



Major projects mark milestones

Significant steps have been taken on some the Council’s major projects as work restarted under Level 3 conditions.

The impact of the pandemic on ongoing infrastructure projects is unclear with work stopped under Level 4 and continuing uncertain effects on supplies and worksites. But both the Selwyn Aquatic Centre and Rolleston Town Centre infrastructure projects were able to mark milestones.

The Aquatic Centre has been able to complete maintenance that would have normally required a full pool shutdown. This means the planned pool shutdown later in the year will be able to be significantly reduced, or avoided altogether, Manager Active Selwyn James Richmond says.

In the Rolleston Town Centre, work has begun on the reserve car park for Te Ara Ātea and the new town centre, while the wider pedestrian walkway on the eastern side of Tennyson Street has been completed and new lighting is being installed.

The impact of the pandemic on supply chains and contractors and the restrictions around working with social distancing has made it difficult to assess when work will be completed on projects.

Contractors have been working hard to catch up as much time as possible and at this stage, a three to five month delay is expected on most major projects.

However, the Council is hoping to complete the Foster Park Indoor Courts around April 2021, close to the original planned opening date.

Depending on the weather and impacts of the pandemic, it is hoped that work on Tennyson Street along Rolleston Reserve can be completed by August and the road open to traffic earlier than that. Contractors are aiming to complete the upgrade of the Lowes Road and Tennyson Street intersection by the end of July.

Getting creative during lockdown

Part of our series on how Selwyn residents are spending their days in isolation. We hope it will inspire you with some ideas.

With the kids at home and no places to go, Southbridge resident Liv Dewhirst put together a routine to keep her family active during lockdown, full of fun ideas and activities she’s always wanted to try with her kids.

“I had all these craft plans to do with my kids for ages, but I’ve had no time, there’s just always stuff on.”

At 9am the Apple Music school bell rings from Liv’s phone and her children, seven year old Lexie, six year old Billy, four year old Bobbie-Rose and three year old Rocco, gather around to hear what activities are planned for the day.

First up is a fun family fitness activity to get the blood pumping.

“So far we’ve done an obstacle course, a fitness circuit course and walked around the streets of Southbridge playing follow the leader,” Liv said.

Next the kids settle down for reading and some crafts.

They’ve made pigs out of stuff in the cupboard after reading The Wonderful Pigs of Jillian Jigs and learnt how to grow apple trees from apples after reading about aliens growing apples on their planet.

The family resourcefully made bubbles from household products and a wand from a sock and a plastic bottle.

“We didn’t have any bubbles so I looked up a recipe on how to make bubbles. I would never normally do that, I would just go buy it,” laughs Liv.

Inspired by a previous teaching career and activities she did as a kid, Liv’s ideas don’t stop there. From pasta creations to making volcanoes and cheerio cereal necklaces, it’s fair to say the Dewhirsts will be entertained long after lockdown.

Liv says having a lockdown routine gave their family a purpose in the day and she encourages families to be kind to themselves when making a routine and create a routine that works for them.



Selwyn Open – Leeston’s growing business

As part of our new Selwyn Open campaign we’ll be running a series on some of the many excellent businesses local to you. You can find businesses open at Level 3 at selwyn.govt.nz/selwynopen.

For our first edition of Selwyn Open we talk to Cameron and Elysse Renouf who run the Leeston Grocer.

Qualified builder Cameron and flight attendant Elysse have lived in Leeston for three years and say it was a love of the town that prompted the change in career.

“It’s an awesome little town. You sort of get to that Selwyn bridge and it’s like the rush of the city is gone and everybody seems friendly out here.”

It was a big jump, responding to calls on Facebook and opening in March 2019, Cameron says. “We worked really hard to find some local producers, learn all about markets and learn all about fruit and veges.”

The motto “Grow local. Buy local. Support local.” is plastered around the store and central to what they do. The business also supports Leeston charities such as Plunket, supplying the local school, hospital and supporting local events.

They bring in tomatoes, broccoli, courgettes, corn, carrots, onion, potatoes, beans, cherries, free-range eggs all from within a ten minute radius of Leeston and other products from across the district.

“We try to be different, we try to be personal. The word grocer I think reflects that you are coming to a shop that is a family business and you are going to get to know the people behind the counter and they are going to get to know you,” Cameron says.

Sourcing locally means products arrive fresher in your grocery bag, have a lower carbon footprint and support Selwyn businesses.

“I don’t think people realise how much is actually produced around here and how many farms there are. When you’re shopping with us, you’re not just supporting me and my family, you’re actually supporting all the businesses that we supply off.”



The refreshed Selwyn Business Directory helps businesses be seen and residents to find what’s local to you.

The searchable online directory is open on the Council website, showing businesses contacts, website, social media links, a map location and a summary of their business

With over 500 businesses already listing their details and more joining every week, the directory is part of the Council’s work to support local businesses and encourage people to think local when looking for goods and services, Community Services and Facilities group manager Denise Kidd says.

