

First courts in place at Selwyn Sports Centre



The first courts have been completed at the Selwyn Sports Centre.

The four poured polyurethane courts (similar to many school gyms) have been laid and the lines painted on last week as the building continues on track to open for the 2021 winter sports season.

The courts will be a multi-use space, with the markings set up for basketball, netball, futsal, tennis, korfbal, floorball and a host of other sports, while the surface will also allow the space to be used for exhibitions and events. This hall will also host an interactive sports and educational wall.

Selwyn Netball has also agreed with the Council that it will use the centre for the 2021 winter season and beyond. Selwyn Netball Centre President Andrea James confirmed it will use the centre for its year 1 to 4 programme and its Saturday competition will be split between the Selwyn Sports Centre and the court facilities in Lincoln. In addition, a community indoor netball competition open to the wider Selwyn community will be held at the Selwyn Sports Centre.

The centre will have a focus on serving the community, including clubs and schools, and will feature two halls with four courts each, divided by a central corridor space.

In addition to the poured polyurethane courts, the John F. Reid Courts on the other side of the building will host four courts with a sprung wood floor, which is currently being laid. This hall will have courts for basketball, netball, futsal, volleyball and badminton, while a mezzanine around the top of the hall will feature a 240 metre walking track.

The building features insulated Kingspan panelling, which provides both high quality insulation and removes the need for internal cladding. It will also have solar panels that will generate up to 80 percent of its expected power consumption during summer.

Council urges patience as record consent numbers continue

The Council is encouraging people to be patient and plan ahead as it continues to receive record levels of building consent and Land Information Memorandum (LIM) applications.

The volume and complexity of building consent and LIM applications mean it is taking longer than usual to process applications.

People should plan ahead and allow extra time for LIMs and building consents, including Code of Compliance Certificates—particularly at this time of year when we typically experience high demand for building consents, Council Building Manager Vanessa Mitchell says.

“Our staff are putting in huge hours and we’re working with other councils and the industry to get additional support, but we’re asking customers to be patient with us. We’re committed to getting things done as quickly as we can, but we do need people to be aware that if you’ve got a build nearing completion we can’t guarantee we’ll be able to issue your code compliance certificate by Christmas. Especially as we are now seeing supply chain issues impacting the ability for builders to fully complete the work.”

Building consent and LIM applications are at record highs – up 20% on 2019 and higher than the peaks seen during the height of the earthquake rebuild – and the Council is on track to complete a record 2800 building consents and 19,000 inspections for the year.

To address the increasing workload, the Council has hired additional staff in recent months and had extra processing and inspecting help from Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council, Napier City Council and contractors.

However, people are advised to allow at least 15 days for a LIM to be processed.

Mrs Mitchell says customers can also help the Council manage the workload for building consents efficiently by:

- loading documents correctly into AlphaOne
- ensuring sites are ready from 7.30am on the day of inspections - inspections will still be charged if the site is not ready for a booked inspection
- using AlphaOne to check the status of consents and inspections
- letting the Council know early if they need help with their application
- paying for consents when they’re issued, or advising if a project is not going ahead
- ensuring all required documents are uploaded at least the day before the relevant inspection – this is particularly important for final inspections to streamline the code compliance process.

Tonnes taken at recycling days

The recent Malvern and Ellesmere Recycling Drop-off Days proved popular once again with the local communities.

The two recycling days, held in November, helped people to recycle more than 20 tonnes of items.

Over the two days, 220 vehicles dropped off 14,300 kg of garden waste which will now be composted, as well as 9,000 kg of scrap metal, over 100 tyres and 35 TVs which will now be recycled.

This year’s recycling days were the first events to include the option to bring bulky waste items to be taken to landfill. Residents took advantage of this, bringing in a combined total of over 5,000 kg of furniture, couches, chairs, desks and carpets.

Council Solid Waste Manager Andrew Boyd says the intent of the days was to provide a pop-up transfer station, which is more convenient for residents further away from the recovery park to recycle these items.

It is good to see the community embracing the recycling days, he says.

“We’re really pleased to see how keen people are to recycle and how well these days are serving the community. We can see from the huge quantities of items people are dropping off that there’s a lot of value in these events and that the community appreciate them. It’s nice to see people’s passion in these areas for recycling and protecting our environment and that we can support them to do that.”

The Council made a donation to The Selwyn Heritage Centre and the Malvern Lions, who helped out with running the days.



Volunteer thank you dinner

A chance to say thank you and celebrate the hard work of some of the Council’s unsung supporters was celebrated last week.

The annual Council volunteers thank you dinner was celebrated at Darfield Recreation and Community Centre with the Council taking the opportunity to thank around 160 volunteers who support the Council’s work, including library volunteers, members of community committees and members of the Council-run Civil Defence Response teams.

The Mayor and councillors served canapes and Mayor Sam Broughton entertained by leading a round of Christmas carols.

It was a privilege to be able to say thank you to the volunteers in person, he says.

“We have so many amazing volunteers at the heart of our community here in Selwyn. We have seen their value even more in this tough year that was made easier by so many community groups and individuals stepping up to serve others.”



