

Work beginning on Prebbleton intersections upgrade



Work will begin this week on construction of two new roundabouts near Prebbleton.

Isaac Construction Ltd has been appointed as the contractor to build the two-lane roundabouts and other road works needed at the Springs Road/Marshs Road and Shands Road/Blakes Road intersections.

The intersections are planned to be substantially completed by mid-2021. Both intersections will be kept open in both directions as often as possible during the work, but traffic management will be in place, including reduced speeds through the work zone.

This follows Council obtaining the land necessary to build the roundabouts to an appropriate size that will cope with increasing traffic flows and future growth in the area.

The roundabouts are being mainly funded by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

Under the conditions of the funding from NZTA, both roundabouts must be substantially completed by mid-2021 and the work schedule, including completing both roundabouts at the same time, has been set accordingly.

Since funding approval the work to fully design the intersections and obtain the necessary consents had been fast tracked so that works could be tendered for construction as soon as possible to meet this requirement.

Council Transportation Asset Manager Andrew Mazey says, "We are very pleased that we are now in a position to start this work to improve the safety and performance of the Shands and Springs arterials roads connecting to the Christchurch Southern Motorway and the City's roading network.

"We are continuing to work with NZTA to provide further intersection safety upgrades on these arterial roads in the Prebbleton area as part of a comprehensive road safety plan."

Funding from NZTA for a two-lane roundabout at each intersection was secured in 2019 at an expected total cost of \$9.7 million, with NZTA funding covering 75% of the cost as part of their national Safe Network Programme. The Council will cover the remaining cost for the Shands Road/Blakes Road intersection, while the balance for the Springs Road/Marsh Road intersection will be split between the Selwyn District and Christchurch City Councils.



On the Roads

High Street, Leeston will be closed from Cunningham Street to Leeston and Lake Road and Messines Street will be closed from Station Street to High Street on Saturday 13 March 7am-5pm for the Leeston Fête. Detours will be in place.

Walkers Road is reduced to one lane between State Highway 1 and Two Chain Road for seal widening work. Pavement repairs are taking place on Bealey Road, Te Pirita Road and West Melton Road. Traffic management is in place for these works.

Council services at Alert Level 2

Council services are operating at Alert Level 2. All services are operating as normal. Facilities remain open with a limit of 100 people at a time.

This includes:

- The Rolleston Council Offices
- Selwyn Aquatic Centre – with extra cleaning and hygiene measures in place
- Selwyn Libraries – some programmes may be affected, visit selwynlibraries.co.nz for more information
- All event and recreation centres

We will continue to provide updates on Council services through any Alert Level changes via the Council Covid-19 App, covid-19.selwyn.govt.nz, our website selwyn.govt.nz and on our Facebook page facebook.com/SelwynDistrictCouncil.

Unite
against
COVID-19

Confidence growing among Selwyn businesses

Selwyn businesses are increasingly confident about the future.

The findings come from the second Selwyn Business Survey, a quarterly survey organised by the Council, which shows businesses are overwhelmingly more positive about the outlook over the next six months.

The February survey of 120 businesses from over 17 different industries shows confidence growing after a year affected by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The results showed 28% of businesses were expecting their profits to increase over the next six months and 9% are expecting to hire new staff. This compared to 10% of businesses that reported reduced profits over the previous six months, while 6% of businesses reduced staff in that time.

Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says it was good to see the positive outlook despite the challenges of the pandemic.

"It's particularly pleasing to see businesses reporting that they're planning to hire over the next six months. Especially as autumn and winter are typically quieter periods for hiring."

The pandemic led to challenges accessing supplies and finding skilled and semi-skilled staff. Businesses are also expecting costs to rise in the next six months.

However, there were also positives for business, with 35% reporting a closer relationship with customers, while businesses also reported an increase in use of online services, more flexible work arrangements, increased use of local suppliers and more efficient use of staff and resources.

"We know there are still challenges to come, but it's good to see businesses and our community working together and adapting well and that we're well placed for the long-term," Denise says.

The results were presented to around 60 business leaders at the second Council business breakfast on Tuesday (23 February), organised to support businesses through practical speakers and encouraging networking.

The guests also heard from the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce with practical tips on wellbeing and staff retention and support.

You can read the survey results at selwyn.govt.nz/business-survey.



DRIVING MENTORS WANTED!

- Are you passionate about coaching?
- Do you enjoy meeting new people?
- Can you spare a few hours a week?
- Do you have a full New Zealand driver licence?

The Selwyn Road Safety Team is looking for volunteers for the new Community Driver Mentor Programme.