As well as providing a free opportunity to promote to customers in the district to customers the directory will help business to business links, she says. “The directory is a great tool for finding local resources to assist your business. As a smaller district we know businesses are strengthened by looking at where they can complement each other and by working together and the directory’s a good way to connect.”

COVID-19 Alert Level 2

Level 2 will bring significant changes for Council services and facilities. At the time of printing there has been no announcement on when Level 2 will begin. For full updates on what will change when we enter Level 2 see selwyn.govt.nz/covid19 or keep an eye on the Council Facebook page at facebook.com/SelwynDistrictCouncil.



Notices

MALVERN WATER RACE
DISRUPTIONS

Council contractors will be doing repairs to the Waimakariri Water Race Intake Tunnel from Tuesday 12 May 2020. This work will require shutting flows from this intake and the work is expected to be completed on Wednesday 3 June.

While the other scheme intakes will still be operational, it is expected that there will be widespread disruptions to the Malvern water race scheme for the month of May. This work is necessary to

ensure the intake is safe and to keep the water race scheme operating. Please be prepared that there may be no supply of stock water via the water race to your property for this works period.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES
FUNDING AVAILABLE

Applications are open for Creative Communities funding. Funding is available to groups or individuals with community-based creative projects that promote arts or culture in Selwyn. The aim of the scheme

is to increase participation in the arts at a local level, and increase the range and diversity of arts available to communities. Applications for this funding round close at 5pm, Friday 15 May. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding for more information and to apply.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Coalgate Tavern Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence and an off licence. Objections are open until 27 May. For more information go to selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

Meetings

Council meeting
Wednesday 27 May 2pm (at Council Chambers, Rolleston, unless otherwise advised)

Community Fund supports breaking barriers
through dance and talking

A disco and a presentation run by Selwyn Launch Group is making life a little easier for Selwyn youth living with disabilities and their families.

The Selwyn Launch Group offers support to young people with disabilities and their whānau through activities and information evenings held in Selwyn.

The Council Selwyn Community Fund assisted the group to run a disco last year followed by a talk for parents on transitioning their children into flatting.

The Community Fund has allowed the group to run events for free and expand its work, Selwyn Launch Group founder Sandra Gilmour says.

“The funding has permitted us to keep going, as all the committee naturally volunteer their time and energy into creating these events. This has meant we can run these two events each year, bring more services to Selwyn, and create more opportunities for our young adults.”

The Council provided the Rolleston Community Centre for the Mad Hatters disco, where the young adults enjoyed dancing to the music and a supper financed through the fund.

It gave them a chance to socialise and dance freely in an anxiety-free safe environment, which can be limited in a mainstream setting.

The disco was also a great opportunity for their parents to network with each other, along with a presentation by Kaye Young in August 2019 as she shared her experience of successfully helping her disabled son transition into assisted living in a flat and answered questions.

The parents came away from the talk feeling positive and prepared for the next step, no matter the extent of their child’s disability, said Mrs Gilmour.

Applications for the Selwyn Community Fund have been extended to 31 May.

Selwyn
Community
Fund

Selwyn Community Fund
closes 31 May

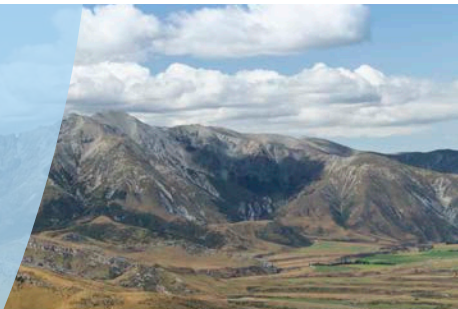
The fund is available for Selwyn-based community groups looking to run a project, event or initiative in the Selwyn district.

Apply now at
selwyn.govt.nz/selwyncommunityfund



Here’s the plan
...have your say

There’s still time to have your say on the Annual Plan. Consultation closes at 5pm, Friday 22 May. You can find out more and make a submission by visiting our YourSay Selwyn site www.selwyn.govt.nz/annualplan20



Selwyn...
If you need help, reach out

Key contacts for support

- **Urgent Welfare Support** 0800 SELWYN (0800 735 996)
Assistance for emergency food, household goods and services or other welfare-type requests
- Healthline 0800 358 5453
- Accommodation 0508 754 163
- Financial support 0800 779 997
- Need to talk 1737 (call or text)
Or visit www.allright.org.nz for tips on getting through together



On the roads

Tennyson Street is closed from 43 Tennyson Street to the Rolleston Police Station due to the Rolleston Town Centre infrastructure upgrade and from 96 Tennyson Street to the Lowes Road intersection for three weeks. The closure is to allow for the renewal of a section of the sewer main that runs along the centre of Tennyson Street. A detour will be in place via Michelangelo Drive for vehicles heading south along Tennyson Street. Lowes Road will be open to two way traffic west of Tennyson Street and one way eastbound, east of Tennyson Street. See map below (top).

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, see map below (bottom).

