



# Council disappointed over Government's Three Waters decision

The Council is extremely disappointed that the Government has decided to force councils to become part of their new Three Waters reform entities.

At its meeting last week the Council resolved to express its ‘extreme disappointment’ at the decision to remove the opt-out option.

The Council entered into the reform process after the Government committed to allow councils a choice to opt in or out of any proposed new entity, Mayor Sam Broughton says.

“With that assurance in place, we committed to consult with our communities before making any decision. That opportunity has now been stripped away from us. The Government has not reflected the good faith in which our council entered into the process. I simply do not believe that mandating this model is the best solution for Selwyn.”

Mayor Broughton previously led South Island mayors in calling for a pause in the water reforms, to allow a partnership approach and alignment with other major reforms.

Selwyn does not face many of the issues the Government is seeking to address through these reforms. The district’s water networks are relatively new and well-maintained and costs for Selwyn residents are some of the lowest in the country.

“Ensuring Selwyn receives benefits through reform and doesn’t just pay twice to improve others systems on top of our own is an ongoing concern,” Mayor Broughton says.

With the Government signalling it was considering the mandate despite growing public opinion against the reforms, the Council had been working with other South Island councils and Ngāi Tahu to develop a contingency plan to help shape the entities.

The Government will set up three working groups to address elements of their reform model.

“The Government has signalled flexibility to resolve some key concerns we have raised about governance and accountability and we will now press into that.

“We will take every opportunity to influence decisions and be fully involved in the legislative process to ensure Selwyn residents continue to receive the benefit of some of the best water services in the country,” Mayor Broughton said.

## Hundreds of kilometres of flood repairs completed

More than 500 kilometres of Selwyn roads and 14 bridges have been repaired since being severely damaged by flooding earlier this year.

The flooding in late May saw significant damage to roads and bridges around the district.

Council roading contractor HEB has completed over 90% of the repairs, with a small amount of work remaining in the high country due to be completed this month and some additional repairs planned for the Leeston Bridge and Whitecliffs Bridge. The total repairs will cost around \$6 million when completed.

HEB Contract Manager Almero Du Pisani says the team of over 80 staff and contractors had carried out 55,000 hours of hard work to repair 570 kilometres of road.

They shifted over 120,000 cubic metres of material that had been washed onto the roads or damaged and removed more than 50 uprooted trees. It wasn’t just the flooding in May, but a series of challenges that saw the crews working in all weathers to get the roading network back into shape, he says.

“The various flooding, snow and wind events we faced this winter in Selwyn caused widespread damage across the network, which added to the complexity and challenges from the ‘main event’ in May.

“Our team worked collaboratively with the Council and our key trading partners to ensure public safety was top priority during the flood event and access was reinstated as swiftly as possible to the flood damaged community.”

Council Infrastructure Group Manager Murray Washington said it had been a mammoth effort

“We saw some great work from our roading and water teams before, during the floods, and in the aftermath to get the essential systems running again. The teams have kept going, working hard to get things repaired and built better for the long-term. We’re really grateful for the dedication of the HEB crews and contractors who faced the impacts of the floods in their own lives as residents and have done a really great job.”



## Local representation proposal adopted

The Council could take on a new look with the Council agreeing proposed changes to the number of councillors and wards.

The Council will publicly notify its proposal this month on a new representation structure that would see the number of councillors reduce from 11 to 10 and changes to the four ward boundaries.

The proposal is part of the Council’s representation review, which will result in changes to the way the Council is elected and structured from the next local elections in 2022.

