

Signalled NZTA funding cuts could put motorists at risk



Nation-wide funding cuts to local roading improvements could have a significant impact on Selwyn motorists' safety.

Last week the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) informed the Council that its funding for local roading projects, contained in the current National Land Transport Programme (NLTP), would be cut due to a nation-wide funding shortfall.

This means key roading projects to improve safety and enhance the network to fit in with the Christchurch Southern Motorway extension are unlikely to go ahead as planned, says Deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall. This includes some cycleway projects.

"While we have had a constructive working relationship with the NZTA in the region, vital projects which we were planning to improve the safety and efficiency of roading network, particularly our roads feeding into the Christchurch Southern Motorway, have been halted unexpectedly due to a shortfall in national transport funding.

"This puts our residents and other motorists at risk on main roads that are in desperate need of safety upgrades."

The NZTA had indicated a likely subsidy assistance of \$5.6m. This was incorporated into the Council's financial forecasts and work plan.

Local roading projects in the 2018-21 NLTP which will now not proceed include:

- Blakes/Shands and Springs/Marshs Road intersection safety upgrades at Prebbleton (\$9.6m)
- Weedons Ross Road widening and upgrade at Rolleston (\$1m)
- Rolleston to Templeton cycleway (\$400k).

The NZTA attributes the shortfall to some large transport projects which need to be completed costing significantly more than estimated, along with the cost of other current projects, the number of carry-forward projects from previous programmes and an emphasis on 'green' transport initiatives.

Mr Lyall says the Council will continue to negotiate with the NZTA to find other ways to help pay for the district's much needed roading and transport improvements.

"We're hopeful of creating a solution to this issue. Our local arterial roads between Selwyn and Christchurch are carrying more traffic than most of the state highways in the district, at over 10,000 vehicles per day," he says.

Road maintenance programmes are not affected by the signalled funding cuts.

Drive safe this winter

Winter has arrived, bringing more challenging driving conditions, including rain, fog, ice, snow, shorter daylight hours and less visibility.

"As the snow and rain at the start of June reminded us, conditions on the roads in Selwyn can get quite tricky in winter and require more care. People need to plan a bit of extra time to fully defrost the car before starting journeys and travel more slowly on wet or icy roads," says Council Safety Coordinator Peter Daly.

The Council has a stock of windscreen scrapers – you can pick one up for free at the Council service centre in Rolleston.

Motorists should reduce speed when travelling in the frosty conditions in the morning and evening. Ice can also be a problem during the day on patches of road shaded by trees or fences, so watch out for this and reduce your speed before entering these areas.

It's also important to stay visible in gloomy conditions or fog by putting your lights on, Mr Daly says.

To help make your journey safer in winter check out our driving tips at selwyn.govt.nz/winterdriving.

Kids love Active Autumn

There was a wow effort from over 4000 young people last month who got active on their way to school.

The second annual Active Autumn event saw pupils from 10 Selwyn schools take part in the W.o.W challenge (walk or wheel) to get a card stamped each time they biked, scootered or walked to school.

The campaign run by the Council's Road Safety team encouraged the children to use an active mode of transport such as walking, skating, biking or scootering to get to and from school.

The children also took part in a colouring competition to come up with their own road safety message as part of the month-long event.

Each school received a series of prizes for children taking part in the colouring competition with one child at each school winning a scooter and bike helmet.

Southbridge School Principal Tamara Bell say the campaign was a big hit with her pupils.

"A huge thanks to [Council School Road Safety Coordinator] Stephanie Hautler from the Council for organising this important but really fun Active Autumn challenge and to the Council for donating all the prizes to our school. Our kids loved participating and were over the moon to get their hands on some of the awesome prizes!"



Council backs banning the bag

With the national ban on businesses distributing single use plastic bags coming into effect next month, the council is continuing to encourage people in Selwyn to move away from plastic bags.

From Monday 1 July plastic shopping bags will need to go in the red bin—which goes to landfill, rather than in the recycling bin.

