

Remembering 4 September 10 years on



Earthquake Reflections from Kelvin Coe

Ten years on from the magnitude 7.8 earthquake that struck at 4.35am on 4 September 2010, Council Call caught up with then Mayor Kelvin Coe to reflect on the day and its legacy.

“At first we all thought it was the Alpine Fault. We were all expecting the Alpine Fault to go, we weren’t expecting an earthquake down on the flat,” Mr Coe says.

In the dark and confusion of the first few hours he was impressed at how quickly organisations such as the Council Civil Defence team, rural volunteer fire brigade, police and community volunteers sprang into action and worked together.

The scale of the damage became clear during a mid-morning helicopter flight, he says.

“The tear in the ground went from Izone to up past Hororātā. There was damage to the roads, the sewage treatment plant in Rolleston had been knocked out and then there was the houses. You could see the damage in Hororātā where lots of houses had lost chimneys. And over Tai Tapu you could see the liquefaction, you could see these earth volcanoes all along where the liquefaction had come up and then a house and then more liquefaction.”

The community rallied round each other, he says. Farmers were especially quick to work together to ensure cows were milked, silos repaired and people supported.

Then there was a huge effort to ensure buildings were stickered for damage, roads and services reinstated and planning got under way for the huge changes ahead.

Selwyn was already one of the fastest growing areas of the country, but it was clear the earthquakes would accelerate that growth, Mr Coe says.

The Council pressed ahead with major projects such as the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, and Lincoln Event Centre was completed. There has been a legacy of new urban growth adding to and strengthening existing communities, he says.

“Selwyn is now more urban and diverse than we were before but with the damage repaired, lessons learned and remembered, life goes on and we move on too.”

Have your say on access to the Rolleston town centre

We want your feedback on proposed changes to the design and layout of the Rolleston town centre.

Consultation is opening this week on changes we’ve proposed for the roads, pedestrian areas and car parks.

The main change suggested is not removing the planned extension of Wordsworth Street, which would have run through the town centre.

This will improve pedestrian access across the town centre and encourage reduced speeds. In addition, feedback has been that the street created a divide in the town centre which would have seen pedestrians dispersed either side of the road.

The consultation will also cover the planned one-way entry from Tennyson Street, entry to the town centre car park from Rolleston Drive and Tennyson Street and pedestrian walkways through car parks.

Pedestrian access is an important part of the town centre design, to make it a space that will be accessible and welcoming for everyone in the district

The new library, Te Ara Ātea, will act as a hub alongside the town square and there will be dedicated areas focused on providing activities and access for young people and those with a range of abilities.

The first stage of the project is progressing with Tennyson Street being upgraded and Te Ara Ātea under construction and due for completion in mid-2021. To give your feedback visit selwyn.govt.nz/rtcroading or pick up a form from any of the Selwyn Libraries, or the Council Offices in Rolleston.



Motorcycle awareness month

September is Motorcycle Awareness Month and people are being reminded to look twice for motorcycles.

September marks the start of the riding season for many motorcyclists in New Zealand. It is the month when over half of all motorcyclists get their bikes out of the garage, get back on the road and look forward to the long summer of riding.

It’s an important time for all motorists to know that they’ll see more motorcycles on the road. The Council is reminding people to look twice, especially at intersections and before changing lanes, and to check blind spots. Look twice and save a life.

Update from Foster Park

The first roof panels have started to go up at the Foster Park Indoor Courts, the first of a series of milestones in the courts construction.

The roof and innovative insulated wall panelling will be going up over the next few weeks as the exterior of the building takes shape. Friday will also see the first of the courts themselves begin to take shape as over 100 concrete trucks are due to pour the main indoor court floor during an 18 hour shift. The centre will feature eight courts for indoor sport, a climbing wall, upstairs indoor walking track and space for clubs and sporting groups to be based. It is due for completion ahead of the 2021 winter sports season.



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Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

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

Notices

DOG REGISTRATION REMINDER

Dog registration reminders for 2020/21 have now all been sent. If you have not received your reminder, or are having financial concerns regarding payment, please contact the Dog Registration Admin Team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996). Dog registrations remain open until 20 September. A \$300 infringement may be issued to owners for dogs not registered by this date.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 11 September at the following places provided we have returned to Alert Level 1:

- Lincoln Library 9–9.30am
- Leeston Library 10.15–10.45am
- Darfield Library 11.30am–12pm
- Rolleston Council offices 12.45–1.15pm

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. Please note:

- All clinics last for half an hour.
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive. All others are libraries.
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

SUBMISSIONS ON LAND REZONING DARFIELD

Further submissions can be made and a summary of submissions viewed in respect of Private Plan Change 61 and Private Plan Change 63 – both applications to rezone land in Darfield.