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

Kick for Touch Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 18 December. Southbridge Bowling Club Incorporated has applied for the renewal of a club licence. Objections to this application are open until 21 January. For more details visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 11 December at the following places:
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).

Meetings

Public Forums: *Council, Community Board and local committees 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 Committee meetings: *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

Representation Review Subcommittee*

9 December 8.30am
Council Rolleston Offices

Council meeting*

Wed 9 December 1pm
Council Rolleston Offices

Extraordinary Council meeting*

Wed 16 December 8.30am
Council Rolleston Offices
*Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dunsandel Community Committee

Mon 21 December 6pm
Dunsandel Tavern

Ellesmere Reserve Board AGM

Thu 10 December 7.30pm
Leeston Library Community Room

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 14 December 7.30pm
Sports Pavilion, Kirwee Reserve

Sheffield-Waddington Community Committee

Thu 17 December 7.30pm
Sheffield Community Hall

Sheffield-Waddington Reserve Board Committee

Tue 15 December 7.30pm
Sheffield Domain Pavilion

Springston Committees (Community, Reserve & Sports) - week earlier

Wed 9 December 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Weedons Reserve Board Committee

Mon 14 December 7.30pm
Weedons Community Centre

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Mon 14 December 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Stimulus funding to support Darfield Kirwee development

Government stimulus funding will be used to support long-term development of the waste water network in Darfield and Kirwee.

The Council has received a \$10.66 million grant in government stimulus funding to bring forward important wastewater, drinking water or stormwater projects and to help support COVID-19 recovery.

The funding was provided to councils as part of the government's Water Services Reform with the Council agreeing to collaborate and share information with the government and other councils to discuss options for forming new entities to manage drinking water, wastewater and stormwater.

The funding will be put towards installing a waste water pipeline from Darfield and Kirwee to the Pines Waste Water Treatment Plant at Rolleston.

The pipeline is a precursor to a planned, staged approach to reticulation in the Darfield and Kirwee area. The extent of that programme will be decided through the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 in consultation with the Darfield and Kirwee communities.

Council Infrastructure Group Manager Murray Washington says the Council is now in the early design phase for the pipeline. Under the conditions of the funding the work must be completed by March 2022.



On the Roads

Leeston Road has extensive road works and delays are expected until 18 December. Leeston Road is closed at the intersection with Station Street for work on the Leeston stormwater bypass and traffic control is in place outside of Doyleston and Irwell village. Priority is given to the peak traffic flow. The works are to facilitate seal widening, storm water upgrades and a new sewer main between Doyleston and Leeston.

Stabilising work is taking place on Ellesmere Road and pavement repairs are taking place on Jones Road. Traffic management is in place.

Dryden Avenue is closed to traffic exiting into Rolleston Drive for work on the Dryden Avenue, Rolleston Drive, Norman Kirk Drive intersection. A detour is in place.

Gerald Street, Lincoln, will be closed from James Street to West Belt from 8am–12pm Saturday 12 December for the Lincoln Christmas Parade. There will be a rolling closure along Kildare Terrace, North Belt and West Belt reopening as the last float passes.

We'd love to hear what you think!

Complete our five minute customer experience survey on community facilities and go in the draw to win awesome prizes.
selwyn.govt.nz/facilitiesurvey

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

10

DECEMBER

Mini Gym Christmas Party

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 10–11.30am

Join our festive preschool celebration with activities, treats and more. \$5 per child, drop-in.

THURSDAY

10

DECEMBER

Craft Session for Kids

Dunsandel Community Centre, 10.30am–12pm

Pop down to Dunsandel Community Centre for some Christmas crafting fun! Free to attend – we'd greatly appreciate a koha of a non-perishable item for a Selwyn Foodbank. These sessions are being held around the district. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/events to find a session near you.

THURSDAY

10 AND 17

DECEMBER

Employment Zone Clinic

Leeston Library, 9.30–11.30am

Are you looking for employment? An employer needing staff? Employment Zone clinics are a series of drop-in sessions, where people can access one-to-one support around job seeking, redundancy, staff retention and recruitment with Sarah Parker, Workbroker from the Ministry of Social Development. Free. Bookings not required. See selwynlibraries.com/events for more times and locations.

FRIDAY

11

DECEMBER

Sensory Babytimes

Rolleston Library, 9.30–10am

Share interactive songs, stories, sensory boards and bubbles. These sessions are designed to help cultivate early language and literacy, and support the development of motor skills from birth to 1 year. Free, drop-in.

SATURDAY

12

DECEMBER

Lightpad Christmas Cards

Lincoln Library, 1–3pm

Try creating a unique Christmas card using our light pads! You can choose to trace from our selection of Christmas images using indelible pens. Colour in your work with a watercolour paint pen and have your own beautifully handmade gift. Suitable for 8+ years. Free. Bookings not required.

SUNDAY

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DECEMBER

Fire Preparedness community meeting

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 1–3pm

Come and hear tips on how you can help get your property prepared for the upcoming fire season. Hosted by Fire and Emergency New Zealand, with the Council, Police and other key agencies.

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

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