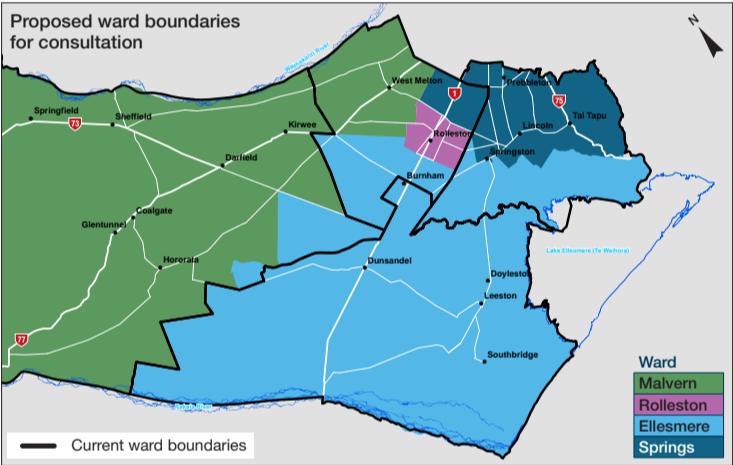
The key changes in the proposal for consultation include:

- the Selwyn Central ward would be replaced by a smaller Rolleston ward, which would have three councillors rather than the current four, with all the other wards retaining their current number of councillors
- West Melton would move from the current Selwyn Central ward to the Malvern Ward
- The area between Burnham and Rolleston would move from the current Selwyn Central Ward to the Ellesmere Ward
- The Malvern Community Board would be retained with five members, elected from the existing subdivisions of Hawkins (2) and Tawera (1), and a new subdivision covering West Melton (2).

All councils must review their representation arrangements at least every six years. Selwyn last undertook a representation review in 2015, in preparation for the 2016 elections.

Since that time, Selwyn’s population has grown rapidly but unevenly across the district meaning changes were required to the existing ward boundaries to ensure an even spread of representation for the population.

Once the Council has notified its final proposal, it is subject to appeal. The local government commission will consider any appeals and will make a final determination, if required by April 2022.



## Temporary skate park opening

A temporary skate park will be installed on Rolleston Reserve by Isaac Construction while the next stage of the infrastructure work on the Rolleston town centre continues and the existing skate park is removed.

Work on installing services, building the new slow road and car parking for the town centre has required working more closely to the skate park edges than originally planned. With the size and scale of the work so close to the skate park, it is not safe to use and has been closed.

Contractors will be installing a temporary skate park for the community to use at the northern end of the reserve next to the tennis courts.

The temporary skate park will be open from Monday 15 November.

The construction of a new youth zone, including a skate park, will commence in early 2022. The youth zone will be adjacent to the town square, amphitheatre and retail areas of the town centre. It has been designed based on feedback from Selwyn’s young people and will feature a half basketball court, spaces to sit and hang out, table tennis tables and a performance deck with sound system. The park is due to open by mid-2022.



Notices

COMPETITION AT FOSTER DOG PARK

The Selwyn Dog Training Club will be using the Rolleston Dog Park for a dog obedience competition over the weekend of 6–7 November from approximately 7.30am–4pm. The park will be closed for off-lead dog exercise during these times. The club is happy for people to come and watch the

competition, but spectators with dogs are asked to keep them on a lead and well away from the competition area.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Country Feasts Company Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence for its premises at Shop 4, Freyberg Road, Burnham Military Camp. Objections to this application are open until 18 November. For

more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alccoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alccoholnotices).

DOG MICROCHIPPING CLINIC

The Council's monthly free dog microchipping clinic is continuing under Level 2 conditions with a booked clinic. The next clinic is Friday 26 November and bookings are now open at <http://portal.selwyn.govt.nz/bookMCCLinic/>.

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](mailto: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\*

Wednesday 3 November 9.45am  
Rolleston HQ Offices

Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 3 November 1pm  
Rolleston HQ Offices

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Monday 8 November 4pm – 6pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

\* *Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Doyleston Community Committee

Wednesday 3 November 7.30pm  
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

Kirwee Community Committee

Monday 15 November 7.30pm  
Kirwee Hall

Prebbleton Community Association AGM

Tuesday 16 November 7.30pm  
Prebbleton Hall

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Monday 8 November 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre

Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee AGM

Sunday 21 November 1.30pm  
at Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall  
433 Days Road, Springston South. All welcome. For more information phone 3295 079 - Helen Duckworth, Secretary

Speed limit changes agreed

The speed limits on 27 Selwyn roads will change to support safety on district roads and meet new growth.

