

Foundations in place for health boost



More than 300 cubic metres of concrete have laid the foundations for a fresh start on health in Selwyn.

The first concrete pour for the floor slab of the new Selwyn Health Hub took place on Wednesday last week.

Over three hours, 55 concrete trucks poured 330 cubic metres of concrete at the site on Norman Kirk Drive in Rolleston. It is the first of three concrete pours for the floor slab.

The \$14.8 million building will be paid for through commercial investments, which will see rent from tenants covering the cost of the building.

The Canterbury District Health Board (DHB) has partnered with the Council as the primary leaseholder, with Pacific Radiology also confirmed.

The hub will comprise a primary birthing unit, plus DHB community health services, a General Practice, radiology and other community health and social services.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the project is a long-term boost to the district.

"The Selwyn Health Hub will provide new medical services without the need to travel to Christchurch. It complements existing medical centres and pharmacies and sets us up for the future growth of the district."

As Selwyn recovers from the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Selwyn Health Hub and other major Council infrastructure projects underway across the district will be an important part of the long-term recovery by creating jobs, and by improving wellbeing and continuing to make Selwyn a great place to work, live and play, he says.

The building is on track at this stage to be completed in March 2021, when it will be handed over to the lease holders to fit out, before opening later in the year.

Record demand for building consents

The Council is receiving record numbers of building consent applications, and bookings for onsite inspections since lockdown.

The Council was receiving an average of around 220 new building consents a month prior to the COVID-19 Level 4 lockdown, which rapidly increased to 258 applications in May and is well on track to reach that number again in June.

The consent team has gone from carrying out 1400 building inspections a month, or around 70 a day, to almost 1600 inspections in May, or around 80 a day. In June the numbers look like they could top 1800 inspections, Council Building Manager Vanessa Mitchell says.

Over 60% of applications have been for new buildings, she says, although a drop in applications is still expected in the future due to the impacts of the pandemic.

The consents team continued to receive and process consents through all alert levels, with digital and some on-site inspections able to take place for the start of Level 3.

Staff from Napier City Council have been helping process applications, but the level of demand means some consent processing times may be slower than usual, Mrs Mitchell says.

"We've been able, at this stage, to keep to our commitment of a 48 hour turnaround from booking to us carrying out inspections. We're doing our best to keep up, but people may see some slippage in the timeframes for code compliance certificates.

"This workload also places our planning team under pressure to assess district plan compliance and respond to your enquiries as people contemplate new business ventures and activities."



New dog park for Darfield

Darfield will be getting a new dog park, with an off-leash exercise area at McHughs Forest Park opening next month.

The fenced area at the southern end of the forest is due to open for dogs to run and play, on mid-July.

A dog park or off-leash exercise area received strong support during a public consultation day about future developments of McHughs Forest Park.

Work on the 275 metre long park began early this year. Fencing is being installed ahead of the opening and a rubbish bin and drinking fountain with a dog bowl will also be added.

Access to the park will be provided through gates at the north and south ends of the exercise area.

McHughs Forest Park will remain as an on-leash area for dogs as outlined within Council's dog control bylaws.

Heritage Funding helps preserve our identity

Preserving our identity and the history that shapes who we are is a key part of the Council's Heritage Fund.

The Heritage Fund is open for applications from Wednesday 1 to Wednesday 22 July for projects aimed at supporting the preservation of heritage buildings or trees in Selwyn.

Louise Deans of Homebush says the fund has been 'wonderful' in helping maintain the nine category one listed structures on the historic farm near Darfield. Looking after the buildings is expensive and the fund is a key support in maintaining sites of huge value to the district and its identity, she says.

"We have been extraordinarily grateful for the help it's given us. Funding is the only way to keep our heritage alive and well maintained so we can say, 'this is our history and who we are'. They're our identity long term, because they often last longer than people and give an enormous amount of pleasure."

The Heritage Fund has helped the family with restorations of an earthquake damaged well on the property, servicing a historic water turbine. The turbine was brought from Dayton, Ohio and installed in 1879.

"It was the height of the industrial revolution really. You have to see it to believe it, because it involved an enormous amount of engineering for the water from the Waianiwaniwa River to be harnessed to run the turbine."

The fund had also helped with maintenance of the historic woolshed, built in 1879 and one of the most well-known heritage buildings in the country, she said.

To apply for the Selwyn Heritage Fund visit selwyn.govt.nz/heritagefund, or for more information email heritagefund@selwyn.govt.nz.

Youth helping shape district's future

Young people are being given the opportunity to help design one of Selwyn's biggest development projects.

The Selwyn Youth Council is carrying out its annual youth survey, asking young people around the district for their views on a youth focused space in the new Rolleston Town Centre development.

The third annual 'What Do YOUTH Think?' survey will see the Youth Council seeking feedback at high schools in the district and Lincoln University for what could be included in the area. The survey is also available online at bit.ly/YOUTH2020.

The Council is aiming to make the new town centre space a place for everyone, with community as well as commercial areas. That includes an area with a focus on young people, where they have had a say in the design to make sure it is a space that will meet their needs and be a great space to live and play.

