

# Growing numbers say Selwyn is a great place to live

	<b>69%</b> Overall Council performance		<b>76%</b> Water supply		<b>97%</b> Rubbish collection
	<b>93%</b> Selwyn is a great place to live		<b>55%</b> Cycleways and footpaths		<b>81%</b> Parks and reserves

Proportion of residents rating service good or very good

More people than ever are enjoying being part of the district’s community.

That’s one of the findings from the Council’s annual survey of residents this year, which shows that 93% of people surveyed thought Selwyn was ‘a great place to live’, 2% more than in 2018.

Reasons people gave included the range of facilities and services, the relaxed country feel, the safe, clean environment, fun events, and being a good place to bring up families.

Residents also gave a positive rating to the services and facilities the Council provides, with 69% of residents rating the Council’s overall performance as good or very good, the same as last year. This overall performance rating has increased steadily from 58% in 2013.

Among the services that respondents rated highly were rubbish collection (97% rated good or very good), recycling (92%), playgrounds (84%), libraries (83%), parks and reserves (81%) and wastewater services (72%).

The biggest increases in satisfaction were recorded for the Pines Resource Recovery Park (up 16% to 85%), cemeteries (up 15% to 70%) and community swimming pools (up 13% to 67%).

Satisfaction decreased for cycleways (down 11%), water supply (down 5%), organic collection (down 4%), land drainage (down 5%), and urban roads (down 3%).

Of the 26 services or facilities surveyed, two recorded no change from last year, 11 recorded an increase in satisfaction and 13 recorded a decrease in satisfaction.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the survey results reflect the positive feel of the district. “There’s so much to like about Selwyn, and more and more people are finding out first hand,” he says. “We’re still a rural district but we’re increasingly investing in new facilities, good transport links, economic infrastructure and services that help our people and communities to thrive.

“We also acknowledge that growth brings challenges, and we look closely at the survey results each year, as a guide to where we need to improve our services and review our spending priorities.”

The survey was carried out in June and July by independent research company Research First, and surveyed 401 people using telephone, cellphone and online surveys.

The full residents’ survey is available at: [selwyn.govt.nz/residents-survey](http://selwyn.govt.nz/residents-survey).

## Architecture award for Lakeside Hall

The Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall has won a national architecture award.

The hall won the Public Architecture Award in the Te Kāhui Whaihangā New Zealand Institute of Architect’s New Zealand Architecture Awards.

The hall, which was officially opened on 1 February this year, replaced the original hall built in 1907. The original hall had to be demolished after it was damaged in the Canterbury earthquakes.

The \$1.67 million new building was designed by Architecture Workshops Limited. In giving the award the judges said the design of the building “is alive to the historical and social resonances of the memorial hall, and to the circumstances of contemporary use”.

The building was designed to reflect the cultural significance of the hall, as well as being made to be flexible in its use to allow it to accommodate a variety of events.

“The architect’s sympathetic understanding of the cultural significance of the project has made for an appropriate conciliation between pragmatic requirements and poetic expression,” the judges said.



## Gansu Fellowship a fantastic opportunity

Robert Love was chosen to represent Selwyn for the 2019 Gansu International Fellowship Programme. He reflects on his month in China:

The 2019 Gansu International Fellowship Programme will stay with me due to the experiences and people I have met.

Selwyn shares a special relationship with Gansu province through the work of Rewi Alley and this was formally recognised in a sister city partnership in 2009. This partnership has extended to an annual invitation to a candidate from Selwyn to attend a fellowship based in the provincial capital Lanzhou, together with representatives from countries around the world with Sister Cities in Gansu.

Over 30 days the fellowship covered lectures in language, history and culture, accompanied by many visits within the Lanzhou area and surrounds, including an excursion to one of my highlights, the Tibetan Plateau.

Historically Gansu, in north-west China, was the entry point into China along the Silk Road. In modern times, it has been identified as a vital transport corridor to western and central Asia, and Europe, and the region is subject to massive investment.

The relationship between Rewi Alley and China was a driving factor behind New Zealand becoming the first country in the world to sign a free trade agreement with China, which is now our largest trading partner, worth over \$28 billion annually.

The length and richness of Chinese history is incredibly humbling, such as on our visit to the majestic Mogao Grottoes or Caves of the Thousand Buddhas—some dating back more than 1,500 years.

