

Support for growing tourism industry



More improvements to the district's tourism infrastructure have been confirmed with government support passing \$1 million.

Two new public toilets have been confirmed to replace the existing toilets at Hororata Reserve and Lake Coleridge, after the Council received a \$332,600 funding grant from the latest round of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

The district has now received \$1.1 million in grants from the fund, including for public toilet and waste water system upgrades. The district has also received \$223,600 from the Responsible Camping Fund to cover extra staff and campground maintenance over the summer season.

Council's Open Space and Strategy Manager Mark Rykers says the funding is a boost to help the district support the growing numbers of tourists visiting Selwyn.

"We're pleased to have continued support from the government, which recognises the level of tourist activity in the district. We work hard to try and ensure these visitors have a great time in the district and we are very appreciative of this funding, which is an important investment for us in this work."

Both Hororata and Lake Coleridge have been among the centres in the district seeing that increase in tourist and visitor numbers and the funding allowed the Council to bring forward its plans to carry out needed upgrades to both toilet blocks.

The plan is to provide four unisex toilet stalls, including one with an accessible toilet, at Lake Coleridge and five unisex toilet stalls, including one with an accessible toilet, at Hororata Reserve, along with a new waste water system for the block.

The fund includes a contribution towards the running costs of the toilet blocks for two years and the Council hopes to have both toilet blocks installed by the middle of 2020.

Major district projects under way

Ground has been broken and work is on track on three major projects for the district.

Left photo: Council Aquatic Facilities manager James Richmond and Armitage Williams Site Manager Kirill Makogon stand on the floor of the 10 lane, 25 metre pool extension at Selwyn Aquatic Centre and inspects work on the new changing rooms. The extension is on track to open at the end of 2020.

Centre photo: A builder for Apollo Projects, works on the foundations for the central area of the eight-court Foster Park indoor Courts. The courts are planned to be open by the 2021 winter sports season.

Right photo: A digger at work on the foundations for Te Ara Ātea, the new library, community and cultural facility, which is the first stage in the Rolleston town centre development and is expected to be open in early 2021.



Festive feel for citizenship ceremony

There was a festive atmosphere amid the celebrations for the final citizenship ceremony of the year.

A group of 29 people from 11 different nationalities took the oath of allegiance to become New Zealanders. They included new citizens originally from Russia, Chile, Nigeria, Cambodia and the United States of America.

In a festive touch, Mayor Sam Broughton broke out his guitar for the singing of the national anthem, before leading the group in two Christmas Carols, Silent Night and Feliz Navidad, to round out the evening.

Several of the new citizens spoke of searching the world before choosing New Zealand as a place to settle.

Thomas Lowton said he and his family were touring the world after he retired from the British Army in 2012. "We landed in New Zealand and we didn't want to leave anymore," he said.

Montana farmer and engineer CJ Johansson said he and his wife were also searching the world for a place to make a new start after he lost his job.

"We were looking for a place at least as nice as Montana. We found New Zealand and it turned out we were right, it's at least as nice and we're very happy living here and becoming citizens."

Many of the group noted the warm welcome they had received from their new country when they moved here, including eight-year-old Megan Nelson, originally from South Africa. "Thank you for welcoming us and letting us become New Zealanders. Thank you," she said.

It was the first ceremony back at the Council offices in Rolleston after five months away with ceremonies at West Melton Community and Recreation Centre and Tai Tapu Community Centre while work was done on the Rolleston building.



Fire restrictions in place for Selwyn district

Fire and Emergency New Zealand has advised that the Selwyn district is in a restricted fire season.

Anyone wanting to light a fire outside in the Selwyn district will need to first obtain a permit from Fire and Emergency.

Gas or charcoal barbecues can still be used without a permit.

People can find out which fires need a permit by calling Fire and Emergency on 0800 658 628 or at www.checkitsalright.nz, where you can also find tips on keeping your property safe.

Any fire permits issued during a restricted fire season are suspended if Fire and Emergency declares a prohibited fire season, or prohibits fire in open air, in the area(s).



On the roads this week

Brief footpath construction will be taking place on South Terrace, Darfield, Waddington Road, Waddington, SH73 Sheffield, and Coaltrack Road, Glentunnel. These footpaths will closed during construction.

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

COUNCIL SERVICES
HOLIDAY HOURS

Here is a summary of Selwyn District Council services and opening hours during the holiday period.

Council headquarters in Rolleston will be closed from 12 midday Tuesday 24 December, reopening 8.30am Friday 3 January.

Rubbish and recycling collections scheduled on Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December) will take place on Saturday 28 December. Collections scheduled on New Year's Day (Wednesday 1 January) will take place on Saturday 4 January. All other collection days will proceed as normal.

Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Standard opening hours operate for the rest of the holiday period (9am–4.30pm).

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre is closed from

Sunday 22 December. Lincoln Event Centre and Tai Tapu Community Centre are closed from Monday 23 December. Rolleston Community Centre is closed Monday 23 December. All centres reopen on Monday 6 January.

