

# Selwyn economy growing at steady rate



## At a glance...

**3.9%** **GDP**

National average: 2.8%

**\$102m** **Tourism spending**

A year ago: \$89m

**2.3%** **Unemployment**

National average: 4.7%

Selwyn's economy continued to strengthen during the latter part of 2017.

The latest quarterly economic monitor from analysts Infometrics showed Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth in the district of 3.9 percent in the December 2017 year. This is up from 2.2 percent six months earlier and well above the national average of 2.8 percent.

Consumers are adding their weight to the growth of the economy. Marketview data on electronic card transactions shows retail spending in Selwyn grew by 13 percent in the December 2017 year, with the national average at 4.3 percent.

Tourism is also supporting the consumer-driven growth. Visitor expenditure grew by 14 percent in the December 2017 year, more than double the national average increase of 6.4 percent. Total tourism expenditure was about \$102m in Selwyn during the year to December 2017, up from \$89m a year ago.

In the labour market, sectors such as accommodation and food services had 90 new filled jobs in the March 2017 year. Wholesale trade had 49 filled jobs, and dairy product manufacturing had 42. Unemployment has remained relatively static at 2.3 percent, compared with 2.2 last quarter. Selwyn's unemployment rate remains well below the regional average and is less than half the national average.

For the December 2017 year as a whole, the number of residential building consents in Selwyn was very similar to 2016. However in the final three months of last year there were 217 consents granted in the December 2017 quarter, compared with 290 in the same quarter last year. Infometrics' data indicates that on an annual basis, the number of consents in Selwyn decreased by 0.3 percent compared with the same 12-month period a year ago.

Selwyn District Council's statistics show that consent application numbers dropped slightly in September 2017 (by about 20 applications per month) which is not uncommon in an election year. While the volume has dipped slightly, the Council currently has a number of significant commercial applications being processed. March and May are historically the biggest months of the year for applications being received, which is expected to contribute to continued strong levels.

Selwyn mayor Sam Broughton says it's encouraging to see the district's economy maturing and growing at a steady rate across different sectors and markets.

"Our strength of business in Selwyn continues along its positive trajectory with consumer spending trending upward, along with an increase in visitors to the district and more local jobs being created," he says.

## Celebrate Parks Week with Magical Parks

For Parks Week 2018 (10–18 March 2018), an exciting new augmented reality game with an environmental twist – EverGreen – is available at Lincoln Domain.

Turning recycling and rubbish collection into a fun and exciting game for kids rewards them for being responsible for their environment. The game teaches kids how to recycle rubbish by feeding different types of waste to the right tree. There is a lot of activity involved and as the kids pick up the virtual rubbish, the park gets greener and greener.

The New Zealand Recreation Association and Parks and Leisure Australia have again teamed up to help organise Parks Week. The week encourages councils and other organisations on both sides of the Tasman to run engaging events to raise awareness of the value of parks and open spaces, and to get people out of their living rooms and enjoying the outdoors.

EverGreen does that by encouraging kids and families to get out and explore their local parks whilst learning the fundamentals of recycling.

The average playing time of the game is 30–60 minutes with an average distance of 700–2000m covered.

There are also other Magical Parks games to choose from at Lincoln Domain:

- Augmentia – find kittens
- Prehistoria – collect dinosaur eggs
- Alien Scape – save aliens

Download the app on Android and iPhone and follow the in-game instructions. EverGreen will be available on the app until Sunday 25 March.

## What's the cost?

Selwyn motorists are being reminded of the need to take care at intersections through a new Selwyn District Council road safety campaign.

The 'What's the cost' campaign aims to raise awareness by profiling the price of failing to stop or give way at intersections.

Of the crashes that occur in Selwyn, 40% take place at intersections. From 2013 to 2017, 571 crashes occurred at intersections within the district, and of these 216 crashes involved an injury, with eight fatalities recorded.

In Selwyn 61% of intersection crashes are caused by failing to stop or give way. Poor driver observation is a factor in 49% of all intersection crashes.

Senior Sergeant Pete Stills of the New Zealand Police reminds motorists that stopping means a vehicle's wheels do not move at all.

"We encourage people to come to a complete stop, to not start looking until after they have stopped and to have a good hard look to ensure that if there is a motorcycle or a dark coloured vehicle they see it. We encourage people to travel with their lights on to make sure they are visible to others," he says.