The Council agreed the changes at its meeting last week, following consultation.

The roads were identified through a range of factors including requests by residents and road users, changes in housing development and as part of the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's Road to Zero safety strategy.

Some related to sections of road where speed limit signs are in place or have changed, but the speed limit has not been formally adopted.

The new speed limits will come into force on 1 December 2021.

A map of the changes can be found at [selwyn.govt.nz/speedlimitsconsultation](http://selwyn.govt.nz/speedlimitsconsultation).

Lower speed limits reduce both the likelihood of a crash and the severity of any crashes that do occur.

Te Ara Ātea opening with heaps to explore

Te Ara Ātea – the new hub for the Rolleston Town Centre – is opening at the start of December with a range of exciting spaces to explore and enjoy.

Keep an eye on your letterbox from 8 November for our handy guide about Te Ara Ātea.

Opening from 2 December – Te Ara Ātea will be an incredible place of discovery and learning. Inside you will find a modern library, tamariki zone with a sensory space, a studio, café, workshop area, exhibitions, performances and meeting spaces.

The guide includes features of the spaces and wide range of programmes, events and workshops on offer over the opening season.

Check your letterbox or view online at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/te-ara-atea](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/te-ara-atea)



On the Roads

Jones Road is closed between Alston Road and Dawsons Road for shoulder repairs. Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Leeston Dunsandel Road from Domain Road to Irwell Rakaia Road and on Waimakariri Gorge Road from State Highway 73 to Minchins Road.

Flood repairs are taking place on Craighburn Road from State Highway 73. Culvert construction is taking place on Lyndon Road from Harper Road to State Highway 73.

Traffic management is in place for these works, please take care around work sites and follow all site signage.

Selwyn Road is closed between Springston Rolleston Road and Lincoln Rolleston Road for the installation of a new sewer main for the Acland Park subdivision and Burnham School Road is closed from the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant to Burnham Road for construction work on the Darfield Kirwee wastewater pipeline. Detours will be in place for both these closures.

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

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NOVEMBER

Hui Mātua

Leeston Library 10am–12pm

If you're looking to connect with other caregivers, access parent education opportunities or learn more about what is happening in the community, join us for this informal drop-in session. Hosted by Birthright - a not-for-profit organisation specialising in working with families, including one-parent, two-parent and blended families, mātua whāngai and grandparents. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz)

FRIDAY

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NOVEMBER

The business of art

Darfield Library, 6–7.30pm

From recreation to occupation - former lawyer Soon-Lee Spicer will share insights and advice on how she has tackled the transition to working artist. She will cover the challenges of being a creative business of one, finding a balance between enjoying the flexibility and fun of making art while being her own sales team, accounts department and IT help desk. Free. Bookings essential.

SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER

Croissant workshop

Rolleston Community Centre  
9am–1pm and 2–6pm

Learn the secrets of making leavened layer dough to create famous croissants, pain au chocolat or Chocolatine and more! Learn tips and tricks to adapt professional recipes to ones you can make in the comfort of your own home and be ready for Christmas Day. This workshop is suitable for all skill levels. 16+ years. Bookings required at [Selwyn.govt.nz](http://Selwyn.govt.nz). \$45 each.

SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER

Fly fishing workshop

Lincoln Library, 10.30am–12.30pm

Local guide Tom Hodge shares tips and tricks for effective casting and fly tying, sight fishing and fishing ethics. Learn why the South Island is world famous for its fly fishing opportunities and enhance the joys of fly fishing. Suitable for adults and teens. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz).

CHILDREN'S PLANTING DAY WITH RACHEL VOGAN

Friday 5 November, 1–3pm  
Springston Community Secret Garden  
387b Ellesmere Junction Road, Springston

Do you love gardening? Join The Happy Gardener Rachel Vogan, the local community and Springston School to fill their garden beds with spring vegetables and herbs.

All ages welcome, drop in, bring mask, water bottles and gloves. Afternoon tea provided.

Event in partnership with Welcoming Communities and Springston Community Secret Garden.



For information on listing a community event visit [selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall](http://selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall).

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