The survey is open to anyone aged 14-24 years old and living in the district. Everyone who completes the survey will go in the draw to win a Sony Bluetooth Speaker valued at \$79.



Council Call

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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

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 winter sports only. For further information and application forms go to selwyn.govt.nz or contact Stuart Westoby, 03 347 2708, stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz

Applications for this funding round close Friday 26 June.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Neville Thomas & Joanne Lisa Chapman Partnership has applied for an on licence and the renewal of an off licence. Southern Spirits NZ Limited has applied for an off licence. Objections to these applications are open until 7 July. For more information go to selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

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.

*These meetings will also be livestreamed via the Council website and YouTube Channel.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Council
Wed 24 June 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices
Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 1 July 9.30am
Rolleston Council Offices

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 1 July 7.30pm
Osborne Park
Glentunnel Township Committee
Mon 29 June 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre
Leeston Community Committee
Mon 6 July 7.30pm
Leeston Library
Leeston Park Committee
Mon 29 June 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion
Tawera Memorial Hall Committee
Wed 1 July 7pm
Tawera Memorial Hall

Selwyn Open – Meating the need

As part of our Selwyn Open campaign we're profiling some of the many excellent businesses local to you. You can find these businesses on the Selwyn Business Directory at selwyn.govt.nz/directory.

This week we talk to Darfield Village Meats owner Blair Wards.

Blair Wards, had just moved back from America when he saw a butchers in Darfield that was closing. With 30 years' experience as a butcher he decided to take a chance.

"The opportunity arose and I thought there was a need for a butcher shop there. It's probably been more work than I anticipated," Blair laughs.

Blair met his wife while playing rugby and league in the states. The family moved to Darfield two and a half years ago to raise their kids, choosing Selwyn because Blair spent his youth in West Melton.

One of the few butchers in the area, Darfield Village Meats specialise in home kill where farmers can send their livestock to be processed.

On 1 April Darfield Village Meats would have celebrated a year of being open, but they were shut because of lockdown.

Supplying the Darfield Food Bank, their Home Kill service, deliveries during level three and support from the local Selwyn community kept them going.

The company is active in the community, supporting sports clubs and events, offering meat discounts and supplying sausages for BBQs.

Blair and his family also support local businesses, which he says is crucial for the survival of a community.

"If you don't rally around these local businesses, like the local pubs, fish and chip shops and bakeries, they'll just dissolve."



On the roads

Tennyson Street is closed from 43 Tennyson Street to Markham Way due to the Rolleston Town Centre infrastructure upgrade. Due to the Lowes Road and Tennyson Street intersection upgrade, Lowes Road is one way on both sides of the intersection, with lanes open for traffic heading away from the intersection, but not towards it. From Friday 25 to Monday 28 June Lowes Road will be closed on the west side of the intersection for resurfacing, weather permitting. A stop/go system and speed restrictions are also in place on Tennyson Street.

Leeston Road and Old Bridge Road intersection is being upgraded. Traffic management is in place.

Trents Road is closed on the south east side of the Springs Road intersection while upgrades are made to the sewer system.

Leeston Road and Brookside Irwell Road intersection is being upgraded. The intersection is closed to traffic looking to exit Brookside Irwell Road and a stop/go system is in place for traffic looking to turn from Leeston Road into Brookside Irwell Road.

Update on Proposed District Plan notification

The Council expects to notify the Proposed Selwyn District Plan for formal public consultation in early October. This follows the initial delay of the notification in the middle of this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More detail on the public consultation will be available at the time of the notification. In the meantime, to stay up to date with the District Plan Review work, keep an eye on the Your Say Selwyn website at selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview and sign up for future updates.

Selwyn Events

THUR
25 AND
FRI 26
JUNE

Baby Sensory

Thursday, Lincoln Library, Friday, 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.

THURSDAY
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JUNE

Volunteer Management 101

Webinar via Zoom, 10-11am
Council and Volunteering Canterbury are partnering to offer a free webinar covering the fundamentals of volunteer management including recruitment, retention, recognition and trends of volunteering. Visit the Council Facebook page to register.

THURSDAY
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JUNE

Marvel Online Quiz

Your living room, 6.30-8pm
Calling all superheroes. Gather a team of six, for your own superhero squad to take on this fun-filled quiz on Marvel content, including the three phases of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, the X-Men movies and a surprise round. Book at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

THURSDAY
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JUNE

Virtual Reality Drop-in Sessions

Darfield and Lincoln Libraries, 3.30-5.30pm
The libraries' VR sessions are back on. Kayak with penguins, visit the international space station and more. See selwynlibraries.co.nz/events for all sessions.

FRIDAY
26
JUNE

LEGO® club

Darfield Library, 3.30-4.30pm
Our library Lego clubs are back, for all brick-lovers, come in and enjoy an afternoon of building. Recommended for primary school aged children. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult.



Saturday 4 to Sunday 19 July

Get your wiggle on with Discomania and enjoy magical adventures with Frozen 2 and Toy Story 4 moviemania screenings at KidsFest. Try out everything from hip hop to dinosaur parties, or giant inflatables at Selwyn Aquatic Centre, and go in the draw to win a hot air balloon ride with the Eye Spy Selwyn quiz.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/kidsfest to book.

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

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