Along with the risk of causing a crash, motorists failing to stop or give way face an instant \$150 fine and 20 demerit points.

Selwyn Police will be supporting the 'What's the cost' campaign by monitoring intersections and will be issuing tickets and demerits to motorists who fail to stop or give way at intersections.

Top tips for intersection awareness:

- Always come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- Look in all directions, ahead, behind, side to side, and then only proceed when you can do so safely.
- At give way signs, slow down and look in all directions, ahead, behind and both sides and then only proceed when you can do so safely.
- Be aware of how fast traffic is going, particularly when entering a 100km/h road.
- Don't overtake when travelling through an intersection.
- Be aware of the give way rules for controlled and uncontrolled intersections.
- Indicate your intentions early when turning.
- Know your give way rules.



## Water meters to be installed in Selwyn High Country

Arthur's Pass, Castle Hill and Lake Coleridge are the latest townships in line for the rollout of water meters across the district's water supplies. Installation of water meters at households connected to these supplies will begin this month, and is scheduled to be completed mid-year.

Around 90% of Council supply households across the district are already on meters. Metering has been shown to reduce water consumption as it links water use to charging – so households that use less water benefit from lower charges, while those using more pay higher charges. Households with average water use will find their total charge remains similar to what they currently pay.

You can help avoid incurring extra charges by monitoring your water use – see [www.selwyn.govt.nz/watermetering](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/watermetering) for more information and tips on how to read your water meter.

# Council Call

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Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston  
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Rolleston Drive, Rolleston  
Ph 347 2880

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

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICE

An application for a renewal for an on license has been received from Wayne & Madlen Hospitality Limited. Objections are open until 29 March. For more information please visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

**Wednesday 14 March**  
Hororata School 11.30am–1pm  
Greendale School 1.20–1.50pm

**Thursday 15 March**  
Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston 10.15–10.45am  
Active Explorers, Rolleston 11–11.30am  
Faringdon, Shopping Centre 11.40am–12.10pm  
ABC Rolleston 12.45–1.15pm  
Paradise for Little Angels 1.30–2pm  
Edukids Faringdon 2.15–2.45pm  
**Monday 19 March**  
Hororata Playcentre 9.30–10am  
Darfield Preschool & Nursery

10.30–11am  
Springfield School 12.30–1.30pm  
Sheffield Hall 2–2.30pm  
**Tuesday 20 March**  
Active Explorers, Tai Tapu 10–10.30am  
Whippersnappers Lincoln 10.45–11.15am  
West Melton School 12.45–1.30pm  
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30–1.50pm  
West Melton Domain 2–2.30pm

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](mailto: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 14 Mar 1pm  
**Citizenship Ceremony**  
Wed 14 Mar 6.30pm  
**Malvern Community Board**  
Mon 26 Mar 4.30pm  
Tawera Hall  
*Is there an issue affecting your community that you want to bring to your Community Board's*

attention and find out what we can do to help? See 'Meetings' above for information on our Public Forum.

**District Plan Review Committee**  
Wed 28 Mar 9am

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

**Coalgate Township Committee**  
Tue 27 Mar 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station  
**Dunsandel Community Committee**  
Mon 19 Mar 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Hall  
**Glenroy Community Hall Committee**  
Tue 20 Mar 7.30pm  
Glenroy Community Hall  
**Glentunnel Community Centre Committee**  
Tue 20 Mar 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre  
**Glentunnel Township Committee**  
Mon 26 Mar 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre  
**Hororata Citizens Committee**  
Tue 27 Mar 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Killinchy Community Centre Committee

Mon 26 Mar 7.30pm  
Killinchy Community Centre  
**Kirwee Township Committee**  
Mon 19 Mar 7.30pm  
Kirwee Hall

Lake Coleridge Community Committee

Fri 16 Mar 7.30pm  
Lake Coleridge Hall

Leeston Park Committee

Mon 26 Mar 7.30pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee

Mon 19 Mar 7.30pm  
Community Cottage  
**Rolleston Residents Assn**  
Mon 26 Mar 7pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

Springston Community Committee

Mon 19 Mar 7.30pm  
Springston Community Hall

West Melton Reserve Board Committee

Mon 19 Mar 7.30pm  
West Melton Rugby Club

Selwyn newcomers networks – volunteer coordinators

Do you like meeting new people? Are you interested in welcoming newcomers to Selwyn?