The decision to stop taking shopping bags in the recycling was a result of the dramatic fall in the number of bags, following the decision by major supermarkets and the government to phase them out.

"It's great that we've been seeing a drop in the number of plastic bags that have been going into bins across Selwyn since the start of the year. We're asking people to continue that good work and keep using alternatives such as durable reusable bags and boxes."

Along with using boxes or durable reusable bags, ways to reduce plastic could include wrapping your organic waste in newspaper or soiled cardboard such as pizza boxes, Mr Boyd says. Some supermarkets also deliver online shopping in brown paper bags.

The nation-wide ban on businesses distributing single-use plastic bags will also come into effect on the same day. Some plastic bags such as rubbish bags, small bags without handles and bags for pet waste or nappies will still be available in stores, although the Council is encouraging people to think about alternatives for these too.

The Ministry for the Environment has more information about the changes on its website mfe.govt.nz, as well as a range of information available to businesses to assist with adapting to the new legislation.

Council building renovations begin

With the Council building renovations underway, there are some layout changes that you need to know about if you pop in to see us.

From next Monday 17 June, the customer car parking and entrance will be temporarily moved to accommodate our renovations which will take about eight months.

Please follow the signage which will clearly show where to park your car and where to enter the building. Internal signage will also show you where to go once you get inside. We're still providing full services as normal while we work to further enhance our customer service.

Keep an eye on the Council's Facebook page and website for updates.

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

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR HERITAGE FUND 2019

This year's Heritage Fund is now open for applications. The fund aims to encourage and assist owners to maintain and enhance heritage buildings and with work required on protected trees. It is open to residents and ratepayers of the Selwyn district. Priority is given to buildings, trees and items listed as 'heritage' under the Selwyn District Plan. For more information and to download an application form, go to selwyn.govt.nz/heritagefund2019, or contact us: heritagefund@selwyn.govt.nz. Applications close on Wednesday 17 July.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Hachi Hachi Rolleston Limited has applied for a renewal of an on licence. Objections are open until 18 June.
Cossars Weddings and Functions Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections are open until 18 June.
The Laboratory Lincoln Limited has applied for renewal of an off licence and an on licence. Objections are open until 24 June.
A.J. Catering Limited has

applied for an off licence and an on licence. Objections are open until 24 June.
Woodley's Hospitality Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections are open until 24 June, go to selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices for more information.

DARFIELD KIRWEE WASTE WATER CONSULTATION

The Council is seeking feedback from the community on the possible development of a wastewater scheme for Darfield and Kirwee. A meeting with businesses will be held at Darfield Library and Service Centre on Thursday 27 June 2019 at 1pm and a public meeting at the same location at 6pm. If you wish to attend either please RSVP at water.manager@selwyn.govt.nz. A drop-in session will also be held on Saturday 29 June 2019 at the same venue from 10am-1pm.

SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE

Plan Change 59
GW Wilfield Private Plan Change, proposed Living WM South Zone, West Melton

Public Notice Summarising Submissions and Calling for Further Submissions
A summary of the submissions, along with a copy of the original submissions, on the above proposed change to the Selwyn District Plan are now available for viewing electronically at all Council Service Centres, Libraries and on our website (www.selwyn.govt.nz). A hard copy of this information is available for viewing at Council's Rolleston Headquarters. The public notice (published in the Public Notices section of The Press, on 5 June 2019), explaining how to make a further submission and who is eligible to make one, is also available in these places. Further submissions must be limited to matters either in support of or in opposition to an original submission made on the above Plan Change. The closing date for further submissions on these plan changes is 5pm Thursday 20 June. For further information regarding this plan change or the process outlined above, please contact Rachael Carruthers, Strategy and Policy Planner, on (03) 347 2800, (03) 318 8338 or pc59@selwyn.govt.nz.

