

Indoor Courts taking shape



The Foster Park Indoor Courts have moved a step closer to being indoors with the first framing for the roof now in place.

The framework for the roof of the main courts was installed late last week.

Council Major Projects Manager John Reid says progress on the courts is moving along steadily since work was able to restart under Alert Level 3 and the courts are on track to be completed around April 2021, around one month behind the original schedule due to the Level 4 lockdown.

The indoor court facility includes eight courts, along with a 240 metre indoor walking track on the mezzanine level and will serve sports teams from across the district.

Tennyson Street has also been reopened from 96 Tennyson Street to the Lowes Road intersection as work progresses on the Tennyson Street and Lowes Road intersection upgrade. Work, as part of this project, to install new sewer and water mains on Tennyson Street has almost been complete. Work on new footpaths and drainage improvements is also underway, with the project expected to be completed by the end of July, depending on the weather.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is aiming to reopen its Hydrotherapy and Learn to Swim pools from Tuesday 2 June thanks to the work that was able to be completed under Level 3. Manager Active Selwyn James Richmond says the centre is hoping to have the leisure pool open the following week, depending on the health guidelines in place.

Work is also progressing on the Selwyn Health Hub, with ground works underway for the foundations.

Council working with community on new future

As we move into the post-lockdown environment the Council has been working with our community to support the district into the new world we're living in.

Council Chief Executive David Ward says it is apparent we're moving to a new normal and the Council is asking what this will look like and how we get there in the best possible shape.

During lockdown the Council has done everything in its power to keep services you rely on going, and respond to the immediate needs of our community.

The focus is now on working out how we can help Selwyn emerge from this crisis economically strong, socially connected, environmentally well positioned and culturally enriched. This is not going to be an easy or quick process, Mr Ward says.

Firstly, the Council needs to understand the pandemic's impact in each of these areas to try to work out what the future might hold and help us measure our progress. To find this information we decided to talk to the grass roots of our community.

"We recently called together a group of more than 80 leaders, influencers and community representatives in a series of meetings. There was an abundance of valuable feedback. We are now taking stock of what was said and combining it with other information and advice. Last week we also concluded the public consultation for our draft annual plan and are busy evaluating the community's thoughts on our proposals. All this information will help us co-ordinate the best possible recovery for Selwyn.

"We don't have a silver bullet or a huge slush fund, but what we do have is a growing database of understanding that our experienced Council team will use as a handrail as we navigate the uncertain waters of the future. We cannot do this alone and we recognise the part many other organisations, charities, community groups and volunteers have to play in recovery.

"Some recovery action has already started, such as our buy local campaign and our digital signposting of businesses to support schemes. I look forward to sharing more of our recovery initiative and plans as they emerge."



Fitness classes and AA open online booking

People wanting to get back to their fitness classes or get a drivers licence will be able to book online.

A booking system has been launched for fitness and recreation classes at Lincoln Event Centre, Rolleston Community Centre and West Melton Community and Recreation Centre. While the booking system for the AA will be available from today, Wednesday 27 May.

For the fitness classes, health requirements including social distancing mean classes have had to be limited to a maximum of 10 people at a time. The booking system allows people to secure a spot in a class from 10am the day before. The number of slots available for each class is shown along with a guide on the new health and safety regulations such as bringing a towel and a drink bottle.

For the AA, customers will be able to book up to seven days in advance for any available slots. Customers will need to bring all relevant documentation to their appointment. If you are unsure what you need to bring, please visit the NZTA website or phone us on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

To book online:

- For Rolleston Community Centre visit selwyn.govt.nz/classesrcc
- For Lincoln Event Centre visit selwyn.govt.nz/classeslec
- For West Melton Community and Recreation Centre visit selwyn.govt.nz/classeswmcrc
- For AA visit portal.selwyn.govt.nz/bookAA/



New COVID-19 updates app launched

A new app will help Selwyn residents keep up with the latest pandemic information and details on Council services and facilities.

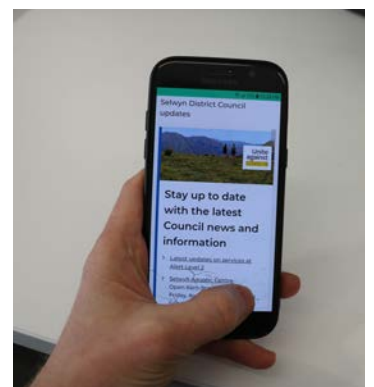
The Council has launched the Selwyn Updates app to help residents with easy access to the latest information and to stay up to date with future changes and initiatives. The app can be found at covid-19.selwyn.govt.nz.

Council Group Manager Communication and Customers Stephen Hill says during the pandemic there has been a constant stream of changes to how Council services are operating during the different alert levels. "We've worked hard to keep people informed about what's open and what's changed – through our website, social media and local news outlets," he says.

"Along with most other organisations we've had to adapt the way we work – including developing new online services and changes to the way we interact with customers.

"This new app will be another useful tool to help people keep up with these changes and the best ways to access our services and find out what facilities are open, or what support is available."

The app can be download to any smartphone or device by visiting the site and clicking the download link on the right of the url on Android, or on Apple by selecting 'share' and 'add to home screen'.



Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

Darfield Library & Service Centre
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Apex Gift Boxes Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections are open until 11 June. For more information go to selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

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.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Council Wed 27 May 1pm Rolleston Council offices	Council Wed 10 June 1pm Rolleston Council offices	Wed 3 June 9.15am–5pm Rolleston Council offices <i>Please note we will be observing social distancing rules and may have to limit numbers of the public in the room at any one time. Admittance of speakers will take precedence.</i>
Audit & Risk Subcommittee Wed 10 June 9.30am Rolleston Council offices	Draft Annual Plan Submission Hearings Tue 2 June 9.30am to approx. 6pm Rolleston Council offices	

Final stages of Leeston to Doyleston cycleway under way

Work on the final stages of the Leeston to Doyleston cycleway is under way and progressing well.

The Council was able to complete the necessary land purchases and site access agreements for the final route over the Alert Level 4 lockdown period. It has also agreed a contract with Leeston based Johnston Excavating and Drainage to continue working on the cycleway.

The company had recently completed stage one of the cycleway, building sections at either end from Leeston township to the Leeston Heritage Park and installing a bridge and starting the cycleway at the Doyleston end.

The agreements happening over the lockdown period meant that Johnston’s was able to start work as soon as possible under Level 3 conditions, Council Transportation Asset Manager Andrew Mazey says.

“We also appreciate the cooperation of the adjoining landowners to help us get the works underway as soon as possible at this challenging time.”

Key drainage work has been completed, which will reduce delays from bad weather, he says. Despite the lockdown period the Council and Johnston’s are working hard to finish the cycleway as close as possible to the original goal of having it completed before winter, Andrew says.

The Council was pleased that it was able to confirm the work with a Selwyn based contractor, providing a local business and its employees with certainty of work in spite of the impacts of the pandemic.

Although the cycleway has been planned for a long time, the construction came at a good timing to support the increased focus on getting active as well, he says.

“With the emphasis on people walking and cycling and getting out more this will add better value in that regard and support people to continue that into the future.”



Playground maintenance

Safety maintenance is being carried out on some playgrounds in Rolleston and Lincoln between now and the end of June, replacing the softfall. This is necessary to keep the playgrounds up to safety standards and requires each playground to be closed while the softfall is removed and replaced. Most sites will take around five days to complete. The playgrounds are:

Rolleston – Othello Drive, Hamlet Reserve, Parakura Reserve and Goulds Green. Lincoln – McGrath Drive, Poulter Road, Pentire Parade and Southfield Drive.



On the roads

Tennyson Street is closed from 43 Tennyson Street to the Rolleston Police Station due to the Rolleston Town Centre infrastructure upgrade. Due to the Lowes Road and Tennyson Street intersection upgrade, Lowes Road is one way on both sides of the intersection, with lanes open for traffic heading away from the intersection, but not towards it. A stop/go system and speed restrictions are also in place on Tennyson Street.

Jones Road will be closed to the north and south of the roundabout until 29 May to allow important sealing work to get the road through the winter and to reduce. A detour is in place.

Directory launches job search support

The job search in Selwyn just got easier with the Council adding a free option for businesses to advertise vacancies in the Selwyn Business Directory.

The Council has added a Selwyn Vacancies page where businesses can advertise their vacancies. The page at selwyn.govt.nz/directory also allows people on the job hunt to search for Selwyn businesses with vacancies and search for jobs in their preferred field.

The job vacancy page is part of the Council’s ongoing efforts to support Selwyn businesses and the community, especially following the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The directory has also been upgraded to allow businesses to advise customers about their online sales platform and let people know if they are able to deliver.

Businesses can update their pages now by logging in or registering for the directory at selwyn.govt.nz/directory.

Selwyn Open – One of country’s biggest mechanics back in full ignition

As part of our Selwyn Open campaign we’re profiling some of the many excellent businesses local to you. You can find these businesses on the Selwyn Business Directory at selwyn.govt.nz/directory

This week we talk to Lisa and Nigel Fleck from Selwyn Auto and Jones Road Auto.

During lockdown, many cars sat in garages collecting dust. Now as we all head back on the roads, it’s time to make sure they are running and road safe.

Selwyn Auto and Jones Road Auto have put their foot back on the gas. After servicing essential worker cars during Alert Level 4, along with appointment only WOFs in Level 3 their usual ‘WOF while you wait’ at Jones Road Auto has resumed, but people must wait in their cars until they reach the front of the queue.

Car lovers Nigel and Lisa Fleck started Jones Road Auto’s engine in 2012, with Selwyn Auto opening four years later for Lincoln and Springston customers.

Their business has grown rapidly, from two to 15 local staff members, providing over a thousand WOFs to Selwyn customers a month. The business was recently recognised by Auto Super Shoppes as one of New Zealand’s biggest automotive stores.

“It’s nice to be nationally recognised, especially when we are like a little old mum and dad business from Rolleston. We never expected it, it just kind of organically happened and I think it’s definitely because of our local community.”

Lisa is thrilled to see her customers returning and grateful to them for consciously choosing to shop local. Being a part of the community is something Lisa admires most about working in Selwyn.

“On a personal level for Nigel and I, it’s the satisfaction of being a part of a community and we are really proud to be a part of it.”

The store gets involved with the Selwyn Motor Fest and provides sponsorships to local schools, sports clubs and community groups, including Rolleston Rugby Club and Waikirikiri Hockey.

“We try and give back as much as we can, those are the people who support us so it’s really nice to support them back.”