The trip provided me with a fantastic opportunity to experience this unique part of China, develop my understanding of its society and learn that, while we have minor cultural differences, the most important things to us are the same, such as the place water has in our society. If you have the opportunity to attend this fellowship I would encourage you to apply.



## Where to walk the dog – rules clarified on Coles Fields

In Selwyn we have over 13,500 dogs!

It’s important to remember when exercising our dogs in public areas we are keeping them and others safe.

Selwyn has some off-leash dog exercise areas including fully-fenced dog parks in Rolleston and Leeston and authorised reserves or parks, but unless you’re in one these areas, all dogs need to be on-leash when out for a walk or run.

One particular area of concern is Coles Fields subdivision in Rolleston. This is a strictly on-leash area. We have been made aware of a number of issues with dogs being exercised off-leash in this area, so please ensure your dog is on its leash when being exercised here.

Benefits to dogs being on-leash include:

- it’s a good way to bond and create companionship with your dog
- it prevents your dog from wandering onto other people’s property or the road
- you have the ability to quickly remove it from potentially negative situations
- it prevents your dog from finding or eating potentially hazardous things
- it protects other wildlife, such as birds.

You can find a full list of authorised off-leash reserves, parks and domains in the current bylaw at [selwyn.govt.nz/dogbylaw](http://selwyn.govt.nz/dogbylaw). It’s important to ensure that regardless of where you are, that your dog is under effective control at all times.



## Notices

### ALCOHOL NOTICES

Prebbleton Trading Limited has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 29 November. For more information go to [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

### WATER RACE CLEANING REMINDER

If you have a privately cleaned water race this should be cleaned at least once a year and frequently enough to ensure supply is not disrupted for downstream users. You're also responsible for making sure that vegetation does not impede water race flows. Council-cleaned races will be cleaned from November 2019 to March 2020. If a Council cleaned water race crosses your land, please provide clear access to it to

ensure machinery can safely operate. If you wish to receive water race spoil please contact the Council surface water engineer on [waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz).

### SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Funding is available for Selwyn sport teams who need to travel to local competition games and are comprised of members aged 5-19 years (school competitions in school time are not eligible).

This funding round is for summer sports only. For more information or to apply go to [selwyn.govt.nz/ruraltravelfund](http://selwyn.govt.nz/ruraltravelfund) or contact Stuart Westoby, 03 347 2708, [stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz). Applications close Friday 29 November.

### SPRINGSTON PUBLIC CEMETERY

The Council cemetery team would like to contact the families of the following people interred at Springston Public cemetery. MEEHAN, Kenneth Leslie MEHLHOPT, Allan Reginald ROGERS, Mark Hall WHITTAKER, Ronald Josephus Raynor ROLSTON, James ANDREW, Lawrence James TIPLADY, Albert Charles HALL, Alfred Donald HEWITT, Norman Alfred If you are a family member or know any family members of these people please ask them to contact Leanne Page on 347 2821 or email [Leanne.page@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:Leanne.page@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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

### COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

#### Council

Wed 20 Nov 1pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

#### Malvern Community Board

Mon 25 Nov 4pm  
Darfield Library

#### Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 4 Dec 1pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

### DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### Arthur's Pass Association Inc.

Tue 3 Dec 6pm, Yaldhurst Tavern

#### Coalgate Township Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow

Tue 26 Nov 7.30pm  
Coalgate Bowling Club

#### Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow

Tue 10 Dec 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

#### Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Management Committee

Mon 2 Dec 7.30pm  
Darfield Recreation Centre

#### Darfield Township Committee

Thu 21 Nov 7.30pm  
Darfield Library

#### Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm  
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

#### Glenroy Community Hall Committee – AGM

Tue 19 Nov 7.30pm  
Glenroy Community Hall

#### Glentunnel Township Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow

Mon 25 Nov 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre

#### Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 26 Nov 7.30pm  
Greendale Sports Pavilion

#### Hororata Citizens' Committee

Tue 26 Nov 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

#### Hororata Reserve Management Committee

Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

#### Killinchy Community Centre – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow

Wed 27 Nov 7.30pm  
Killinchy Community Centre  
*All of Killinchy residents welcome. Apologies to Sandra 324 3815.*