Coach a young driver for an hour a week to help them achieve their restricted licence, become a safe driver and provide a pathway to employment. Comprehensive training and a car will be provided for the face-to-face driving sessions.

Interested? Come along to our information session at the Lincoln Event Centre on Tuesday 16 March at 7pm, or get in touch with us to find out more.

RSVP for the information session via email roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 03 347 1867.

SELWYN
ROAD SAFETY

Selwyn
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Jones Hansen Partnership has applied for the renewal of an on licence and an off licence. Objections to these application are open until 11 March. Mountain Dream Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence and an off licence. Objections to these applications are open until 16 March. Trading Karma Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 18 March For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

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.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Audit & Risk Subcommittee *
Wed 3 March 9.30am
Rolleston Council Offices

Council Meeting *
Wed 10 March 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices
Extraordinary Council Meeting *
Wed 17 March 11am
Rolleston Council Offices
*Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 15 March 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Centre
Kirwee Community Committee
Mon 15 March 7.30pm
Kirwee Hall, A&P Showgrounds
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Mon 8 March 7.30pm, Pavilion,

Kirwee Recreation Reserve
Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 8 March 7pm
Lincoln Event Centre
Sheffield-Waddington Community & Township Committee
Thu 11 March 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall
Southbridge Advisory Committee
Mon 8 March 7pm
Southbridge Town Hall
Springston Committees
Wed 17 March 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve
Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee
Mon 4 March 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Intersection campaign

Why risk everything? That's the question for every drive you make.

The Council is running its latest road safety campaign targeting intersection safety. The campaign is aimed at bringing awareness to the importance of stopping at stop signs, and questions risk taking of the driver.

It is reminding drivers to reduce their speed and to always stay alert when approaching intersections. Road Safety Education Coordinator Jessica Fairbrass says stop signs mean stop for all drivers' safety. "Why risk your life and others to save a few seconds?"

Since 2015, failing to stop or give way at intersections has been a factor in 35% of all serious and fatal crashes in Selwyn. The new campaign features a local police officer from the Strategic Traffic Unit in Selwyn at the intersection of Leeston Road and Goulds Road.



Monday 22 March
6-7.30pm
Baylis Lounge, Lincoln Event Centre

FREE

Are you new to living in Selwyn? Do you want to meet new people? Do you love to try new foods and experience other cultures?

Dinners of Selwyn is a shared potluck dinner, a communal gathering where everyone brings a favourite dish to share with each other.

It is about bringing our wonderful community together to celebrate the diversity of our district while enjoying great food and making new friends through the language of sharing a delicious meal together.

Create a plate of your favourite dish to share and try something new.

This is an alcohol-free event and families are welcome.

RSVP 15 March by phoning 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or registering online: Selwyn.govt.nz/dinnersofSelwyn



Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

4

MARCH

Aqua Zumba Night
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 7-7.45pm
Dance the night away with this fun and challenging water-based workout. Usual class admission applies. Drop-in.

THU
4 TO
THU 11
MARCH

Air Force Museum's Peter Rule Exhibition
Darfield Library

Squadron Leader Peter Rule had a distinguished career as a pilot in the RNZAF, yet he was pressured to leave the Air Force because he was gay. Learn Peter's story through this exhibition which acknowledges all those who, like Peter, suffered discrimination in the past on the grounds of their sexual orientation. Content warning: this exhibition contains references to suicide. Free. Bookings not required.

FRIDAY

5

MARCH

Changing from Cheques - ANZ Information Session
Leeston Library, 10am

ANZ and Selwyn Libraries are running these information sessions to support people with the bank phase-out of cheques. Representatives from the banks will give you lots of different options to cheques, and Library staff will also give information on how to pay your rates in alternative ways to cheques. Free, bookings not required. Check selwynlibraries.co.nz for session times at other libraries.

FRIDAY

5

MARCH

Rhymetime - Wiggles and Giggles
Lincoln Library, 9.30-10am

Stories, songs, rhymes and bubbles make up our Rhymetime sessions, designed to assist with early language development and to have fun. Aimed at ages 1-3 years. Free, weekly sessions.

WEDNESDAY

10

MARCH

Leeston Summer Skate Jam
Leeston Skate Park, 3.30-5.30pm

Bring your board, scooter or bike or come and try out a set of wheels with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool. A great way to introduce people of all ages to skating. Join us in a relaxed environment to give it a go.

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

Leeston Library & Service Centre
19 Messines Street, Leeston
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2876

0800 SELWYN

www.selwyn.govt.nz
SelwynDistrictCouncil

