

Planning for the Rolleston Town Centre takes a step forward this week with the release of design guidelines.

The guidelines set out a framework for the design of the new town centre, and give guidance to developers who will be designing both private and public spaces and buildings within the area.

They are aimed at creating a distinctive new civic space, anchored by the new library, Te Ara Ātea, and complemented by surrounding businesses to create a vibrant, welcoming public space.

The guidelines propose a series of public spaces, including the Tennyson Street 'high street', which is seen as a traditional high street based around Te Ara Ātea with a mix of small scale retail and hospitality businesses at ground level. Wordsworth Street will be predominantly a shopping street with a large format anchor store.

The Town Square provides open space for events, public gatherings and performances, and for community recreation. A tree-lined pedestrian promenade creates space for walking and meeting, and links Te Ara Ātea and the Town Square, while Rolleston Reserve is an attractive, landscaped park.

The design also proposes a series of laneways and four distinct Quarters, which allow for a range of activities, each with its own distinct character. The first quarter to be built will be the Tennyson Quarter, which will use contemporary styles, but with reference to Selwyn's traditional township high streets. Other quarters include the Town Square, the Wordsworth Quarter, an exciting retail destination, and the Station Quarter, a commercial area that draws on the town's railway heritage.

Council urban planner Gabi Wolfer says the Selwyn community is in a unique position to be able to develop its own town centre. "It will be a brand new place we haven't had to 'revitalise', but one we have actually crafted to the way we want it to be," she says.

"The shaping of this exciting project comes with responsibilities to create the best possible place that we can all be proud of and that will work for generations to come and enjoy."

The Council has started an Expression of Interest process, inviting developers to register their interest in developing the retail and commercial space within the town centre. The process will help the Council identify parties who will be capable of responding to an in-depth tender process.

Initial preparatory site work on the town centre is expected to start in the next few months. For more information email douglas.marshall@selwyn.govt.nz.

### **Understanding the Treaty of Waitangi**

Relationships will be at the heart of a fresh look at the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in our nation today.

Sharon Tipene, who has been a treaty educator for four years, will be hosting a workshop discussing the importance of the treaty in our daily lives at the Lincoln Event Centre, 11.30am–3.30pm on Saturday 17 August.

The session covers topics from pre-treaty to issues today such as Ihumātao and treaty settlements, using props, interactive discussions and stories.

Relationships and people's stories are central to the story of the treaty and the sessions, she says. It's also one of the things that makes the treaty relevant to all New Zealanders.

"In this country we have tangata whenua and if we're not that we're tangata tiriti. It's the treaty that gives us as pākehā and other migrants our place to stand. It's sometimes referred to as an immigration visa because it's through the treaty that space was officially created for us to have a place here."

Her focus in the sessions is on making a space where people can have discussions in an open and non-confrontational way and unpack the ideas they come with. "Often by the time we get to the middle of the session people are saying 'I wasn't sure about coming' or they came with a negative feeling, but they say, 'I'm pleased I came, it's really engaging, why didn't we know this before?"

As a pākehā, from New Brighton, she says the journey has been personal and who she is, is a big part of the sessions, from becoming interested in Māori culture as a teenager, to marrying a Māori man, working as a teacher and raising three children through a mix of Māori immersion and bilingual education.

"For us as pākehā, we have to have that discussion—what does this mean for us? We need to work that out amongst ourselves. Part of the workshop is to help us to work through what that means for us, why is it relevant and if it is, what does that then mean to honour both parties of the treaty in the way we live?"

Tickets cost \$25 per person. Bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz.

### Water race spraying reminder

The Council is reminding people not to spray the banks of water races with weed killer

Blanket spraying of the banks with weed killers often leads to damage and can cause the banks and soil to slump in and wash away.

The Council has been become aware of a rise in the number of incidents recently where banks are being blanket sprayed. The slumping and the soil washing away leads to sediment in the water race. This can block up the water race, which leads to increasing risk of flooding, of contaminants in the water, and of damage to plant and animal habitats.

Where these water races are near public land it also leads to potential damage of roads and footpaths and increases risk for people using the area.

Most water races flowing through private property are the landowner's responsibility for maintenance. The Council appreciates landowners proactively doing their maintenance, but is reminding people to please only spot spray pest plants with aquatic approved chemicals and avoid blanket spraying of banks damaging the race.

For more information, see the water race page on our website selwyn.govt.nz, or contact our water races team by emailing waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz.



## Getting closer to the new Selwyn District Plan

The Council is on track to have its future District Plan ready for formal public consultation early next year.

With local government elections coming up in October, the Council's District Plan Committee has held its final meeting for the year, says Tim Harris, Council's Environmental and Regulatory Services group manager. Most of the proposed policies and rules have been drafted and consulted on. Staff will now work on targeted consultation and refining the draft provisions for the income Council to endorse early next year.

The Proposed District Plan will be notified in early 2020 and fully in place, subject to any Environment Court appeals, in mid-2022.

"We would like to thank everyone who's provided feedback and helped shaped the future District Plan so far," Mr Harris says.

You can find out more about the future District Plan at selwyn.govt. nz/dprsi or check out the Council's engagement hub at selwyn.govt. nz/districtplanreview.



# ON THE ROADS

### On the roads this week

Repairs are being carried out on Barrs Road, Keens Road, Springfield Road and Malvern Hills Road, and bridge protection is being carried out at Mt White. Reshaping work is occurring on Snowdon Road. Please stop on request at these sites. Footpath construction is taking place in Darfield on North Terrace, Currie Street, McIlraith

Street, Kimberley Road, Longdon Road, Holmes Road and Mathias Road. These footpaths will be closed during the construction.



