



Sport at Foster Park had a boost on the weekend with the opening of the new Foster Park changing rooms.

The changing rooms in the southwest corner of the park hosted their first event, the Rolleston Nines Rugby League tournament on the weekend, ahead of a busy sport schedule this year.

The \$1.4 million project will transform that corner of the park, improving the opportunities for sports teams and the public to use the fields, Council Major Projects' Manager John Reid says.

"The use of the fields at the southwestern corner of Foster Park required changing rooms and public toilets to get the best use out of them. The facility increases access for the public to use that space, and it will make a big difference for sports like rugby in the winter and softball and touch in the summer to have facilities they can use for tournaments, regular weekend competition and training."

The building is the next stage in ongoing development of the park. It has six changing rooms and two rooms for match officials and can accommodate up to 140 people. It has six public toilets that will be open to the public 24 hours a day, two of which are accessible and have baby change facilities.

Upcoming projects in the park will include an 80 space car park to be added off Dynes Road to be installed in the next six months and the construction of the eight court indoor courts facility due to open in time for the winter 2021 season.

The Council is also working on the relocation of the Rolleston Rugby Football Club clubrooms from Rolleston Reserve to Foster Park adjacent to the new changing rooms.

What happens to a lost dog?

Selwyn is home to a lot of dogs, over 14,200 in fact. And sometimes they like to go walkabouts – that's where our Animal Control team come in.

If you find a wandering dog, we encourage you to call us on 0800 Selwyn (0800 735 996) and let us know. That way our friendly Animal Control team can come over and scan the dog for a microchip. Most of the time this allows us to find the owner and take the lost dog home.

If we can't locate the owner through a microchip we'll take the dog to our pound facility and work on finding the owner through other ways, which usually works out well and ends in the dog being taken home safely. If we can't find the owner after seven days we then look to rehome the dog either through private adoption or through DogWatch.

This calendar year, 67 dogs were taken to our pound, of those dogs we returned 59 to their owners. After not being able to locate the owners, seven were rehomed and unfortunately due to aggression and safety issues one had to be euthanized.

Our team work hard to return all Selwyn dogs back to their owners, or into safe new homes. You can help by ensuring your dogs are microchipped, so if they do go for a wander we can get them home safely to you.



Council services Waitangi Day

On Thursday 6 February some Council services will be closed or unavailable due to the Waitangi Day public holiday.

The Council offices in Rolleston, all Selwyn Libraries, Rolleston Community Centre, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre and Lincoln Event Centre will be closed. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open from 8am–8pm, Sheffield, Southbridge and Darfield pools will be open from 1–7pm (Darfield pool 12–1pm lane swimming only).

Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open from 9am–4.30pm.

Bin collections will occur as normal.

Selwyn recognised as welcoming community

Selwyn has become one of the first places in the country to be recognised as a welcoming community for its efforts to support newcomers to the region.

The Council was one of 10 that were the first in country to gain accreditation as a 'Welcoming Community' by Immigration New Zealand.

The accreditation recognises councils and communities that value newcomers, and their work to build welcoming and inclusive communities. It gives access to further funding, support and advice.

At its citizenship ceremonies over the past two years, Selwyn has welcomed 588 people from 56 nationalities around the world.

Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton says the accreditation recognises the hard work the Council and community is putting into being a welcoming place.

"We have many lovely people and families in our district who have moved from all over New Zealand and around the world. Helping one another feel at home here in Selwyn is important to us and we will continue to implement and support these types of initiatives."

Those initiatives include Selwyn Libraries offering access to online English and other language learning systems and hosting programmes for newcomers and long-term residents to connect.

The Council and Christchurch Multicultural Council also run the annual CultureFest event where migrants and New Zealanders share food, performances and crafts.

More initiatives are on the way in 2020, such as Chinese lanterns and Chinese New Year storytimes at Selwyn Libraries to celebrate the New Year festival.

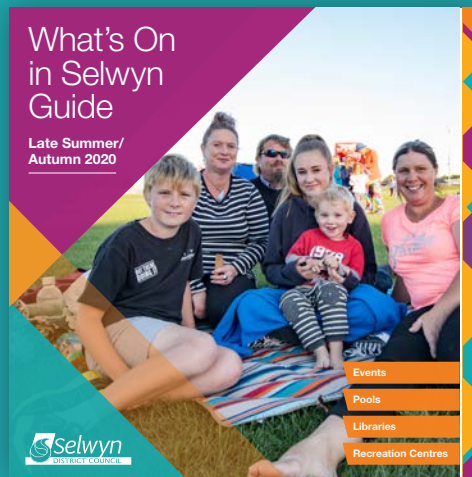
The Council is working alongside Immigration New Zealand to provide information for businesses who employ, or are looking to employ people from overseas.

For the first time, there will be a new award category at this year's Selwyn Awards in August for businesses that accommodate people facing additional barriers, such as moving from another country, in their business plan.



New Council events and activities guide out now.

Pick up a copy from any Council facility.