All Selwyn Libraries will be closed from 12 midday, Tuesday 24 December, reopening from Friday 27 to Tuesday 31 December, 10am–4pm. Leeston and Darfield libraries will be closed on Sunday 29 December. All libraries will resume normal hours from Friday 3 January. Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be closed for the statutory holidays. It will be open on Sunday 22 December from 8am–8pm, and on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 from 6am–6pm. From Friday 27 December to Monday 30 December and from Thursday 2 January to Sunday 5 January it will be open 8am–8pm. On Tuesday 31 December the centre will be open 8am–6pm. Normal hours will resume on Monday 6 January.

Animal Control services are available, operating 24 hours 7 days a week.

The Council's customer contact line will be operating 24 hours a day over the Christmas and New Year break for urgent issues, phone 0800 735 996 or (03) 347 2800.

RESOURCE CONSENT
APPLICATION RC195407
- LINCOLN UNIVERSITY -
WITHDRAWN

On Wednesday 11 December Selwyn District Council publicly notified a resource consent application by Lincoln University to construct and operate 382 car park space area in two stages; stage one being 203 spaces and stage 2 being 179 spaces.

The applicant, Lincoln University, has now withdrawn this application. This means it is no longer being considered by Selwyn District Council.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the duty planner on 03 347 2868 or planning.info@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 Therese Davel or Bernadette Ryan if you wish to speak at the Council meeting 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.*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow

Thu 19 Dec 7.30pm
Sheffield Community Hall

Weedons Residents' Association

Tue 14 Jan 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Enrol to vote in General Election

The Electoral Commission is making it even easier for voters to enrol and update their details. You can now enrol or update your details online at vote.nz using your New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport or a RealMe verified identity.

The changes will help people get ready for next year's general election, including a simplified paper enrolment form and updated website to make it easier to enrol, find out about enrolment or check your details.

You can get a paper enrolment form sent to you in the mail to enrol or update your details by calling 0800 36 76 56, or text your name and address to 3676. You can also pick one up at Electoral Commission offices or Citizens Advice Bureau (CABs). Selwyn Libraries can also assist people in enrolling to vote. Enrolment forms are no longer available at PostShop stores.

Clean bill of health for drinking water

Selwyn's drinking water has received a clean bill of health for complying with drinking water standards under the Health Act – with more improvements to come.

The Council's drinking water supplies were passed as complying with national drinking water standards for dealing with bacteria and nitrate levels in the Canterbury District Health Board's annual compliance report. Nitrate levels were tested in four water supplies and all were found to be below the maximum allowable levels.

The report showed 26 of the 27 water supplies tested were compliant with standards for E-Coli, with Arthur's Pass having one E-Coli transgression when levels of E-Coli passed the allowed levels. A new treatment plant is planned for Arthur's Pass next year.

The report found 17 of 27 supplies tested complied with requirements around protozoa, but seven supplies needed UV treatment upgrades. The Council has completed two of the upgrades and has committed to carrying out the remaining upgrades in the coming year, Council Group Manager Infrastructure Murray Washington says.

"It's good to have the confirmation once again that our drinking water is of good quality and potable, but work is still needed to make sure we're providing the best systems we can and keep up with changing drinking water standards. We have a major project of upgrades happening this year at treatment plants across the district, installing UV and filtration systems where they are needed and expanding supply."



Selwyn Events

SUMMER IN SELWYN

THURSDAY

19
DECEMBER

Christmas Storytime

All Selwyn Libraries, 6–7pm

Dress up as your favourite Christmas character and help us celebrate the festive season with stories, songs and a treasure hunt. For details visit selwynlibraries.co.nz

THURSDAY

19
DECEMBER

Christmas Twilight Market

Lincoln Green, 4–8pm

Lincoln Farmers' and Craft Market are holding their Christmas Twilight Market on the Green beside the Lincoln Library. Special appearance by the Selwyn Community Choir and lots of opportunities to get those last minute Christmas gifts.

UNTIL

12
JANUARY

The Cash and Carry Show

Down by The Liffey Gallery, Lincoln, selected hours
Wednesday to Sunday

The gallery's annual Members' Show, featuring work from over 30 of its artist members. With so many items for sale the gallery is a big art shop – visit for some great gift ideas or something for your own home.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

WEDNESDAY

15
JANUARY

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Rolleston Reserve and Community Centre, 11am–1pm

Pack a picnic and dress up your favourite teddy. The 2020 Teddy Bears' Picnic will be jam-packed with family fun, including the annual teddy bear parade, face painting, pedalmania, bouncy castles and prizes.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

SUN 12
AND 19
JANUARY

Pool Parties

Sheffield Pool, Sunday 12,
Darfield Pool, Sunday 19, 2–4pm

The summer pool parties are back with inflatables, games, prizes, a sausage sizzle and a DJ playing your favourite songs.

Over 90 events

December–March



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selwyn.govt.nz/events

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

Leeston Library & Service Centre
19 Messines Street, Leeston
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2876

(03) 347 2800
Darfield call free 318 8338
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