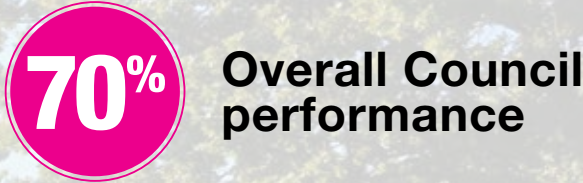


Survey shows overall satisfaction increasing



Resident satisfaction levels



Proportion of respondents rating service good or very good

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Residents’ satisfaction with Selwyn District Council’s overall performance has increased for the fourth consecutive year.

In the Council’s latest residents’ opinion survey, 70% of respondents rated the Council’s overall performance as good or very good – an increase of 5% from 2016. This continues a long-term trend which has seen the overall performance rating rise steadily from 58% in 2013.

The survey also showed that 91% of residents think Selwyn is a great place to live – slightly down on last year’s 94% but up on 90% recorded in 2015.

Across 21 different Council services surveyed, 17 recorded satisfaction ratings of 50% or higher. Ten services recorded an increase in their rating from last year, while the same number saw a reduction and one remained unchanged.

Among the highest rated services were rubbish collection (96% rated good or very good), recycling (95%), libraries (85%), parks and reserves (84%) and sewerage and wastewater (78%).

Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton says the continuing increase in the overall performance rating is a positive signal from the community.

“This survey provides us with valuable feedback on how we’re doing each year,” he says. “It’s encouraging that residents generally see our overall performance improving over time, and that most people really enjoy living in Selwyn.

“However the survey also points out areas where we need to continue improving services, particularly our rural roading network. It’s important that we listen to residents’ views – and these results will be taken into account as the Council works on priorities for our next 10-year plan.”

The survey was carried out in June and July by independent research company Research First, and surveyed 411 people using telephone, cellphone and online surveys to provide a statistically representative sample of Selwyn’s population.

Waste management services maintained high satisfaction ratings. Alongside rubbish collection (96%) and recycling (95%), organic collection was also rated highly at 89%. The Pines Resource Recovery Park was rated good or very good by 74% of residents overall – and 82% among those who had used the facility.

Community facilities continue to be well used and enjoyed by residents. Public halls have been used at least once in the past year by 81% of respondents, while 83% have visited a park or reserve and 69% have used the public library network. Satisfaction with libraries increased by 3% to 85%, while parks and reserves (84%) and public halls (72%) also recorded increases.

Satisfaction with wastewater services increased by 4% to 78%, while water supplies increased slightly from 73% to 74%. Satisfaction with urban stormwater reduced by 3% to 51%, while the rating for water races dropped from 50% to 44%. Satisfaction ratings were higher among respondents who actually used the services with wastewater rating 87%, stormwater 66% and water races 51%.

In land transport services, some services saw a decrease in their rating, including satisfaction with urban roads (rated good or very good by 50%), rural roads (32%) and making roads and footpaths safer (40%).

There was also an increase in the number of people who said they felt a sense of community with people in their neighbourhood, up from 69% to 73%.

Mayor Broughton says the Council is continuing to invest in maintaining and improving services. Current and planned work programmes include road maintenance, renewals and resurfacing, extending the district’s footpath network, new cycleways and intersection improvements.

Water supply improvements and treatment upgrades are under way or planned at several locations across the district. The Council is also investing in new community centres at West Melton and Tai Tapu, earthquake strengthening community halls, and adding or upgrading facilities at other facilities.

The full residents’ survey is available at: www.selwyn.govt.nz/residentssurvey

Project Wild Thing – reconnect your kids with nature

Selwyn District Council is bringing the internationally acclaimed film documentary, ‘Project Wild Thing’, to Selwyn. The UK film has kickstarted a movement to encourage children to play outdoors and reconnect with the natural world.

Project Wild Thing is supported by The Wild Network, a collaborative movement of over 1000 organisations and thousands of individuals committed to getting kids outdoors.

By ‘rewilding’ childhood, Project Wild Thing aims to improve children’s health, happiness, and respect for the environment.

