



Contractor confirmed for Foster Park indoor courts

A brand new indoor courts sports facility should be open at Foster Park in time for the 2021 winter sport season.

The Council has appointed Apollo Projects Ltd to build the complex, which will feature eight courts and a 240 metre indoor walking track on the mezzanine level.

The indoor courts were confirmed in the Long-Term Plan 2018–2028 and work is planned to begin in early November this year, Council Major Projects manager John Reid says.

It will help meeting a growing need for indoor sports facilities within the rapidly increasing population in Selwyn.

“Throughout New Zealand we have more sport and recreation activities requiring indoor facilities than ever and Council has recognised that this trend is only going to continue into the future,” Mr Reid says.

Four of the courts will have a sprung wooden floor, while the other half of the building will feature a multi-purpose floor, able to host a wide range of events and functions.

“There’s been a lot of interest in these courts from the general community, not just sports groups, and the multi-purpose space gives you lots of flexibility – you could host an indoor market, or a trade show, or an exhibition. It makes it a place for everyone,” Mr Reid says.

The Council approved a \$21.5 million budget for the project, including surrounding landscaping requirements.

“Our emphasis has been to provide as much indoor space as possible with good quality courts for community use. That’s meant we’re getting this eight-court facility for the same price or less than many facilities half its size that have been built in recent years around New Zealand.”

Swimmable Selwyn at Coes Ford

Work is under way to turn Coes Ford back into a popular swimming site as part of a long-term plan to make the Selwyn-Waikirikiriri River swimmable.

Swimmable Selwyn is part of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy that sees councils around the province working with Environment Canterbury to manage and improve the region’s water.

As part of Swimmable Selwyn, the Selwyn Waihora water zone committee has set up a working group looking into sources of water quality decline, aiming to deliver certainty for the farming community, and recreation and water quality gains for everyone.

The group has identified Swimmable Coes Ford as a priority, with a plan for fencing, planting and reducing contaminants agreed, which aims to increase the water quality at Coes Ford and upstream.

Zone committee co-chairs Megan Hands and Les Wanhall say the work is a response to the strong message from the community that the river needed to be better looked after and the importance of Coes Ford as a swimming spot.

The fencing and planting project has seen land owners, community groups and schools working together to increase the distance of fences from the river and increase planting on the riverbanks, including lower bank plantings.

Already this year about 300 plants have been planted on a farm in the Silverstream catchment above Coes Ford by a team of volunteers from Dairy NZ, the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee, Waiora Forest Landscapes and Environment Canterbury. The planting will protect natural springs and improve the water quality.





Is your community group, not-for-profit organisation or school in need of a computer or printer?

We have some second-hand computers and printers from Selwyn libraries that we no longer require.

Register your interest by 9 August to go in a ballot to receive one of these.

Email: michael.heywood@selwyn.govt.nz

Rates accounts coming soon

Rates invoices for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 will be arriving in letterboxes and inboxes soon. You can check out the changes in your rates before your invoice arrives, by visiting selwyn.govt.nz/rates and clicking on property search.

If you pay by direct debit you will receive information on your new direct debit in a separate letter. If you choose to pay by direct debit, then as long as you have sufficient funds in your bank account to cover the payments on the due dates, you will not be charged penalties.

For ratepayers not on a direct debit, rates are payable in four instalments – 15 September, December, March and June. Penalties are charged on instalments not paid in full by the due dates and there is a further penalty if rates are not paid by 30 June.

Your rates invoice details the rates assessed for your property for both the Council and Environment Canterbury. The Council assesses a general rate, based on your property’s capital value, district-wide targeted rates, plus other targeted rates based on where you live, or the services you receive. We also act as agent for the collection of Environment Canterbury rates within Selwyn district.

The average rates increase for the 2019/20 year is 6%, however this will vary for individual properties. This year also takes account of updated capital values, which may affect the amount of rates you pay. Rates may also increase if you have made changes to your property, for example if you have built a house on your section, or if you have changed your wheelie bins.

If you have any queries regarding your rates please contact us by email rates@selwyn.govt.nz or ring 03 347 2776. But please be patient with our revenue team staff in the next few weeks as the volume of queries always increases at this time of year. You can also find out more about rates at selwyn.govt.nz/rates.

Are you eligible for a rates rebate?

Ratepayers who are on a low income and who pay rates on the property they live in may be eligible for a rates rebate.

To find out if you are eligible, and to download forms, visit www.ratesrebates.govt.nz. Forms are also available from Council service centres. If you received a rates rebate last year you will automatically be sent an application form with your rates.

If your gross household income to 31 March 2019 was \$25,660 or less, and you pay rates on the property where you live, you may qualify for a rebate. If your income was more than this, you may still be eligible, depending on the total cost of your rates and the number of dependents in your family.

To apply, you will need to provide accurate details and copies of your gross income, and that of any partner/spouse/joint homeowner who lives with you, for the tax year ended 31 March 2019.