The New Zealand Newcomers Network sets up and supports Newcomers Networks all over New Zealand. There are two regional Newcomers Networks in the Selwyn district – Rolleston and Leeston – that currently have vacancies for volunteer coordinators.

If you would like to be involved in Rolleston and Leeston or elsewhere in Selwyn welcoming newcomers and creating interesting, informal and regular social connection opportunities for newcomers then this volunteer role could be perfect for you! It could also be shared amongst a group of volunteers.

For information visit [www.newcomers.co.nz](http://www.newcomers.co.nz) or email [andreja.p@newcomers.co.nz](mailto:andreja.p@newcomers.co.nz).



On the roads this week

Stabilised seal repairs will be occurring on Hororata Road, Minchins Road, Bealey Road, Deans Road, Woodlands Road and Old West Coast Road. A road reconstruction will be carried out at the Sleemans Road and Leaches Road intersection. Reseals will be carried out on Leaches Road and Hororata Road. Digout repairs will occur on Waimakariri Gorge Road and Marshs Road. Armour seal works will be carried out on Jones Road.

Edge break repairs will be occurring on Minchins Road, Wards Road and Aylesbury Road. Please stop on request at these sites.

Maintenance metalling will be carried out on Malvern Hills Road. Footpath reconstructions will be carried out in Springston.

An intersection upgrade including traffic lights, cycle lanes and footpaths (both separate and shared), as well as storm water work and road resurfacing is continuing at the Masefield Drive/Rolleston Drive intersection in Rolleston.

Community pools closing

Southbridge, Sheffield and Darfield community pools are closing for the season on Sunday 18 March. Thank you to residents for their support of these great local facilities over summer.

Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

14  
MARCH

**Faringdon Summer Skate Jam and New World Rolleston Picnic in the Park**  
Prebbleton Community Skate Park, 5.30–7.30pm

An event mash up combining skating tips and tricks, competitions, free gear hire along with bouncy castles, Pedalmania, face painting and more!

SATURDAY

17  
MARCH

**Basic Bonsai Techniques**  
Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens, 9.30am–12.30pm

Have you ever thought of developing your own bonsai tree? Come to this workshop to learn how. Watch an ordinary nursery tree turn into a bonsai, then have a go yourself. \$15 registration covers tree and morning tea. Contact Ruth on 325 2193 or [ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz).

SATURDAY

17  
MARCH

**Treasure Trove Autumn Garage Sale**

Community Care, Lincoln, 11am–2pm

Your support will help us assist people in need in our district. Cash sales only. Community Care is located at 16 Lyttelton Street.

SUNDAY

18  
MARCH

**Faringdon Music on the Green - Lincoln**

The Lincoln Green, 4.30–7pm

Be entertained with live music at The Lincoln Green. Bring a picnic and relax while listening to an outstanding line-up of talented musicians including Alex Hardy, Joe Oliver, Manuka Hunnies and Vintage Blue. For details go to [facebook.com/summerinselwyn](https://facebook.com/summerinselwyn).

MONDAY

19  
MARCH

**Stepping Up – CV Preparation**

Lincoln Library and Service Centre, 9am

Come along to our free CV preparation sessions to learn how to update and customise your CV and cover letter, develop your digital computer skills and to best prepare you for employment. For information and to book visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz).

WEDNESDAY

21  
MARCH

**Faringdon Summer Skate Jam – West Melton**

West Melton School, 3.30–5.30pm

Head to West Melton School to show off your moves. Bring your own gear or hire for free. Coaching available with experienced skate instructors. Prizes up for grabs for best tricks! For details go to [facebook.com/summerinselwyn](https://facebook.com/summerinselwyn).

THURSDAY

22  
MARCH

**Soil - Are we treating it like dirt?**

Lincoln University, Stewart Building, 6.30pm

Join Kim Hill and a selection of expert panellists for a rousing debate. Are we letting our most precious resource slip through our fingers? \$5 each, refreshments and nibbles provided. For more information visit [kimhillpresents-soil.eventbrite.co.nz](https://kimhillpresents-soil.eventbrite.co.nz).

For information on listing a community event visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall)

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