

New Selwyn facilities on the way in 2021



New health, learning and recreation spaces for Selwyn residents are getting closer to opening, as construction continues on exciting new district facilities.

Four major projects in Rolleston are due to open to the public this year, bringing new services to Selwyn including a library, community space, extended swimming pool, indoor sports and health services.

Mayor Sam Broughton says it's exciting to see the projects come to fruition after years of planning and hard work.

"We've been through a period of providing new buildings and bringing new services across Selwyn in response to the growth that we have had in the district. It's great to be stepping into the next chapter in that long standing plan offering new opportunities for everyone in Selwyn."

The Selwyn Sports Centre at Foster Park will be the first project to open in May, with eight indoor courts, a walking track, areas for fitness classes, and a community sports hub. In addition to sports, the hard floor surface will be able to host community events such as markets or car shows.

The centre also features the country's first digital playground – an interactive sports wall combining sports and video games.

The Selwyn Health Hub fitout will begin at the same time, with tenants including the Canterbury District Health Board and Pacific Radiology. The hub, next to St John ambulance in Rolleston and close to the Southern Motorway, will house a birthing unit, radiology, general practice and other community health services.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre extension will see a new 10-lane pool open in the middle of the year, with upgraded main pool, public areas and changing rooms due to be completed by October.

The final windows will be installed in the coming weeks at Te Ara Ātea, which will house the district's largest library. In addition to housing a much larger book collection, the building will include a museum experience, versatile performance and meeting space, comfortable seating and study areas, and a studio space and workshop.

Life-changing opportunity offered to young people

Help to attend the adventure of a lifetime is on offer for young people in Selwyn.

Mayors around the country can nominate young people aged 16–26 to attend Outward Bound courses, sponsored by the Mayoral Forum for Jobs.

The courses are a chance to take part in something that will make a life-long difference, Mayor Sam Broughton says.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your horizons, meet new people and try something that will challenge your body and mind. You will have the opportunity to take part in something that will look great on your CV and show employers you are willing to step outside your comfort zone."

Scholarships worth \$3600 are available for two courses. The Mind, Body and Soul course for people aged 16–18, and the Classic course for people aged 18–26.

The 21-day courses use action-packed adventure with bush expeditions, water challenges, sea voyages and height activities, along with times of reflection, to help people discover their inner strengths and values and practical ways to apply those skills to everyday life.

Nominees will be required to fundraise \$749 towards the course fee and arrange travel to and from Outward Bound.

Applications can be made to the Council and the Mayor will nominate candidates to the forum and Outward Bound, who will award the scholarships. Special consideration will be given for candidates who have overcome hardship, or do good work in the community.

For more information, or to apply, call Sean Tully on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or email sean.tully@selwyn.govt.nz.



On the Roads

Pavement repairs are taking place on Walkers Road, Wards Road, West Melton Road and Leaches Road. Traffic management is in place for these works.

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.

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency has advised that Hoskyns Road will be closed at the intersection with State Highway 73 until Sunday 14 March for intersection safety improvements. A detour via Sandy Knolls Road is in place.

District to come together over dinner

A chance to eat your way around the globe and meet new friends is coming to Selwyn this month.

Dinners of Selwyn invites people to share delicious international food and Kiwi kai, celebrate Selwyn's diversity and tell their stories of coming to Selwyn.

The dinner will be held at Lincoln Event Centre's Baylis Lounge on Monday 22 March.

Newcomers who attended last year's Dinners of Selwyn in October came from near and far, some from the North Island and others from places around the world, including Iran, Sri Lanka, China and England.

The event ran as an initiative under Immigration New Zealand's Welcoming Community accreditation, which was awarded to the Council last year.

Ravi Gooneratne attended the event last year, bringing his Sri Lankan fried rice, which featured among other international cuisines including a Chinese cold dish of seaweed, ratatouille, Persian lentil rice Adas Polow and a classic kiwi favourite, lemon meringue pie.

Ravi says last year's event was very successful and well organised.

"It was an excellent occasion to meet others new to the Selwyn community and also taste different ethnic foods from different countries."

Maggie Gibbons also attended Dinners of Selwyn with her partner Mike and said she enjoyed meeting new people and getting a feeling of belonging in the community.

"It was good just to connect with other people who were new, so we didn't feel like we were on our own."

Maggie says she looks forward to reconnecting with residents she met last year and sharing her experiences with other newcomers at the upcoming Dinners of Selwyn.



New slide installed at Foster Park

Foster Park playground has reopened with a new addition.

The playground reopened on Friday after its annual maintenance, which this year included the installation of a new stainless steel tube slide.

The New Zealand-made steel slide replaces the existing plastic tube slide, which was closed for much of 2020 due to issues with cracking. A shade sail has also been installed to shade the exit of the slide.



Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 67

GW Wilfield Limited have lodged a private plan change application (PC67) to rezone approximately 33.4 hectares located on the south side of Kingsdowne Drive, West Melton from Rural to Living WM South zone. Submissions are now open to enable you to have your say on this rezoning proposal. Information on this plan change request and how to

make a submission is available at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters, and can be viewed online at Council libraries and service centres and at selwyn.govt.nz/pc67, or by contacting the Strategy and Policy Team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996). Submissions must be lodged by 5pm 12 April 2021.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 19 March at the following places:
· Rolleston Council Offices

9–9.30am
· Lincoln Library 10.15–10.45am
· Leeston Library 11.30am–12pm
· Darfield Library 12.45–1.15pm
If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped. Please note: The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive. All others are libraries. Microchipping will not take place if wet. If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

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

*Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 10 March 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

Extraordinary Council Meeting*

Wednesday 17 March 11am
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 22 March 4pm
Darfield Library

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 24 March 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee

Tuesday 23 March 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Dunsandel Community Committee

Monday 15 March 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Centre

Hororata Citizens Committee

Tuesday 23 March 7.30pm
Hororata Hall

Kirwee Community Committee

Monday 15 March 7.30pm
Kirwee Hall, A&P Showgrounds

Rolleston Residents Assn Inc.

Monday 22 March 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield-Waddington Community & Township Committee

Thursday 11 March 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall

Springston Committees

Wednesday 17 March 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Selwyn steps up recycling efforts

Selwyn residents have been making a big effort to recycle correctly over the past three months.

Just one truck of recycling has been rejected since the Council's contamination crew began bin inspections and guidance on improving recycling in December – compared to an average of six truck loads a month in the preceding six months, Council Solid Waste Manager Andrew Boyd says.

“It’s been really good to see the way people have made the effort to help get it right and avoid sending unnecessary waste to landfill. We know Selwyn residents care and it’s been pleasing to see how these reminders and a bit of extra vigilance from people have helped. We hope people will keep up the habits they’ve got into over the past few months.”

The Council provided households with updated bin stickers and magnetic easy recycling guides, and ran newspaper and social media advertising to support good recycling, before the contamination crew began its work, but it was noticeable how much things improved once the crew began its work, Andrew says.

“We’re really grateful to the crew, a small group of four who’ve pounded the streets in all weathers, doing a job that was at times unpopular. They’ve made a real difference to help recycling get to the right place and helping us all do it right.”

The crew added tags to bins with minor issues, advising people of the items in their recycling bin that could not be recycled. The most common reasons people received advice tags was for soft plastics (any plastic that can be crumpled in your hand), lids and Tetra Pak cartons such as common plant milk and non-plastic juice containers.

In the worst cases, badly contaminated bins were not collected. From December to February a total of 657 bins, fewer than 5% of those inspected, were rejected. These were mainly turned down for unacceptable contamination from items such as food, clothing, nappies and sanitary pads, which would have seen recycling loads contaminated and have to be sent to landfill.

Webinar series:

Digital marketing and social media



Tuesday 9, 16, 22 March

Are you wanting to boost your business or community group profile using digital marketing?

Free resources will also be provided at the end of each webinar. Zoom in to all three or choose which ones you would like to attend.

Registration is essential. Please go to <https://bit.ly/2NFOM6w>



Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

11
MARCH

Shadow Puppet Illustration Workshop

Rolleston Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Join award-winning illustrator, designer, and artist Sarah Grieg for a workshop on how to create shadow puppet illustrations. Suitable for 7+ years. Free. Bookings essential.

THURSDAY

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MARCH

Writers' Group

Lincoln Library 6.30–7.30pm

A group for writers, and those interested in the craft of writing. Meets on the second Thursday of the month. Includes a special term workshop led by Lincoln author Tania Roxborough. Suitable for teens and adults. Free. Bookings not required. RSVP at selwynlibraries.co.nz if you wish to receive a reminder email.

FRIDAY

12
MARCH

Changing from Cheques – ANZ Information Session

Rolleston 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 alternatives to cheques, and Library staff will also give information on other ways to pay your rates. Free, bookings not required. Check selwynlibraries.co.nz for session times at other libraries.

SATURDAY

13
MARCH

Dressing for Employment

Leeston Library 1–3pm

Before you choose your interview outfit, pop along to one of our 'Dressing for Employment' workshops. These sessions are designed to give you the confidence to know you are dressed for success and interview ready. Presented by Vicki McMillan from Beauty and Style. Suitable for ages 16+.

SUNDAY

14
MARCH

Rolleston Basketball Jam

Faringdon Playground, 1–4pm

Jump into a 3X3 basketball game. No registration required. Come with a team, join one, or just cheer one on. Or enjoy one of our other games, music and prizes. Don't miss a special appearance from the Canterbury Rams players.

MONDAY

15
MARCH

Board Games Club

Darfield Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Love board games? Head along to Darfield Library to play a variety of exciting games. Suitable for those new to board games, as well as regular players.

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

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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
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