A summary of the submissions, along with a copy of the original submissions, are now available for viewing at selwyn.govt.nz. Further submissions may be lodged by any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest or that has an interest in the plan change greater than the interest the public has. Further submissions must be limited to matters either

in support of or in opposition to an original submission made on the plan changes. Details on how to make a further submission can be found online or by contacting the Strategy and Policy Team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

The closing date for further submissions on the plan changes is 5pm, Wednesday 16 September 2020.

HAVE A GO DAYS CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 Alert Level 2 restrictions on gatherings the Kia Kaha Ake – Have a Go Day events have been cancelled.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Anderson Supermarket Limited has applied for an off licence and JEZS Family Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections to these applications are open until 15 September. 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 AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Audit and Risk Subcommittee

Wed 2 Sep 11am Council Rolleston Offices*

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Wed 9 Sep 1pm Council Rolleston Offices*

*Meetings livestreamed on the Council webpage and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Doyleston Community Committee Wed 2 Sep 7.30pm, Osborne Park

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee – Triennial Elections Tue 15 Sep 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

Residents of Coalgate, Glentunnel and Whitecliffs are

invited to attend. New committee members are most welcome.

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee Mon 14 Sep 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Kirwee Reserve

Leeston Community Committee Mon 7 Sep 7.30pm Leeston Library

Lincoln Community Committee Mon 14 Sep 7pm, Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre

Tawera Memorial Hall Committee Wed 2 Sep 7pm Tawera Memorial Hall

Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee Mon 14 Sep 7.30pm Glentunnel Hall

Selwyn’s COVID Heroes recognised

Over 100 Selwyn community members and organisations have been recognised for their selfless acts of kindness and professionalism during the COVID-19 lockdown.

A ceremony was held before last week’s Council meeting to recognise those who received awards through the Council-organised ‘Selwyn’s Covid Heroes’ campaign.

The Council teamed up with Te Taumutu Rūnanga and the Selwyn Times to launch the campaign in June, inviting the public to nominate their Covid heroes’ in response to the overwhelming number of stories about those going the extra mile to help their communities.

Mayor Sam Broughton says, “It was important for us to recognise the amazing work in our communities; the people of Selwyn really had each other’s backs. At the same time we wanted to give people the chance to say a public thank you to the person, shop, school or organisation that made a difference for them.”

Te Taumutu Chairperson Liz Brown, Selwyn Times editor Barry Clarke and the Mayor presented certificates to five notable nominees. Each of the nominees will receive an identical certificate by post.

“I wish it would have been possible to give each and every person their certificates personally,” Mayor Sam says. “The amazing people here today are receiving their certificates in person on behalf of all the others nominations”.

Rachael Inch from the Selwyn Creative Network who received her certificate at the ceremony, was nominated for her community service. “Often when we volunteer we do it without recognition or thanks so to be recognised like this is humbling,” she says.

Manu Rangimoekau and Paul Talbot who run the Suburban Eatery in Leeston were nominated three times for reaching out with acts of kindness and generosity. The nominations were “very humbling and so unexpected”, Manu says.

The other nominees at the ceremony were St John’s Ambulance volunteer Jane Potts, from Darfield, for her selfless dedication and professionalism to the community and Penny Curran from Lincoln nominated for helping a vulnerable couple stay safe by shopping for them.

A full list of the nominees is available at selwyn.govt.nz/heroes.



Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Teen’s Book Club

Rolleston Library, 5–6pm

Share your latest reading adventures, see the new books at the library, participate in an activity and have a snack. For ages 12–18 years

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SEPTEMBER

Nutrition for Exercise with Pip Meads

Rolleston Library, 6.30–8pm

Local nutritionist Pip Meads will offer practical tips for improving nutrition and opportunities for participants to ask questions. A healthy lifestyle does not have to be complicated or expensive. Topics covered include: Hydration, Protein and Preparing for an Event.

FRIDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Storytimes

Darfield Library, 10–10.30am

Enjoy the magic of stories, activities and songs with our preschool Storytimes sessions. Share the joy of reading and make new friends. Aimed at 3–5 years. Free

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Don’t treat your soil like dirt

Lincoln Community Gardens, 10–11.30 am

Roger McLenaghan and Judith Butel of Lincoln University will present a workshop on maintaining productive garden soil. Bring a sample of your soil for assessment. Gold coin donation. Contact Ruth (021 074 3905) for more details.

MONDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Scrabble Club

Lincoln, 11.30am–12.30pm All other Selwyn Libraries, 11am–12.30pm

Join us in the library for our new Scrabble Club. A great place for all ages and skill levels. Everything is provided. Free. Bookings not required.

UNTIL

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SEPTEMBER

Colour Builders

Down by the Liffey Gallery, Lincoln, selected hours Wed - Sun

The latest exhibition at Down by the Liffey Gallery, featuring mid-Canterbury artists Joy Stack and Rowena Hart’s vibrant work in acrylic, on canvas and wood.

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

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