



Proposed District Plan – Know your natural hazards

Selwyn is a district with a rich and diverse environment, which is also exposed to a number of natural hazards.

The Proposed Selwyn District Plan - currently out for public consultation - maps natural hazards areas across Selwyn, based on the latest data and to meet regulatory requirements.

“It’s important we know what natural hazards we face in the district, so we can make informed decisions on future property, land and infrastructure development”, says Council Planner Rachael Carruthers—part of the team that has developed the Proposed District Plan.

All councils in New Zealand are required to identify and manage areas at risk from natural hazards.

“Canterbury councils must assess the risks from more extreme weather events than those covered in the current District Plan. We also need to take into account climate change effects over the next 100 years, such as increased frequency and intensity of rainstorms”, says Rachael.

“As a result we have now identified that during a one-in-200-year flood event around 80 percent of properties in the district are at risk of flooding that would potentially be at least five centimetres deep.”

In addition to providing landowners with the information of where on their property is at risk of flooding, the Proposed Plan includes rules on how this risk should be managed.

“We’re proposing to manage flood risk with similar restrictions to what’s in the current District Plan.”

“For most properties the proposed changes won’t make much of a difference. The changes will only affect those who want to do something new on their land, such as build a new house or subdivide,” Rachael says.

The key proposed change is for the district-wide minimum building floor height to increase to 300 mm above a 200-year flood level event (instead of the current requirement of 300 mm above a 50-year flood level event).

For more information on the flooding hazard, check out the Council’s video with Robert Love, Strategy and Policy Team Leader at selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview. You can also find out how to make a submission on the Proposed District Plan by 5pm Friday 11 December.

Faces of Selwyn – “Meant to be” in Lincoln

Continuing our series celebrating the Faces of Selwyn. The second Faces of Selwyn exhibition is now touring the Selwyn libraries, or visit selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn for the full story.

On her 22nd birthday, in February 1990, Archna Tandon sat her final exam for her PhD in Biochemistry at the Indian Institute of Technology.

By the time she heard she’d passed, a month later, she had met and married Surinder Tandon and moved to a new life in Lincoln.

Her knowledge of New Zealand came from a book Surinder gave her, but Selwyn already felt like home when Archna arrived.

“People talk about déjà vu, I experienced it, when I arrived in Lincoln and saw the Liffey Bridge on Edward Street. I told Surinder while driving over it, ‘I feel like I have been here’,” she said.

Thirty years ago there were few Indian people in Canterbury, but this didn’t stop Archna from celebrating traditional Indian festivals including Karva Chauth in October when married Hindu women fast and pray from before sunrise till the moon rises.

In India the moon rises around 8pm in October. “We used to drive to New Brighton beach to see where the moon is and after a couple of years I looked in the paper and found out the moon rises around midnight – so at least we know now!”

In 1998, Surinder and Archna pioneered Canterbury’s Diwali festival and in 2004 they helped set up what has become the Selwyn CultureFest.

Archna worked for 20 years as a chemist at the University of Canterbury before deciding to try something different two years ago, and is now employed as a Corrections Officer at Christchurch Women’s Prison.

She was the first ethnic woman to become a Justice of the Peace and registered marriage celebrant in Selwyn, and is national president of the New Zealand Federation of Multicultural Women’s Council.

Archna and Surinder have two children, born and raised in Lincoln. After 30 years she says she will never leave.

“We haven’t moved out of Lincoln, we have just moved three streets. It’s the place to be, it’s peaceful, it’s friendly and it just feels like home.”



What’s your vision for Greater Christchurch in 2050?

That’s the question people are being asked to help set a vision for the area for the next 30 years and inform a plan for how we will achieve our aspirations.

The Greater Christchurch area includes Christchurch city and the surrounding towns in Selwyn and Waimakariri districts.

The work on Greater Christchurch 2050 brings together local government, iwi, health and central government bodies to plan and prioritise cultural, economic, social and environmental opportunities in the wider region.

You can find more information on the Greater Christchurch Partnership website at greaterchristchurch.org.nz. There you can also submit an online survey until Sunday 8 November.

Cultural celebrations draw crowds

Hundreds enjoyed 10 days of events celebrating the many cultures in Selwyn.

For the first time the Council organised or supported 18 cultural events from martial arts to language lessons, cooking and arts, to run over 10 days around the popular CultureFest day at Lincoln Domain.

Popular events included a Kirant cultural evening, which saw 60 people enjoy food, music and dance from the Kirata culture of Nepal, while a group of 49 women attended the women’s only swim event at Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Six instructors ran swimming lessons and an aquafit class at the evening, which attendees said gave them a sense of belonging and were keen to see it run more regularly.

The Aquatic centre also ran a splash time, and other events included Mandarin for Beginners, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, a Singaporean cooking demonstration, Tai Chi, Henna workshops, belly dancing, Highland Dancing and Chinese calligraphy.

The potluck Dinners of Selwyn evening drew 25 residents from a wide range of cultures, who brought their favourite dishes to share.

Dishes included Persian lentil rice known as Adas Polow, a Chinese cold dish of seaweed, Sri Lankan fried rice, ratatouille and a few Kiwi classics.

Simon Kouch, who arrived in Selwyn from Auckland only two weeks ago said the event was a great way for new residents to meet people. Student Eva Zhou said it was an unforgettable experience and she enjoyed meeting a range of people from different cultural and professional backgrounds.