You can apply for your rebate at any Council service centre.

Rolleston – Selwyn District Council

2 Norman Kirk Drive Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm (no appointment necessary)

Darfield Library & Service Centre

Phone 03 318 7780 to book an appointment:
Wednesdays 10am–12pm, Thursdays 1–3pm

Leeston Library & Service Centre

Phone 03 347 2871 to book an appointment:
Mondays 2–3pm, Fridays 11am–12pm

Lincoln Library & Service Centre

Phone 03 347 2876 to book an appointment:
Wednesdays 10–12pm, Tuesdays 1–3pm



Council Call

Selwyn District Council
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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

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE AGM

Council Sister Cities Committee is holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 1 August at 4.30pm at the Darfield Library. Selwyn has Sister Cities cultural and friendship relationships and exchange visits with cities in Japan; China; Coventry in Rhode Island, USA; and Toraja, Indonesia.

Residents are welcome to attend this meeting and can RSVP to Bernadette Ryan 3472 800 or bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Lincoln Supermarket Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections

are open until 5 August. For information go to selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

DOG MICROCHIPPING

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. 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

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 contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800.

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.

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 Aug 2pm

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Property Committee

Wed 7 Aug 9am

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Audit and Risk Subcommittee

Wed 7 Aug 1pm

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Council meeting

Wed 14 Aug 1pm

Tai Tapu Community Centre

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Arthur's Pass Association Inc.

Sat 3 Aug 4pm

Arthur's Pass Community Centre

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre Management Committee

Mon 5 Aug 7.30pm, Darfield

Recreation and Community Centre

Darfield Township Committee

Thu 15 Aug 7.30pm

Darfield Library

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 7 Aug 7.30pm

Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

Hororata Reserve

Management Committee

Wed 7 Aug 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 12 Aug 7.30pm

Sports Pavilion, Kirwee

Recreation Reserve

Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall Incorporated Society AGM

Mon 5 Aug 7pm

Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall

Leeston Community Committee

Mon 5 Aug 7.30pm

Leeston Library

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

Thu 15 Aug 7.30pm

Sheffield Fire Station

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Mon 12 Aug 7pm

Southbridge Hall Meeting Room

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

West Melton District's Residents' Association

Wed 14 Aug 7.30pm

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee

Wed 14 Aug 7.30pm

Glentunnel Hall

Selwyn Events

SATURDAY

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AUGUST

Daddy Daughter Time

Lincoln Library, 1–3pm

A great time for dads and daughters to enjoy together and get creative decorating cupcakes. We have everything you need, just bring along your imagination. \$10 per family. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

SUNDAY

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AUGUST

Springston Secret Garden Working Bee

Springston Secret Garden
387b Ellesmere Junction Rd,
10.30am–12pm

A wonderful opportunity to meet people and enjoy the relaxed, family friendly, community garden. The garden is a member of Selwyn Timebank and volunteers can earn credits per hour. For more contact Tina on 021 738 092 or at springstonsecretgarden@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY

7 & 14

AUGUST

Confidence Through Styling

7 August: Lincoln Library, 6.30–8.30pm, 14 August: Leeston Library, 6.30–8.30pm

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

SATURDAY

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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.

SAT 10 & SUN 11

AUGUST

Prebbleton Top 30 photography exhibition

Prebbleton Public Hall, 10am–4pm

A display by Prebbleton Heritage of 30 enlarged photographs showing the history of the area, plus more recent photos.

WEDNESDAY

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AUGUST

What's new in cancer research?

Rolleston College auditorium,
5.30–7pm

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

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

Urban water focus for Zone Committee

Did you know the Council manages 30 community water supplies, 14 wastewater networks and 21 urban stormwater schemes – along with 10 land drainage schemes and three water race networks across the district?

Our water networks have expanded rapidly as Selwyn's population has grown, and the Council faces a number of challenges in the coming years. These include ensuring the security and quality of drinking water, and dealing with the wastewater from our growing communities. These and other urban water issues will be the focus of a presentation by Murray England, Asset Manager Water Services, at the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee meeting next week.

Murray will talk about how the Council plans and manages its 5 Waters programme, and outline some upcoming improvements, such as the extension of the Pines wastewater treatment plant, and treatment plant upgrades at a number of community water supplies. The talk will also look at how the Council is implementing a risk-based approach to protecting drinking water schemes with options including filtration, UV treatment and chlorination as needed.

Members of the Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee will also talking about their Stormwater Superheroes programme and other community projects.

The Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 August, 2–5pm, at the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre.



On the roads this week

Reshaping work is occurring on Snowdon Road. Please stop on request at this site. Drainage work is continuing on Coes Ford to clear the area. Footpath construction is taking place in Darfield on North Terrace, Currie Street, McIlraith Street, Kimberley Road and Longdon Road. These footpaths will be closed during the construction.

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