#### Kimberley Reserve & Hall Committee – Triennial meeting with ordinary meeting to follow

Thu 28 Nov 7.30pm  
Kimberley Hall

#### Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee – AGM

Fri 22 Nov 7.45pm  
Ladbrooks Community Hall

#### Leeston Community Committee – Triennial meeting

Mon 2 Dec 7pm, Leeston Library  
*An opportunity to serve and get involved in the Leeston*

*community. Committee member nominations will be called for at the meeting and votes taken as required. Meeting chaired by Cr Murray Lemon.*

#### Leeston Park Committee – AGM

Mon 25 November 8pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion

#### Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee

Thu 5 Dec 7pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

#### Rolleston Residents' Association Inc

Mon 25 Nov 7pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

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

Thu 12 Dec 7.30pm  
Sheffield Fire Station

#### Springfield Township Committee

Tue 3 Dec 7.30pm  
Tawera Memorial Hall

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

Wed 20 Nov 7.30pm, Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

#### Springston Hall Committee

Thu 28 Nov 7.30pm  
Springston Hall

#### Springston Community Committee & Springston Recreation Reserve Committee & Springston Hall Committee – Triennial meeting

Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm, Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

#### Tai Tapu Community Association

Wed 4 Dec 7.30pm  
Tai Tapu Hotel Function Room

#### Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 3 Dec 7.30pm  
Waihora Bowling Club, Motukarara

# Selwyn Events

#### SATURDAY

23  
NOVEMBER

### Malvern Community Recycling Day

Hawkins Pit Darfield, 10am–4pm

In time for a spring clean—drop off garden waste, scrap metal, tyres, child car seats, e-waste and recycling. Some charges may apply. General rubbish, gas bottles, items containing oil or fuel, polystyrene or soft plastic can't be accepted. Go to [selwyn.govt.nz/recyclingday](http://selwyn.govt.nz/recyclingday) for more information.

#### SATURDAY

23  
NOVEMBER

### Using Chalk Paint for Beginners

Leeston Library, 1–3pm

Part of the Selwyn Libraries Furniture Refurb Series offering tips for people looking to update old furniture or give it a new life. Learn the basics of chalk paint. Suitable for ages 15 and over. \$15 per person, bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz)

#### SATURDAY

23 & 30  
NOVEMBER

### Dads and Kids Time

23 November Leeston Library  
30 November Rolleston Library  
1–2pm

A special time for kids to spend time with dads or grandads. Come along for a fun workshop and bring your imaginations. \$10 per family, bookings essential at [Eventbrite.co.nz](http://Eventbrite.co.nz).

#### UNTIL

24  
NOVEMBER

### 'It's In Our Nature' Art exhibition

Down by the Liffey Gallery, Lincoln, selected opening hours

An exhibition featuring Ann Wilson, Dot Moulton and Mike Glover. Drawing on years of art making, Ann and Mike present their different styles of distinctive pastel work while Dot gets funky with colour and clay.

#### THURSDAY

28  
NOVEMBER

### White Washing for Beginners

Lincoln Library, 6–8pm

Part of the Selwyn Libraries Furniture Refurb Series offering tips for people looking to update old furniture. Learn about how white washing can give that furniture a new life. Suitable for ages 15 and over. \$15 per person, bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz).

#### SUNDAY

1  
DECEMBER

### Selwyn Garden Expo

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 12.30–5pm

The best of what Selwyn has to offer in gardening and speciality food. Headline guest speaker Lynda Hallinan, former editor of NZ Gardener, author and broadcaster, along with presentations on bonsai, tool care, floral demos and magic moss. Tickets \$15 email [selwyngardenexpo@gmail.com](mailto:selwyngardenexpo@gmail.com) or ring Brenda 027 347 6460.

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



## On the roads this week

Footpath construction will be taking place in Prebbleton on Aberdeen Road, in Rolleston on Masfield Drive, in Sheffield on Wrights Road and in Waddington on Waddington Road. These footpaths will be closed during construction. Footpath and drainage work is taking place on Leeston Road, Doyleston. Traffic management will be in place.

**SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL**

**BE THE CHANGE.**

**APPLY NOW! APPLICATIONS CLOSE 2 DEC 2019**

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

**(03) 347 2800**

Darfield call free 318 8338

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