BE THE CHANGE

SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS OPEN 1 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2020

For more information about becoming a youth councillor visit selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil

[facebook.com/SelwynYouth](https://www.facebook.com/SelwynYouth) [@instagram.com/selwyn_youth](https://www.instagram.com/selwyn_youth)

Notices

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 further information and application forms go to selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding/sport-nz-rural-travel-fund or contact Stuart Westoby, 03 3472708, stuart.westoby@selwyn.

govt.nz. Applications for this funding round close Friday 27 November 2020.

COMPETITION AT FOSTER
DOG PARK

The Selwyn Dog Training Club will use the Rolleston Dog Park for a dog obedience competition over the weekend of 7-8 November from approximately 7.30am-3pm. The park will be closed for off-lead dog exercise during these times. The club is happy for people to come and watch the competition, but spectators with dogs are asked to keep

them on a lead and well away from the competition area.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES
FUND OPEN

Funding is available to groups or individuals with community-based creative projects that promote arts or culture in Selwyn. The Creative Communities Selwyn Fund is open for applications for the latest round of funding. Applications for this funding round close at 5pm, Friday 27 November. Visit 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 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 4 November 9.30am
Council Rolleston offices

Council*

Wed 4 November 1pm
Council Rolleston offices
* *Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MEETINGS

Doyleston Community
Committee

Wed 4 November 7.30pm
Osborne Park

Dunsandel Community
Committee

Mon 16 November 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Centre

Kimberley Reserve & Hall
Committee

Tuesday 10 November 7.30pm
Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Community Committee

Mon 16 November 7.30pm

Kirwee Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve
Management Committee

Mon 9 November 7.30pm
Sports Pavilion, Kirwee Reserve

Lincoln Community Committee

Mon 9 November 7pm
Fitzgerald Room,
Lincoln Event Centre

Tawera Memorial Hall
Committee

Wed 4 November 7.30pm
Tawera Hall

Weedons Residents'
Association

Tue 5 November 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Whitecliffs Township & Domain
Committee

Mon 9 November 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Tourism facilities get funding boost

More than \$200,000 of funding has been secured for camp ground maintenance to support summer tourism in Selwyn, alongside further toilet upgrades already nearing completion.

Two toilet block upgrades should be open in mid-November with a new eight toilet block built at Lakeside Domain and a new public toilet added to the Springston Public Toilets. The new facilities cost \$537,000. Half of the cost was funded by the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

The Council has also received \$219,834 of funding from the Camping Infrastructure Fund for a variety of maintenance projects over the camping season.

The funding will cover servicing recycling and rubbish stations and signage improvements at Council camp grounds, along with operating caravan dump stations and waste water tanks, and toilets at camp grounds and freedom camping sites.

The upgrades will continue a series of improvements to tourism infrastructure in time for the summer camping season, with the Council camping grounds all opening late last month.



On the Roads

Station Street, Leeston, is closed at the intersection with Leeston Road for work on the Leeston Stormwater Bypass. This closure is due to be in place until 11 November. A detour will be in place along Leeston Road and Cunningham Street. Expect an increase of trucks on the detour route.

Norman Kirk Drive is closed from south of the Council offices main entrance to south of the bend on Norman Kirk Drive until 9 November for work on the new Rolleston Drive, Norman Kirk Drive, Dryden Avenue intersection project. Access to the Council building and park and ride facilities will be maintained from Kidman Street.

Pavement repairs are being carried out on Telegraph Road and Wards Road. Traffic management is in place.

WHICH
WAY?

LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-2031

HAVE YOUR SAY

We want to hear from you, the Selwyn ratepayers, about what you think is important for Selwyn, where we should be spending money and where that money should come from.

Go to Selwyn.govt.nz/whichway2031 to complete the survey by 5pm Tuesday 10 November 2020.

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

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NOVEMBER

Kids sign language class

Rolleston Library, 3.30-4.30pm

Children will build their New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) basic vocabulary through a series of four fun and educational workshops every Thursday from 5 November, led by a local signer. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER

String Making Workshop

Castle Hill Village Hall, 9.30-11.30am

Learn about the art of using tī kōuka/ cabbage tree leaves to make a strong and beautiful twine. All ages welcome. Drop in, no booking required. If you have access to fallen/brown cabbage tree leaves, please feel free to bring a big bunch along with you, that have been soaked overnight or longer.

UNTIL

8

NOVEMBER

Prebbleton Township Trail

Prebbleton

A self-directed walking tour of the township of Prebbleton, focusing on the history of local buildings and people as part of the Christchurch Heritage Festival. Download the free Township Trails Selwyn app from the IOS App Store or Android Play Store and follow the directions to points of interest around the area. Length of walk is approximately 45 mins to 1.5 hours.

SUNDAY

8

NOVEMBER

Diya Workshop

Lincoln Library, 1.30pm

Diwali is the Indian festival of lights celebrating the triumph of good over evil and understanding over ignorance. A Diya is a beautifully decorated clay candle pot representing knowledge and enlightenment. Nishi from Heenolly will help you learn how to intricately embellish your own Diya for Diwali. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

MONDAY

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NOVEMBER

Farm Recycling Day

Malvern

A one-stop-shop to drop off farm waste including chemical containers, fertiliser and feedbags, waste oil and unwanted chemicals for recycling, or safe disposal. Register at agrecovery.co.nz to book a time. Location will be provided to registered attendees, no unregistered attendees will be accepted on the day.

TUESDAY

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NOVEMBER

Driver Skills Refresher

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 9.30am-1pm

Build confidence by refreshing your knowledge of the road rules, with the support of an occupational therapist, driving instructor and police. Bookings advised as spaces are limited email roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz or call 03 347 1867.

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

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