



Community makes mark in town centre

The Selwyn Schools feature poles in place in the sensory space being built next to Te Ara Ātea. Inset: Tiles painted by Waitaha School pupils for a tree ring mosaic

A space for all the community is starting to take shape in the new Rolleston town centre.

Nine colourful poles decorated by schools from around Rolleston have been installed in the sensory space next door to Te Ara Ātea.

Nine schools have been involved in creating the feature poles and decorative tiles for the sensory space. The poles feature a range of themes from representing unique school character to the region's landscape, flora, birdlife, and environment.

Waitaha School has also created mosaic tiles for a tree ring mosaic, which has been put together by Springston artist Raewyn Beaver of MACS Mosaics. The mosaic will be installed on site in the coming weeks.

The sensory experience, designed to cater for people's different neurological and physical needs, is being built by Armitage Williams, and is intended to be open by the end of the year, around the same time as Te Ara Ātea.

Surrounded by raised gardens and trees, the experience will be a highly accessible space with a treat for all the senses, from a quiet space, to areas with bursts of colour, musical instruments, different tactile experiences, smells and even tastes from edible plants.

Council Acting Major Projects Property Manager Phil Millar says it's an exciting step to see the posts and mosaics going in on site.

"The sensory space is a real community project and it's really cool to see these colourful and really thoughtful pieces going in. All the artists involved have put their heart into it and created something really special that will be a long-lasting source of joy for everyone using the space."

Selwyn Libraries launches free online click and collect service

Selwyn Libraries has launched a new collection service to keep avid readers busy even at COVID-19 Alert Level 3.

The Click and Collect service enables library members to request quality items personally selected by the Selwyn Libraries team.

It's easy to use – just fill out a short form online to identify your areas of interest. The Selwyn Libraries team then build a pack of five items from the stock available at your local library of choice. There is no charge for this service.

Once the team have selected your items, you'll be contacted by phone or email to arrange a suitable collection time. They'll give you the instructions for how to collect your items.

Collection is contactless and in accordance with COVID-19 social distancing protocols.

The service covers popular catalogue items including adult fiction, magazines, children's books and jigsaw puzzles.

To use the Click and Collect service, visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/your-libraries/click-and-collect

If you're not already a library member, you can also join online using the link above.

Consultation open on local representation

Consultation is now open on a proposal for future local representation for Selwyn.

The proposal will result in changes to the way the Council is elected and structured from the next local elections in 2022.

The Council is proposing to keep four wards, but with changes to ward boundaries, and a reduction in the number of councillors from 11 to 10. It also proposes to retain the Malvern Community Board.

Councils must review their representation arrangements at least every six years.

Since its last representation review in 2015, Selwyn's population has grown rapidly but the ratio of population per councillor has become uneven.

"One of the key principles of fair representation is that each elected member should represent roughly the same number of people," says Mayor Sam Broughton.

"This proposal will help to ensure a more equal distribution of councillors, so that residents get fair and equal representation around the Council table."

The key changes include:

- West Melton would move to the Malvern Ward
- The area between Burnham and Rolleston would move to the Ellesmere Ward
- An area east of Rolleston would move to the Springs Ward.

The Selwyn Central ward would be replaced by a smaller Rolleston ward with three councillors rather than the existing four. All the other wards would keep their existing number of councillors. The total number of councillors would reduce from 11 to 10.

The Malvern Community Board would be retained, with five members. The existing subdivisions of Hawkins and Tawera would be retained, and a third subdivision added, covering West Melton.

Submissions on the proposal are open until 5pm, Monday 4 October. Submission forms, maps and more information are available online at selwyn.govt.nz/representation.

Mayor Broughton says the Council is hoping to hold drop-in information sessions later this month, depending on COVID-19 alert level requirements.

"We're also planning some online information sessions, so we encourage people to check the website for the latest updates and any changes.

"We do want to hear people's views. It's important we get this representation structure right – so residents can be confident that they are well represented, and that the Council can function effectively."



Selwyn Open

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On the Roads

Flooding repairs are taking place on Keens Road from Wrights Road, Kowai Bush Road from Kowai Road, Coleridge Road from Snowdon Road, Mt White Road from State Highway 73, Harper Road from Homestead Road, Aitkens Road from State Highway 77, Pig Saddle Road from Dalethorpe Road to Waianiwaniwa Road, Hartleys Road from Waianiwaniwa Road to Whitecliffs Road, Highpeak Road from Snowdon Road, Algidus Road from Homestead Road, Sleemans Road from Rockwood Road to Leaches Road and Flagpole Road from Whitecliffs Road.

Stabilising work is taking place on Knyvitts Road from North Rakaia to Main Raikaia Road.

Traffic management is in place on these roads.

Notices

SPEED LIMIT CONSULTATION EXTENDED

The Council’s consultation on proposed speed limit changes for 27 local roads has been extended because of the Covid-19 Alert Level 4 and 3 disruption. The consultation will now close on Friday 8 October. To view a map of the proposed speed limit changes or to make a submission visit selwyn.govt.nz/speedlimitsconsultation.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

TGH Prebbleton Limited (The Good Home Prebbleton) has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 17 September. Lincoln Golf Club Incorporated has applied for the renewal of a club licence. Objections to this application are open until 22 September. Flock Hill Holdings Limited (Flock Hill Lodge) has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 23 September. 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

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 8 September 1pm via videoconference

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 22 September 1pm Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board
Monday 27 September 4pm Darfield Library-Service Centre

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wednesday 29 September 9.30am Rolleston Council Offices

**Via videoconference if required. Livestreamed on Council website and Youtube channel.*

Dog registration extended

The Council is moving to support dog owners as the lockdown has caused delays with processing registrations.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions at Alert Levels 3 and 4, the Council’s Animal Control team has not been able to process all of the received dog registrations.