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.
District Plan Review Committee
Wed 12 Jun 9am
Council meeting

Wed 12 Jun 1pm
District Plan Review Committee
Wed 26 Jun 9am
DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Coalgate Township Committee
Tue 25 Jun 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station
Darfield Township Committee
Thur 20 Jun 7.30pm
Darfield Library
Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 17 Jun 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Hall
Glenroy Community Hall Committee
Tue 18 Jun 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall
Kirwee Township Committee
Mon 17 Jun 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall
Leeston Park Committee

Mon 24 Jun 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion
Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee
Thur 27 Jun 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Rolleston Residents Association
Mon 24 Jun 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Sheffield-Waddington Community Committee
Thur 20 Jun 7.30pm
Sheffield Fire Station
Springston Community Committee and Springston Reserve Committee
Wed 19 Jun 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve
West Melton Districts Residents Association
Wed 12 Jun 7.30pm
West Melton Sports and Recreation Centre

What do YOUTh think?

What do young people think about cycling, walking and safety?
The Selwyn Youth Council is carrying out its annual youth survey to help get young people's feedback on important issues in the district.
The second annual 'What do YOUTh think?' survey will see the Youth Council visiting high schools in the districts and Lincoln University to seek the feedback of young people on cycling, walking and safety. The survey is also available online at bit.ly/YOUTh2019.
It is open to anyone aged 14-24 years old and living in the district. Everyone who completes the survey will go in the draw to win a Sony Bluetooth Speaker valued at \$99.
Youth Council chair Katelyn Twiss says the survey results help the Council in its decision making and taking young people into account.
The survey is designed to run alongside the Council's annual residents' survey to better understand the needs of the community.



On the roads this week

Repairs and surfacing work will be carried out on Coaltrack Road, Pig Saddle Road, Hartleys Road, Colliers Road and Barrs Road until Friday 14 June. Traffic management will be in place at this time.
Footpath construction will be taking place on Michaels Road from Old Tai Tapu Road to Forbes Road, Old Tai Tapu Road from Forbes Road to Christchurch Akaroa Road and Edward Street from Millstream Drive to Southfield Drive until Friday 14 June.

Selwyn Events

FROM
12 JUNE
- 7 JULY

Ewe Beauty II
Down by the Liffey Gallery
An exhibition from Southern Felters, a Canterbury-based creative fibre group, who will be exhibiting an array of their felt objects – from wall art and sculptures to jackets and other wearable art. Open Wed-Thur 11.30am-2.30pm and Fri-Sun 10am-4pm.

THURSDAY
13
JUNE

Fun with Makeup
Lincoln Library, 7-9pm
Round up your girlfriends and come along to a fun, informative, and interactive group makeup session taken by a professional makeup artist. Learn makeup basics as well as tips and techniques so you can look and feel your best anytime. \$20 per person. Bookings essential, at Eventbrite.co.nz

SATURDAY
15
JUNE

Modern Māori Quartet
Lincoln Event Centre, 7-9pm
This promises to be a concert to remember with the award-winning contemporary Māori showband with a mix of off-beat comedy, stage routines, show and pop hits and distinctively Māori song and dance.

SATURDAY
22
JUNE

Child Restraint Installation Checks
10am-12pm Selwyn District Council carpark, Rolleston
Come and get your child car seat checked by a qualified technician and enjoy a sausage sizzle. Our car seat champions will be providing advice and able to answer any queries you have. Tea, coffee and bread donations for the Ellesmere Foodbank are greatly appreciated. To book a slot please check out Selwyn Carseat Champions on Facebook or call 347 2705.

TUESDAY
24
JUNE

Daddy and Daughter Time
Lincoln Library, 1-3pm
The perfect class for any dads out there – we'll teach you the basics of hair care and offer some simple styles to try. One adult per child please. Cost: \$15, includes a take home hair kit. Bookings essential, at Eventbrite.co.nz

UNTIL
4
JULY

Matariki photography exhibition
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre
See some amazing photographs of the night sky from members of the Canterbury Astronomical Society. See selwyn.govt.nz/matariki for times.

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

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