



The new pool at Selwyn Aquatic Centre is one step closer to opening after the roof was completed last week. Mayor Sam Broughton (above left) stopped by to check progress with Project Manager Sandrine Carrara and Site Manager Kirill Makogon from Armitage Williams.

The new 10-lane, 25-metre pool is on track to open in autumn along with the new foyer, community rooms, and changing rooms.

The aquatic centre is one of the district's most popular facilities with people taking more than 400,000 swims every year. The new pool will greatly increase the existing capacity, with more recreational lane swimming and learn to swim space and will allow more options for water sports and spectator space.

The full expansion work, including extra recreation and community spaces, is due to be completed by spring 2021.

Council and committees to work together on review

The Council has agreed to work with community committees over the next six months on a review of committees of Council, to better serve local communities.

The Council will work with committees to discuss their future role, including practical consideration of Council taking on the direct operation of Council-owned community centres, halls and reserves.

“Our committees have served Selwyn well in the past and they are a place where some of our best champions for the district and its communities do terrific work,” Mayor Sam Broughton says. “However we need to reshape the structure to ensure it is best placed to deal with the challenges and opportunities ahead.

“While we are aiming to streamline the number of committees, we would like the committees to be part of the journey that helps us arrive at an outcome that best serves the people of Selwyn.”

“There are many passionate community contributors on these committees and we want to help create a structure where they can continue to do that, working together with our communities in a way that best benefits local people,” Mayor Broughton says.

Selwyn has 70 community committees – significantly more than many other areas of New Zealand – and these committees have increasingly struggled to find members and comply with legal requirements.

The aim of the new structure is to reduce the number of committees of Council, ensuring Council committees meet their legal requirements and provide regular, meaningful engagement with users of Council facilities.

It also aims to support other committees to reform in a way that allows them to best support their community free of Council requirements and able to seek new funding and submit to Council on decisions.

Three committees that no longer meet have now been disestablished.

Leading Learners builds safety skills

The Selwyn Road Safety Team invites young drivers and their parent or caregiver to attend Leading Learners, a practical road safety course at Mike Pero Motorsport Park. The half day course covers driver distraction, emergency braking, skid avoidance and driving on different road surfaces. Attendees also complete a one hour driving session on the road with a professional instructor.

Council Road Safety Education Coordinator Jessica Fairbrass says the \$20 course is a great opportunity for young people in Selwyn.

“It’s a rare experience, with great professional instructors, a lot of fun and valuable road safety skills for just \$20.”

Drivers must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver for the course, who are also fully involved in the day, she says.

“We’ve found it actually benefits the parent or caregiver almost as much as the young driver as they’re being reminded and learning new things.”

Leading Learners will run on Monday 25 and Wednesday 27 January 2021. For more information or to register visit [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Water wisely – avoid restrictions

Water use in Selwyn is now at an all-time high and we need everyone to use water wisely to avoid restrictions before the end of summer.

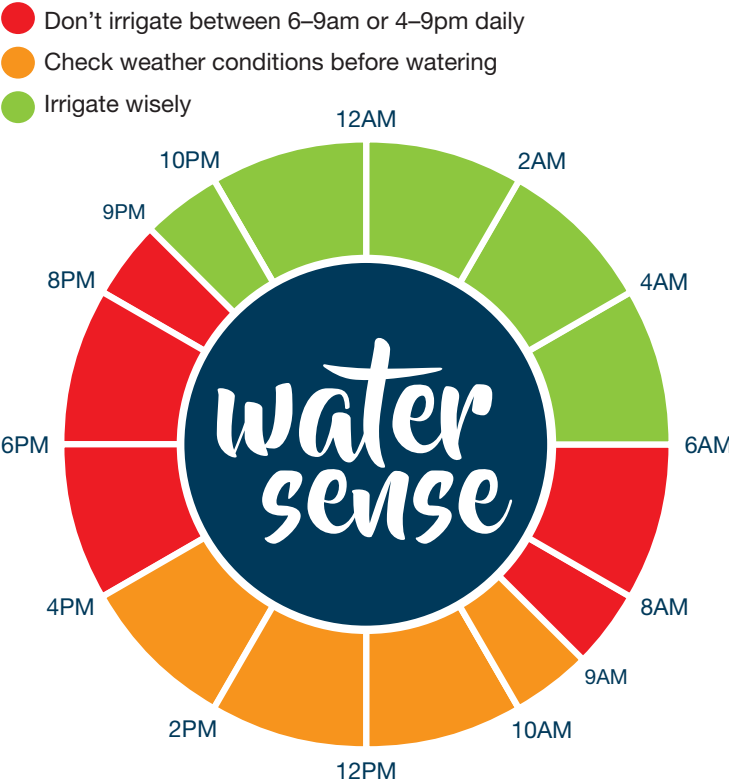
With the arrival of the hot weather over the past few weeks the temperature doubled and so did our water consumption. Despite the cooler weather forecast this week, if the high water use continues at current rates restrictions will be inevitable before the end of summer.

However, with a few changes we can ensure everyone can keep having a good, uninterrupted supply over summer.

The Council is asking people to reduce water use and to avoid watering gardens and lawns during peak times of 6–9am and 4–9pm. Please change your watering time to a lower demand time and if you have an automatic timer, adjust it.

The drier weather has also meant some water races are drier than usual. The Council is actively monitoring water race flows and people are encouraged to reduce use and use water wisely from water races.

When to water your lawn...



Significant step as climate change policy adopted

The Council has officially put climate change at the heart of its work, as it adopted its first formal climate change policy.