In response to this the registration period for the final dogs to be registered has been extended to 30 September.

“At the moment we have a backlog of around 1,500 dog registrations which we will be able to work through once we are under COVID-19 Alert Level 2 and we are able to get back into our offices. At this stage we expect that there will be around a four-week delay to get all due dog tags out,” Animal Control team leader Steve Clarke says.

“We would like to reassure owners that if you have paid your dog’s registration fee, we can see your transaction, so we won’t be issuing any fines for your dog not being registered.”

Mr Clarke says owners who have not yet received their new One Tag should keep on their blue 2020 registration tag until the new One Tag has arrived.

The infringement fee of \$300 for any unregistered dogs may now be issued by the Council after September. More information can be found on Council website at www.selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration.

If you have any difficulty with making your dog registration payment or have any further queries about dog registration, please contact us at 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or contactus@selwyn.govt.nz and we'll be happy to help you.



Council services at Alert Level 3

Following is a summary of Council services and facilities under Alert Level 3. Always check for any changes and the latest updates at selwyn.govt.nz/covid19. For all official government information on COVID-19 visit the national COVID-19 website covid19.govt.nz.

Council services and facilities

Animal Control

We will continue to respond to animal control requests and incidents.

The dog pound will continue to operate.

Issuing of new dog registration tags is on hold at present and will resume as soon as practicably possible.

Building Consents

We will continue to process new consent application and existing applications already in the system. This service may be subject to some limitations due to restricted access to physical property files.

Building Inspections

Building inspection bookings have resumed.

Inspections from 20 August to 30 September have been cancelled and will need to be rebooked to ensure customers can meet the safety requirements for Alert Levels 3 and 2. Customers can rebook a cancelled date if they are still able to be ready on that date. Please help us catch up by only booking an inspection time if you can be ready by 7.30am on the inspection date.

For up to date information on inspection bookings keep an eye on our building page at Selwyn.govt.nz/building.

Campgrounds – CLOSED

Cemeteries – OPEN

Burials and interment will continue with restrictions. For a full list of these restrictions please see the Unite against COVID-19 website (covid19.govt.nz).

We understand it can be a difficult time with these restrictions. Please feel free to call our team who will be happy to help you as always. Call 0800 SELWYN (735 996) and ask for Cath.

Council Facilities including Council Rolleston offices and AA – CLOSED

All Council facilities are closed to the public, including:

- Pools
- Libraries and service centres
- Community and recreation centres

All Council events and classes scheduled for the lockdown period will be postponed to new dates where available or are otherwise cancelled.

Dog Parks – OPEN

Dog parks are open to exercise your dog, but must keep at least two metres distance from other users at all times. Always keep dogs on a leash and don’t pat or touch dogs outside your ‘bubble’. Note that dog park gates will be kept open.

You should not drive to a dog park. Cars should only be used for essential requirements and people should stay local – walk to exercise within your local area.

Pick up after your dogs and dispose of dog poo at home in kerbside collection.

Libraries

While the buildings are closed the libraries’ Click and Collect service has resumed and its online services remain available. For more information visit Selwynlibraries.co.nz

Noise Control

We will continue to respond to serious and urgent complaints. Also we will respond to any emergency environmental health issues. Additional noise control services are operating under Alert Level 3.

Parks and Reserves – OPEN

Parks and reserves are open, but please maintain social distancing from other park users. Please note:

- All toilets in Council reserves are closed.
- The reserve at Lakeside Campground is only open to existing campers. It is closed for recreation.

Playgrounds and hard surface sports areas – CLOSED

Playgrounds are closed. Keep off all playground equipment, tennis courts, basketball courts, skateparks or any other shared equipment or surfaces.

Public Transport

Metro has advised that public transport will be available for those needing to travel for essential reasons. That is, travelling to work in essential services, for medical reasons, and to get to the supermarket. Fares will not be requested.

Customers are requested to use window seats only and adhere to physical distancing, which is required at Alert Levels 3. Due to these requirements, bus capacity will be limited.

Resource Consents

We will continue to process new consent applications and existing applications already in the system.

All Planning Duty enquires should be via email. Please send these to ContactUs@selwyn.govt.nz.

Rubbish and recycling

Kerbside bin and bag collections continue as normal. Please keep vigilant with your recycling separation, the recycling plant is operating as normal. We haven’t had any loads rejected! You can help our drivers out by making sure your bin placement is clear of parked cars.

Pines Resource Recovery Park:

Alert Level 3: Open via bookings (Council website and call centre). Covid app scanning and Masks required.

Alert Level 2: Open. Bookings not required. Covid app scanning and Social distancing required. Masks encouraged

Toilets

Toilets in Council reserves are closed. Toilets on State Highways will remain open. Please observe careful hygiene and safe distancing.