The keeping of pigs is prohibited. The block is dry land and you will need to supply your own water and trough/s (if applicable). The successful tenderer is responsible for the payment of rates on the land. A copy of the plan is viewable at www.selwyn.govt.nz/property-And-building/rental-properties

If you would like to submit a tender, please email property@selwyn.govt.nz to receive a tender pack or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) and ask for the leasing team.

Tenders close strictly at 5pm on Friday 28 March 2025 and must be submitted on the appropriate form contained in the tender pack. Submissions made on the incorrect format will not be accepted.



Council and Community Board Meetings

Sheffield Memorial Pool Public Hearings

Thursday 27 February 6.30pm,
Sheffield Hall, Sheffield

CPW Joint Settlers Group Meeting

Friday 28 February 10am,
Council offices, Rolleston

Sister Cities Committee

Tuesday 4 March 4.30pm,
Council Chambers, Rolleston

Local Water Done Well Subcommittee*

Wednesday 5 March 9am,
Council Chambers, Rolleston

Economic Development Subcommittee*

Wednesday 5 March 11.30am,
Council Chambers, Rolleston

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

Tell us
what you think



Complete our five-minute survey on community facilities and go in the draw to win a book voucher, pool pass or group fitness concession card.

Scan the QR code or complete the survey at:
selwyn.govt.nz/customerurvey



GET READY

How prepared are you and your family for a civil defence emergency?

Tell us how prepared you are!

Complete our 5-minute survey & go into the draw to win one in five "Outdoor Readiness" prize packs!

<https://feedback.askyourteam.com/hkh7s8N>

Events

Your Water Done Well Drop-in Session

Thursday 27 February, 6–7pm,
Te Ara Ātea

We're proposing a change to the way Selwyn's water is managed.

Find out more at
selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater

Youth BoxFit

Every Wednesday from 5 to 26 March and
7 to 28 May, 4–4.45pm,
Selwyn Sports Centre

12–17 years, all levels welcome. \$7 per session.
Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Kōrero Te Reo Māori

FREE

Thursday 6 March, 6–7pm,
Te Ara Ātea

Drop in

For more information, visit
selwynlibraries.co.nz/events