

Foster Recreation Park

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Foster Recreation Park - Winter 2015 update

Foster Recreation Park is a large new sports park being developed for Selwyn's growing population – predicted to increase from around 53,000 today to 74,000 by 2030.

The park is a key project in Rolleston's development and will become a place that everyone in Selwyn can use and enjoy. The area is bounded by Goulds, Springston-Rolleston and Dynes Roads, and includes the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Foster Dog Park, a proposed indoor courts stadium and Rolleston College which has started construction and is due to open in January 2017.

When fully developed, the park will have around 20 playing fields, to be used by a range of codes for competition and training. In summer the park will provide a cool place to walk and cycle under the shade of trees and a great location for community events. It includes a large children's play area and family picnic space – and with the Aquatic Centre, indoor stadium and Rolleston College also on site, the park will be visited by people from throughout Selwyn.

Progress so far

The first 10 fully irrigated playing fields have now been leveled and sown, and some fields have already been used by Selwyn United Football Club this winter. The sportsfields will be in full winter use next year and the following summer Selwyn Athletics and Weedons Cricket will start using the park. As more fields and facilities are developed other groups will start to use Foster Recreation Park. A temporary access lane has been developed to allow contractor access to the fields.

A new well and water storage tank have been installed near Dynes Road to provide water for irrigation, independent from the Rolleston water supply. Next to the tank the Rolleston Mens Shed group has begun developing a facility.

What's coming up

The development of the park will be staged over the next 10 years.

During the coming year the following projects are planned:

- Tree planting and paths: Paths along the Dynes Road boundary and between Dynes Road and Broadlands Drive will be the first paths created. Trees will be planted around the park exterior and along pathways. In some places trees will be removed to allow for car parking or other features but new trees will be planted. Pathways will be 2.5 metres wide to allow both walking and cycling. Once the paths are constructed this summer people will be able to start using the park for walking and cycling.
- A changing rooms and public toilet building will be built at the Broadlands Drive end of the park (Area 9 on the map)
- A maintenance and storage facility will be developed next to the storage tank near Dynes Road
- Lighting for six of the sports fields will be installed
- Development of a 200-bay carpark opposite the Aquatic Centre will start (Area 4 on the map)
- The undeveloped area at the Dynes Road end of the Park will be tidied so people can use this area as an open space (Area 14 on the map)
- The gravel pit at the Dynes Rd end of the park will be fenced off for safety



The park's design is based around three hubs:

Selwyn District Council has recently appointed John Reid as Project Manager for Foster Recreation Park.

John is keen to hear your ideas about the park's development and what you would like to see in it.

You can contact John by emailing fosterpark@selwyn.govt.nz or phoning 347 2772 to share your comments or questions about the park's development.



#1
Sports
facility hub

A facility sports hub area in the north of the park centred on the Aquatic Centre, college and a future indoor courts multi-sport stadium (to be built in 2019)



#2
Outdoor
Sports hub

An outdoor hub in the centre of the park with fields for a range of outdoor sports



#3
Recreation
& events oval

A recreation and events oval that can be used for sports activities and for community events such as concerts

Walkways and cycleways join the three hubs together while providing access through and around the park. Trees, planting and seats will help create an attractive environment for people to enjoy. Spaces will be multi-purpose so they can be used for a variety of activities.

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