



Selwyn remains a great place to live according to most Selwyn residents.

The Council's annual survey of residents this year shows 92% of people surveyed thought Selwyn was 'a great place to live', consistent with the results in 2018 (91%) and 2019 (93%).

Three quarters of residents surveyed also said they felt a sense of belonging and community.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the results reflect the positive feel of the district.

"I'm delighted the people of Selwyn think this is a great place to live, in particular as we continue to grow at such pace. We're constantly thinking about the future for all our communities across Selwyn, the challenge ahead is how we maintain our high standards as we grow".

Residents were asked to rate a range of Council services and facilities, with rubbish collection (94% rated good or very good), recycling (90%), playgrounds (86%), libraries (85%) and parks and reserves (84%) the highest rated services.

All areas of the Council's water services—covering drinking, waste and storm water—saw increases in satisfaction among users.

Satisfaction decreased for community-run swimming pools (down 10%), local urban roads (down 5%), and public halls (down 4%).

Overall 63% of residents rated the Council's performance as good or very good.

The survey notes that the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic are unclear, but it was undertaken in July, soon after lockdown when a number of Council services were closed or reduced.

Council Chief Executive David Ward says the Council is looking closely at ways to address the issues raised in the survey.

"We are always looking to improve the service we deliver to our community and we have taken account of this feedback in our planning for services in the coming year and further ahead."

The survey was carried out by independent research company Research First, and surveyed 624 people using telephone, cellphone and online surveys.

The full residents' survey is available at: selwyn.govt.nz/residents-survey.

Annual report shows Council in sound position

The Council's annual report shows its financial position remains stable despite the impacts from Covid-19. The report, which is now available on the Council website, shows the district continued to experience high levels of population and economic growth during the financial year. The Council largely kept to its budgeted spending, with expenditure \$1.8 million under forecast mainly from delays in work due to the Level 4 lockdown. Strong economic and population growth helped fuel positive operating revenues and cash flow, largely made up of infrastructure assets being transferred to Council from developers and increased development contributions. The sound economic position leaves the Council with a good capacity to deal with uncertain times in the future.

Development contributions are retained to fund new infrastructure and support future growth needs from developments. Vested assets reflect the transfer of infrastructure assets from developers to the Council. Neither of these are available to reduce rates.

The full annual report is available at selwyn.govt.nz/annualreport.



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.

Repairs are taking place on Waimakariri Gorge Bridge. Traffic management is in place.

Selwyn in good place to respond to Covid impacts

Selwyn has fared better than the rest of the country and is well-placed to bounce back from the impacts of Covid-19.

The district saw a smaller impact on its economy from Covid-19 this year than the rest of New Zealand, with Selwyn's economy already returning to growth and adding over 640 jobs since lockdown, according to a report on the impacts of the pandemic by analytics company Infometrics.

It is the second Infometrics report on the forecast impacts of Covid-19 for Selwyn and predicts the district will do significantly better than initially expected, thanks to a stronger than expected residential market and construction growth.

However, the report warns the biggest impacts of Covid-19 are still to come as the international recession slows New Zealand's economy, before returning to growth in 2022.

Mayor Sam Broughton says it is good to see the resilience in the economy so far, but the report highlights the need to continue to support each other over the next 18 months.

"We've seen a fantastic response by our community over this year. It's good to see that we remain in a good place to handle the tough times ahead. Just as important as our economy though will be our community strength and how we support each other."

The report shows Selwyn's economy contracted by 10.4% in the April-June quarter compared to 12.4% nationally. Over the next three months it bounced back, ending the September quarter 2.6% higher than last year, while nationally the economy shrank by 3.2%.

Selwyn's economy is forecast to see a small slowdown later than the rest of New Zealand, shrinking by 0.9% for the year to 30 March 2021 compared to 4.1% nationally and shrinking again by 0.7% over the next year, before returning to growth.

You can read the full report at selwyn.govt.nz/economy.

Next steps for Proposed District Plan as consultation closes

Consultation on the Proposed Selwyn District Plan has now closed.

The Council received about 500 submissions on the plan, which was open for the public to have their say for 10 weeks.

Council Planning Manager Ben Rhodes says the plan will now go through further submissions, hearings, decisions, and appeals stages.

"That process normally takes around two years and we're hoping to have decisions on the new plan by the end of 2022. The full completion of the final plan will depend on any appeals that follow Council's decision."

The Council will now prepare a summary of the submissions, which will be made available to the public early in 2021. Followed by a further submission period which will allow people the opportunity to comment on matters raised in the submissions.

All submissions will then be presented to a hearing panel made up of councillors and independent hearing commissioners. Public hearings will be held for those who wish to be heard, before a final recommendation is presented to the Council.

The Council will give notice of its decision on the Proposed District Plan (and matters raised in submissions, including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions). Submitters have the right to appeal this decision to the Environment Court. The plan will then be adopted, except any areas that have been appealed and these will be added according to the outcome of the appeal.