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

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO CHANGE CLASSIFICATION OF RESERVE WITHIN SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Council is proposing to change the classification of 2.75 hectares of Public Pound, being Reserve 263 of Gazette Year 1881 Page 826 on Shands Road, Prebbleton, to Local Purpose (Utility) Reserve, to reflect the current usage of groundwater monitoring and the

proposed usage of community drinking water supply. Submissions are open until 5pm on 26 February 2020. To make a submission, or to find out more about this proposal, email property@selwyn.govt.nz or write to Acquisitions, Disposals & Leasing Officer, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Kynd Liquor limited has applied for an off licence. Objections are

open until 5 February. Leeston Bowling and Tennis Club has applied for the renewal of a club licence. Objections are open until 11 February. Alpine 182 Degrees Limited has applied for an off licence and an on licence. Objections are open until 12 February. SC Bryant & ST Tucker Partnership has applied for an on licence. Objections are open until 14 February. 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

Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 5 Feb 9.30am
Rolleston Council building
Sister Cities Committee
Mon 10 Feb 4.30pm
Rolleston Council building

Selwyn District has Sister Cities cultural and friendship relationships and exchange visits with our Sister Cities in Japan; China; Coventry in Rhode Island, USA; and Toraja, Indonesia. RSVP to Bernadette Ryan 347 2830 or bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz

Council

Wed 12 Feb 1pm
Rolleston Council building

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Arthur's Pass Association Inc
Tue 11 Feb 6.30pm
Yaldhurst Tavern

Coalgate Township Committee – Public Meeting

Tue 11 Feb 7.30pm
Coalgate Bowling Club, Coaltrack Road, Coalgate

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tue 4 Feb 7.30pm

Coalgate Fire Station

Hororata Reserve Management Committee

Wed 12 Feb 7.30pm
Hororata Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 10 Feb 7.30pm
Sports Pavilion, Kirwee Recreation Centre

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 11 Feb 7pm
Waihora Bowling Club

Weedons Reserve Committee

Mon 10 Feb 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Weedons Residents' Association

Tue 11 Feb 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Mon 10 Feb 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Water sense – recommended water use

With the hotter, dryer weather here we're encouraging people to use water wisely to avoid water restrictions.

Although there are no formal water restrictions in place at present, we're continuing to review water use throughout summer. If demand for water increases, formal water restrictions may be introduced.

When to water your lawn

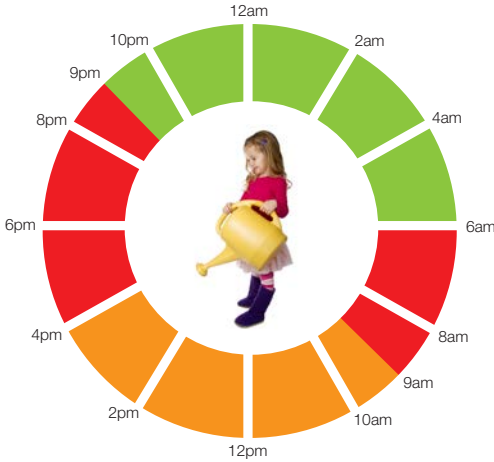
Don't irrigate

Between 6–9am or 4–9pm daily.

Check weather conditions before watering

While there are no water restrictions at this time, we recommend you check weather conditions before watering. Watering your lawn during the middle of the day during hot days, or when a nor' west is blowing results in a lot of water evaporating and watering in these conditions is not recommended. Watering on a cooler, overcast day is a better option as this provides the best opportunity for water to soak into your lawn or garden.

Irrigate wisely



Total fire ban in place for Selwyn

A prohibited fire season is now in place for Selwyn.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand announced the new restrictions from Friday 24 January for Selwyn, Waimakariri, Hurunui and Christchurch.

This means that no fires will be permitted during this time unless it is an approved fire type. People can check approved fire types by calling Fire and Emergency New Zealand on 0800 658 628 or at checkitsalright.nz, where you can also find tips on keeping your property safe.

All permits that were previously issued are suspended until the prohibited season is lifted.

With dry conditions set to continue, residents and visitors are urged to make sure they stay fire safe this summer. Please take care when undertaking any activities which could cause sparks including using machinery and lawn mowing.

On the roads this week



Tennyson Street between Markham Way and Moore Street is one-way, open to southbound traffic only. Pavement seal repairs are taking place on Leeston Dunsandel and Wards Road. Traffic management will be in place. NZTA has advised that Hoskyns Road is left in and left out only at Main South Road. The Weedons Interchange is now fully open and Berketts Road is open for left turn in (southbound) traffic only from Main South Road. Please follow all on-site signage.

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

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JANUARY

Golf in the Park

Foster Park, off Broadlands Drive, 1–3pm

A fun afternoon of golf activities for the whole family. Learn new skills, have a go at hitting targets, smashing balls and watching it fly. All equipment is provided.

THURSDAY

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JANUARY

Leeston Picnic in the Park

Anderson Square, 5–7pm

The latest in the popular picnics in the park. Enjoy a summer's evening at the park with the family, with live music a free sausage sizzle, Pedalmania, face painting and more.

STARTS

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FEBRUARY

A Month of Sundays

The Lincoln Green (behind the library), 1–3pm

Relax, unwind and recharge on your Sunday afternoon with live local music, face painting and garden games every Sunday in February. Bring a picnic and enjoy.

MON-WED

3–5
FEBRUARY

Chinese New Year Storytime

Selwyn Libraries, times vary

Learn songs and dances and listen to fun interactive stories celebrating Chinese New Year. Darfield, Monday 10–10.30am; Lincoln, Tuesday 10.30–11am; Leeston, Wednesday 10–10.30am, and Rolleston, Wednesday 10.30–11am.

THURSDAY

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FEBRUARY

Waitangi Community Fun Day

Darfield Domain, 10am–2pm

A fun-filled community event with activities and entertainment for the whole whānau. Bring a picnic or enjoy the food stalls available. Hosted by the Two Rivers Community Trust.

SUNDAY

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FEBRUARY

Friends of Ellesmere Hospital Gala

Ellesmere Community Hospital Grounds, 1–4pm

Supporting the Ellesmere Hospital, which has just celebrated their 95th anniversary. A fun afternoon out and opportunity for the community to learn about the hospital and meet other organisations.

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

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Darfield call free 318 8338
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