### **Notices**

### **ALCOHOL NOTICES**

Leeston Supervalue Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections are open until 22 August. For information go to selwyn.govt. nz/alcoholnotices.

### **DOG MICROCHIPPING**

This free monthly service is available on Friday 9 August at the following places: Lincoln 9-9.30am Leeston 10.15-10.45am Darfield 11.30am-12pm Rolleston 12.45-1.15pm

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped. Please note:

- All clinics last for only half an
- hour. The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).

· Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contract Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

### ROLLESTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM

Rolleston Residents Association Inc is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 26 August, 7.30pm at the Rolleston Community Centre. If you wish to be become the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, or a Committee Member, please come to register your interest. One of the main purposes of the association is to provide. or assist in the provision of facilities, for community purposes in the Rolleton township. It receives funding from the Council annually to

### **NEED FUNDING FOR YOUR CREATIVE PROJECT?**

Creative Communities Selwyn can help! Funding is available to groups or individuals with community-based creative projects that promote arts or culture in Selwyn. Applications for this funding round close at 5pm, Friday 30 August. Visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/ artsfunding for more information and to apply.

### **ELLESMERE BUS SURVEY**

Enviro Ellesmere are gathering data on public transport needs around Ellesmere and regarding the Leeston to Christchurch bus service.

The survey is available online at surveymonkey.com/r/93HMRTF, paper surveys are available at Selwyn Libraries, or for further information you can contact Enviro Ellesmere via enviroellesmere@gmail.com.

### 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 Therese Davel or Bernadette Ryan if you wish to speak at Council at least five 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**

### Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tue 6 August 2pm West Melton Community & **Recreation Centre** 

### **Property Committee**

Wed 7 August 10am West Melton Community & Recreation Centre

### Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 7 August 11.30am West Melton Community & Recreation Centre

Council meeting

Wed 14 August 1pm Tai Tapu Community Centre

### **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve **Management Committee** 

Tue 20 Aug 7.30pm Coalgate Fire Station

### **Darfield Township Committee**

Thur 15 Aug 7.30pm Darfield Library

### **Doyleston Community** Committee

Wed 7 Aug 7.30pm

Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park **Dunsandel Community** 

### Committee

Mon 19 Aug 7.30pm Dunsandel Community Centre

#### Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 20 Aug 7.30pm Glenroy Community Hall

### Hororata Reserve Management Committee

Wed 7 Aug 7.30pm Hororata Hall

### Kimberley Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Thur 22 Aug 7.30pm Kimberley Hall

### Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 12 Aug 7.30pm Sports Pavilion, Kirwee Recreation Reserve

### Kirwee Township Committee

Mon 19 Aug 7.30pm Kirwee Community Hall, A&P Showgrounds

### Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee

Fri 23 Aug 7.45pm Ladbrooks Community Hall

### **Lincoln Community Committee**

Mon 12 Aug 7pm Lincoln Event Centre

### Rolleston Residents' Association Inc. AGM

Mon 26 Aug 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

### Sheffield/Waddington **Community Committee**

Thur 15 Aug 7.30pm Sheffield Fire Station

### Southbridge Advisory Committee

Mon 12 Aug 7pm Southbridge Hall

### **Springston Community** Committee & Springston **Recreation Reserve Committee**

Wed 21 Aug 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

#### Tai Tapu Community Association

Wed 7 Aug 7.30pm Tai Tapu Hotel Function Room

### Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 6 Aug 7.30pm Waihora Bowling Club, Park Road, Motukarara

### West Melton Districts Residents' Association

Wed 14 Aug 7.30pm West Melton Sports & Recreation Centre

### Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Wed 14 Aug 7.30pm Glentunnel Hall

# Selwyn Events

**SATURDAY** 

**AUGUST** 

### **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** Darfield Library, 1-3pm

Join in a weird and wonderful afternoon for all the family, creating delightfully wacky hat creations followed by a tea party.

### WEDNESDAY

**AUGUST** 

### What's new in cancer research?

Rolleston College auditorium, 5.30–7pm

Come and find out about the latest in cancer research. Hosted by the Cancer Society this evening will cover everything from banking cancer tissue for future research and immune therapy to breast cancer genetics and Vitamin C in cancer.

**WEDNESDAY** 

**AUGUST** 

### Confidence through styling Leeston Library, 6.30-8.30pm

Internationally-trained personal stylist and beautician with over 15 years of experience, Vicki – from Beauty and Style in Leeston – will be sharing tools to gain confidence with your individua style, dress for your lifestyle and take the frustration out of shopping.

THURSDAY

**AUGUST** 

### **Fun with Makeup** Lincoln Library, 6.30–9.30pm

Informative, interactive group makeup session by a professional makeup artist. Learn makeup basics as well as techniques, tips and tricks so you can look and feel your best anytime. \$20 per person. Bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz

SATURDAY

**AUGUST** 

### **Dive in Movie**

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 5.30–8pm

Dive in to some mid-winter family fun with the movie Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG 2018) at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. Bring your friends and family along to watch one of your favourites, with a splash! Children under 8 years old require parental supervision. Bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz

**WEDNESDAY** 

**AUGUST** 

**Event Planning Workshop** Selwyn District Council, Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston, 5.30–8.30pm

Kirk Drive, Rolleston, 5.30–8.30pm
Do you provide events in Selwyn or would like to? This free interactive workshop provides information, tools and examples from across New Zealand. You will walk away with a better understanding of planning and budgeting, marketing and promotions, health and safety, sponsorship, permits and licences, and more—all in a wonderfully presented Event Planning Guide with templates and resources. Bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz, spaces are limited.