At this free event, Selwyn parents will enjoy a screening of the documentary, while their children experience a variety of play activities at the Rubicon Valley Tourist Centre with the TimberNook outdoor education team. The event will also include a farm display, games, horse trek, bush walk, rock skimming, outdoor challenges and jet boating. The jet boating and horse back tours will be discounted and are at attendees’ cost.

Selwyn’s Project Wild Thing takes place on Sunday 8 October from 11am–3pm at the Rubicon Valley Tourist Centre, Otarama Road, Springfield.

Registrations are open now at www.selwyn.govt.nz, closing on Monday 2 October. Limited spaces are available. This event is for children aged 5–12 years old and up to two caregivers.



Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2800 or 318 8338

Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

Darfield Library & Service Centre
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

An application for an off license has been received from SJTP Limited. Objections are open until 27 September. For more information please visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 13 September
Arthur's Pass 11.30am–12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40–2.15pm
Springfield 3–3.30pm
Thursday 14 September

Prebbleton Playcentre 10.15–10.45am
Giggles & Scribbles Early Learning Centre 11–11.30am
Council Headquarters 12.45–1.15pm
Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston 1.30–2pm
Monday 18 September
Dunsandel Playcentre 10–10.30am
Burnham Montessori 11–11.30am
Darfield Playcentre 12–12.30pm

Darfield Primary School 1–1.30pm
Tuesday 19 September
Kirwee 10–10.45am
Kirwee School 10.45–11.30am
Preston Downs, Cnr Prestons/Weedons Ross Rd 12.15–12.45pm
West Melton School 12.45–1.30pm
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30–1.50pm
Cat's Pyjamas West Melton 1.50–2.20pm

Meetings

Public Forums: *Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Bernadette Ryan or your local committee at least three days before the meeting.*
Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: *To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Council Meeting
Wed 13 Sep 1pm
Dunsandel Community Centre
Citizenship Ceremony
Wed 13 Sep 6.30pm
Road Safety Subcommittee
Mon 25 Sep 9.30am
Malvern Community Board
Mon 25 Sep 5pm
Darfield Library/Service Centre
District Plan Review Committee
Wed 27 Sep 9am
Dunsandel Community Centre

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate Township Committee
Tue 26 Sep 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station
Darfield Township Committee
Thurs 21 Sep 7.30pm
Darfield Library
Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 18 Sep 7.30pm
Dunsandel Sports Centre
Glenroy Community Centre Committee
Tue 19 Sep 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall
Glentunnel Community Centre Committee
Tue 19 Sep 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre
Glentunnel Township Committee
Mon 2 Oct 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall
Note: Week later
Hororata Citizens Committee
Tue 26 Sep 7.30pm, Hororata Hall
Kirwee Township Committee
Mon 18 Sep 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall
Leeston Park Committee
Mon 25 Sep 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion
Prebbleton Community Association
Tue 19 Sep 7.30pm
Prebbleton Community Cottage

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee
Mon 18 Sep 7.30pm
Prebbleton Community Cottage
Rolleston Reserve Management Committee
Mon 18 Sep 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Rolleston Residents Association
Mon 25 Sep 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Southbridge Advisory Committee
Mon 25 Sep 7.30pm
Southbridge Hall Meeting Room
Springston Community Committee
Mon 18 Sep 7.30pm
Springston Community Hall
Springston Hall Committee
Thurs 14 Sep 7.30pm
Springston Hall
Springston Reserve Committee
Wed 20 Sep 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion
Tawera Memorial Hall Committee
Wed 13 Sep 7.30pm, Tawera Hall
Note: week later
West Melton Community Centre Committee
Tue 26 Sep 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre
West Melton Reserve Board Committee
Mon 18 Sep 7.30pm
West Melton Rugby Club



On the roads this week

Unsealed road maintenance is occurring on McKays Road and Struie Road. Flooding repairs are occurring on Fyvie Road. Culvert work will be carried out on Malvern Hills Road and High Peak Road. Traffic controls will be operating at all sites.