The policy, adopted at last week's Council meeting, brings together work that the Council has been doing on climate change into one comprehensive and cohesive policy. It commits the Council to make climate change mitigation and adaptation a core component of its planning and decision-making.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the policy is a stake in the ground for the Council.

“We have a legal requirement to act, but we also have a moral responsibility to our community to take the right actions now. In discussions with community you have clearly told us that climate change is a key concern for you.

“This policy is our commitment to lead our community forward, bringing together the work we have already done and acknowledging the actions we need to take to mitigate the effects of climate change and adapt to them.”

Mayor Broughton, on behalf of Selwyn, was one of the earliest signatories to the New Zealand Local Government Leaders' Climate Change Declaration 2017. The policy builds on the Council's commitments in the declaration and its legal requirements under the Zero Carbon Act.

It commits the Council to reduce its own carbon emissions, to carry out regular assessment of risk and opportunities, to report back on its actions, engage with tangata whenua, work with regional and national authorities and raise awareness of climate change impacts and opportunities in the community.

It is the foundation for work the Council will now undertake with strategies and an action plan to implement the policy.

Notices

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).

COALGATE ROAD
DEDICATION PROJECT

The Council is proposing to take land in Coalgate described below, pursuant to Section 23, the Public Works Act 1981. This land is required for road. Anyone with the right to object may send a written objection to the Environment Court. Copies of the full notices and plan of the land can be found at selwyn.govt.nz/publicnotices

Area (Ha)

1.0936 more or less

Description

Rural Sections 14987, 14988 and 14989 (Balance of Records of Title CB48/136 as to a half share and CB48/137 as to a half share)

Area (Ha)

2.4234 more or less

Description

Rural Sections 14987, 14988, 14989 and 15207 (Balance of Record of Title CB9/289)

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Kedar Sai Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 4 February. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

A message from the Mayor

2020 will certainly be a year talked about for decades to come. The challenges we faced since March have been considerable but the overriding impression that will stay with me is how our communities came together and supported each other through lockdown. Our team at Council did everything within our power to keep you safe and your services running, however we were only one small part of the jigsaw. It was the volunteers, community groups, emergency services, essential workers and many others that worked tirelessly looking after the needs of our community that got us through.

As it starts to heat up and we head into the Christmas holiday period there’s plenty to look forward to in Selwyn and many different ways to keep cool. Our rivers and lakes provide great natural spaces to take a dip. Our township pools are up and running and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre has a full programme of activity and is only closed on Christmas, Boxing and New Year’s Day.

If you don’t fancy the water why not take a trip to one of our beautiful shady parks and reserves for a picnic or log onto Selwyn.nz and explore the opportunities to keep the whole family busy over the summer holidays. Also keep an eye out for our ‘Summer in Selwyn’ brochure, which you can find online or in our library’s if one hasn’t already dropped through your letter box. It’s packed with fun activities and things to do for all ages.

Christmas is a great time to think about those in our community who might need a little extra support. It might be a working parent struggling to keep their children occupied during school holidays or a neighbour who might be alone this year as their family from overseas can’t visit. With Christmas being the celebration of Jesus’ birth we can all do our bit to love one another.

Liz, Elliott and I will be taking some time to get out and about and enjoy our amazing district and I hope you have the chance to do the same. We wish you, your family and friends a very safe and merry Christmas.

Sam, Liz and Elliott.



Orion offering support through Council

The Council and Orion are teaming up to offer advice to customers in the new year.

An Orion staff member will be available at the Council’s Rolleston offices to provide advice about the Orion network to Selwyn customers, every Monday from 8.30am to 12.30pm starting from Monday 11 January 2021.

Orion staff will be able to assist with questions about connections and the network, such as new connections, upgrades, downgrades, subdivisions, and for questions about the electricity industry.

On the roads

Leeston Road drainage works will be restarting in the new year. The work site will continue to move along Leeston Road in 300 metre increments with a low-speed zone in place around the site.

From 6 January Ellesmere Road will be closed for resealing between Lincoln Tai Tapu Road and Robinsons Road. From 11–13 January Hauschilds Road Tai Tapu will be closed between Lincoln Tai Tapu Road and School Road. A detour will be in place for both these works.

Selwyn Events

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.

WEDNESDAY

6
JANUARY

Virtual Reality for Teens

Rolleston Library, 1.30–3pm

Check out some awesome tech with so many activities to try in a virtual world. Step into artistic masterpieces, kayak with penguins in Antarctica, complete our Beat Saber challenge, swimming with sea creatures, or fly to the International Space Station to name a few! Suitable for ages 13+. Free. Bookings not required.

THURSDAY

7
JANUARY

Craft Spirits Distillation Demonstration

Lincoln Library, 6.30–8pm

An introduction to the practical skills, techniques and equipment used by artisan home distillers – presented by avid local craft distiller Dan. There will be no alcohol consumption during the demonstration. Free. Bookings not essential. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events to sign up for a reminder email.

SUNDAY

10
JANUARY

David Walliams Storytime

Rolleston Library 10.30–11am

Celebrate David Walliams hilarious tales such as *The Bear Who Went Boo*, *The Slightly Annoying Elephant* and more. Free. Drop in.

SUNDAY

10
JANUARY

Sheffield Pool Party

Sheffield Pool, 2–4pm

Our ever popular pool parties are back again, with a DJ playing your favourite songs, inflatables, games, prizes, a free sausage sizzle and loads of fun to celebrate summer.

MONDAY

11
JANUARY

Kids and Teens Bath Bombs

Lincoln Library, 10.30–11.30am

Need to relax during the school holidays? Learn how to make a bath bomb! All materials provided. Suitable for children 8+ and teens. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz

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

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