Council Call

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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

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 0800 SELWYN (735 996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.
*Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD	DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Extraordinary Council meeting Wed 16 December 8.30am Council Rolleston Offices*	Dunsandel Community Committee Mon 21 December 6pm	Dunsandel Tavern Sheffield-Waddington Community Committee Thu 17 December 7.30pm Sheffield Community Hall

Council services holiday hours

Here is a summary of Selwyn District Council services and opening hours during the holiday period.

Council headquarters in Rolleston will be closed from 12 midday Thursday 24 December, reopening 8.30am Tuesday 5 January.

Rubbish and recycling collections scheduled on Friday 25 December will take place on Saturday 26 December. Collections scheduled on Friday 1 January will take place on Saturday 2 January. All other collection days will proceed as normal.

Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed both Friday 25 December and Friday 1 January. Standard opening hours operate for the rest of the holiday period (9am–4.30pm).

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre is closed from Monday 21 December. **Rolleston Community Centre, Lincoln Event Centre** and **Tai Tapu Community Centre** are closed from midday on Thursday 24 December. All centres will reopen on Monday 11 January.

All Selwyn Libraries and service centres will close at 12 midday on Thursday 24 December and will be closed on public holidays: Friday 25 December, Saturday 26 December, Monday 28 December Friday 1 January, Saturday 2 January and Monday 4 January.

All libraries and service centres will be open 10am–4pm on 29–31 December.

Lincoln Library and Service Centre and **Rolleston Library** will also be open 10am–4pm Sunday 27 December and Sunday 3 January.

All libraries and service centres will resume normal hours from Tuesday 5 January.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be closed on public holidays: Friday 25 December, Saturday 26 December and Friday 1 January.

The Aquatic Centre will be open 6am–6pm on Thursday 24 December, 8am–6pm Thursday 31 December, 8am–8pm from 27–30 December and 2–4 January.

Normal hours resume from Tuesday 5 January.

Darfield and Southbridge pools will be closed Friday 25 December, Saturday 26 December and Friday 1 January.

Sheffield Pool will be closed on Friday 25 December, Saturday 26 December, Friday 1 January and Saturday 2 January.

All three community pools will be open normal hours (1–7pm) on all other days.

Animal Control services are available, operating 24 hours 7 days a week.

The last full day of **building inspections** will be on Tuesday 22 December. Normal hours resume from Tuesday 5 January.

The Council’s customer contact line will be operating 24 hours a day over the Christmas and New Year break for urgent issues, phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996).



West Melton Community Park work underway

The first stage of the West Melton Community Park is due before Christmas, but a small area may face delays.

The Council is still hoping to have the first stage of the community park at the West Melton Domain open before Christmas. However, there is the potential a small part of this area may have to be completed in the new year due to delays caused by the weather and difficulty accessing construction material due to high demand.

The first stage of the community park next to the West Melton Community will be the skate park, including a bowl, ramps, ledges and a pump track. A new playground, sheltered barbecue area and half-court basketball court will be built in the new year, along with landscaping to help create a space for the whole community to enjoy.

The Council is also investigating an incident where someone broke into the construction area and skated on the wet concrete. This risked causing significant delays and extra costs to the project. The Council is looking at solutions to prevent further vandalism that could delay when people are able to enjoy the park.



Selwyn Events

WED
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DECEMBER

Employment Zone Clinic
Wednesday Lincoln Library,
1–3pm, Thursday 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, Work broker from the Ministry of Social Development. Free. Bookings not required. See selwynlibraries.com/ events for more times and locations.

THURSDAY
17
DECEMBER

Christmas Storytime
All Selwyn Libraries, 6–7pm

Celebrate Christmas with our final storytime for the year. Listen to your favourite Christmas stories, sing songs and take part in our Santa hunt. Suitable for 3+ years. Free. Bookings not required.

SATURDAY
19
DECEMBER

Selwyn Carols
Rolleston Community Centre,
5–8pm

Selwyn Carols is a family-friendly event where you can bring along your dinner or purchase something from the food and drink vendors onsite. There will also be craft stalls and performers entertaining with song and dance.

SATURDAY
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Paper Snowflakes
Lincoln Library, 1–3pm

Drop by and create a white Christmas at the Lincoln Library! Did you know, snowflakes form even basic shapes: stars, needles, dendrites (having branches), plates, columns, columns capped with plates, and irregular (damaged). Will your snowflake end up with six points or six sides like a real snowflake? Free. Bookings not required.

SATURDAY
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Selwyn Car Seat Champions clinic
Council Offices, Rolleston, 9–11am

Get your child restraint checked before the holidays, or ask for advice from a registered Child Restraint Technician. The Car Seat Champions will be available in the Council offices car park to help you. Donations of canned goods or Christmas treats for the Ellesmere Foodbank gratefully accepted. Message the team at facebook.com/selwyncarseats to book a slot.

WEDNESDAY
23
DECEMBER

Christmas Pool Party
Selwyn Aquatic Centre 2–4pm

Celebrate the start of school holidays and the festive season with big inflatables and a visit from Santa Claus! Normal pool entry applies.

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

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