Shoulder repairs are occurring on Hororata Road and Coleridge Road. Drain repairs Roecombe Road. Ford repairs are occurring on Greendale Road. Digout repairs will be carried out on Leeston Dunsandel Road. Water table work is occurring on Sleemands Road. Scouring works on Hororata Road and Dawns Road. Traffic controls will be operating at all sites.

Upgrade work including kerb & channel and seal widening is being done by the developer on the east side of Springston Rolleston Road south of Lowes Road.

Weedons Road is now reinstated to two-way traffic.

Grow and discover these school holidays

Over the two weeks of the October school holidays from 2–15 October, children can enjoy Selwyn District Libraries' free Grow and Discover holiday programme, with multiple session times available across the district.

'Grow your own Garden' aims to show children how to use recycled material to grow flower, herb or vegetable gardens using recycled materials. 'Star Wars, Star Ships and Space Stations' uses Star Wars themed LEGO®. 'Get TECHNIC®-al' will use LEGO® TECHNIC® to either build a TECHNIC® pull back racer or work on a larger set. Both sessions are run by 'House of Bricks'. Paint and collage with 'Spring into Craft' to create beautiful blossom trees. Bookings are required for these four free programme items.

'Drop-in Discovery' is an opportunity for different fun activities at Rolleston Library, including LEGO®, Duplo®, BeeBots and more! Unlike the other four sessions, bookings are not required for 'Drop-in Discovery', however spaces are limited.

Libraries also need help on a secret project that they would like to decorate with artwork! There will be templates available throughout the holidays for this secret 'thing'...

For more details, including session times and venues, and to book, go to selwynlibraries.co.nz.

Selwyn Events

SATURDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Starting and Maintaining a Worm Farm
Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens, James St, Lincoln, 10–11.30am
Worm farming is a fun way to turn your organic waste, such as kitchen scraps, into rich fertiliser for your garden in the form of worm castings and worm tea. Contact Ruth Wood on 325 2193 or ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz

SATURDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Waste Free Parenting workshop and Food Lovers Masterclass
Lincoln Event Centre 10am–12.30pm and 5.30–7.30pm
The Waste Free Parenting workshop will show you exciting and inspiring ways to minimise waste, while introducing you to modern sustainable products. The Foodlovers Masterclass workshop focuses on ways to reduce food waste when cooking and preparing meals. To book for either, or both workshops visit wastefreeparenting.co.nz

SUNDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Michael Griffiths: Cole
Lincoln Event Centre, 7pm
Dive into the colourful life and timeless songs of Cole Porter with Helpmann Award winner Michael Griffiths: hedonism, grave misfortune, enduring love and a legacy that sparkles with wit and wisdom... sometimes anything goes. Tickets available at ticketek.co.nz

TUESDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Young Driver Coaching
Generation House, 646 Springston Rolleston Road, 7–9pm
Selwyn Parenting Network hosts this free workshop with Tim Hartnell, Proactive Drive Trust, bringing a modern and fun approach to driver education for learner drivers and how their parents can be an effective coach. Spaces are limited – check out the SPN Facebook event to register.

WEDNESDAY
20-27
SEPTEMBER

eCollections drop-in–RB digital eMagazines
Wed 20 Leeston Library 10.30–11.30am; Fri 22 Rolleston Library 1.30–2.30pm; Mon 25 Lincoln Library 10.30–11.30am; Wed 27 Darfield Library 1–2pm
Did you know you have access to over 70 magazines including NZ Listener, Cosmopolitan, Rolling Stone and Horrible Histories. Come along to our drop-in session to learn more. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz.

UNTIL
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SEPTEMBER

'Surrealists – What Dreams May Come' art exhibition
Selwyn Gallery, Darfield, daily
The Selwyn Gallery's newest exhibition features a mix of the wonderful and the whimsical. Intricate details evoke our wonder and imagination, making this 'different' exhibition not to be missed. The exhibitors include three talented artists: Jinx, Dave Pearson, and John Burns. Check us out on facebook.com/selwynartgallerynz

For information on listing a community event visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall

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