

# Foster Recreation Park

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## Foster Recreation Park – Summer 2016 update

Foster Recreation Park is a large new recreation park being developed for Selwyn's growing population.

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 fields are nearly ready for use during the coming winter season. The first major multi-field LED sports lighting system in New Zealand has been installed and will be operational by mid-February. A temporary carpark has been developed down the laneway on the eastern side of the park to cater for over 200 cars (see 4).

The development of the maintenance and storage facility at the Dynes Road end of the park has begun. The Dynes Road frontage development has started with the planting of specimen trees and the pathway along this boundary has been partly laid. Over 300 specimen trees have been planted and individually irrigated on the park, using the park's own water supply. Planting to date has been along proposed pathway routes.



## What's coming up

The next couple of months will see the development of over 2 kilometres of paths (combined walkway/cycleways which are 2.5 metres wide) through the park, which will connect Broadlands Drive to Dynes Road.

Pedestrian and cycle entrances will be provided at both Broadlands Drive and Dynes Road.

Temporary portable changing rooms and toilets will be positioned at the Broadlands Drive end of the park until a permanent indoor court and changing room complex is built (currently programmed for 2019 but may be brought forward).

15,000 daffodil bulbs will be planted around the park in the autumn and this planting will continue over the next few years to create a major spring floral display. Two artificial cricket pitches will be constructed on the park for use next summer.



## Volunteers wanted to help plant daffodils

The Council, with the support of the community, has a vision to establish a daffodil collection at the park. Over time this will become a feature of the Rolleston landscape each spring for local residents and visitors to enjoy.

The Council is looking for volunteers to help with the planting of the daffodil bulbs to be carried out in April (not ANZAC weekend). The work is not heavy or taxing physically as holes will be drilled before planting and volunteers will just place bulbs in the holes and cover with a soil and grass seed mix.

If you would like to register to be part of this planting event please visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay) or email [fosterpark@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:fosterpark@selwyn.govt.nz). Registration does not commit you to attend and you will be contacted closer to the time regarding availability.

## Playground facilities at the park

A large children's playground is planned to be built by June 2017 at the park opposite the Selwyn Aquatic Centre (see 11). We are inviting people to comment on what facilities or equipment they would like at the playground by visiting [www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay).

The Council will also be asking children in Rolleston (through school surveys) what types of play equipment they would like.



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