



## Construction on Springs Ward reserve begins

Work on a new 22 hectare park in Springs has begun.

The reserve on Birchs Road between Prebbleton and Lincoln will feature a new dog park, sports fields, carparking, wilderness areas and bike tracks and be constructed in stages over the next five years.

Selwyn companies McLenaghan Contracting and Johnstons Civil Limited have been awarded the contract to build the first stage of the park, a 10 hectare area which is expected to open to the public in spring 2022.

This will include construction of numerous off road and sealed bike tracks, complete with jumps and a snake run. The tracks will be a similar style to those at Bottle Lake Forest or the Christchurch Adventure Park.

There will be a dog park with a set aside area for small dogs, and three full and one half-sized sports fields built. The sports fields will have lighting installed.

The Council will begin further consultation in the next month with parties—particularly sports groups and clubs —that are interested in using the fields on an ongoing basis.

The reserve will be something new for the ward and the district, Major Projects Manager Phil Millar says.

“There will be large areas of native planting for people to explore and around the park areas we’re developing now and in the further stages of the park. With the bike track as well it will be something special for the Springs Ward, and will be linked to the existing rail trail cycle network, which runs along Birchs Road.”

The second stage of building starting next year will see the development of changing rooms, public toilets and the main car park for the park, and is expected to be open in late 2022. The final stage, an eight hectare area, will be developed in around five years time and the total cost of the reserve is expected to be \$13million.

The reserve will bring additional sports ground and reserve space to the Springs Ward, to meet the Council requirement for park space per head of population in the ward over the next decade.

## A new way to see motorbikes

With the weather warming, more people are getting out on their motorcycles on Selwyn roads – so it is a timely reminder for drivers to be even more aware.

Most crashes between cars and motorbikes occur at intersections, or when drivers are changing lanes. Ministry of Transport data shows drivers are at fault in 90% of crashes between cars and motorbikes at urban intersections.

A common term within the motorcycle community is SMIDSY – “Sorry mate, I didn’t see you” – usually the first words a driver says when they hit a motorcyclist.

Usually the reason behind this is something called saccadic masking, where the brain can’t keep up with a quick check of the road and replaces certain eye movements with a recent memory instead, increase the chance a driver won’t see a motorcyclist.

Motorcycles are also easily hidden in a car’s blind spots or masked by other objects, such as road signs.

Fortunately, there’s a different approach drivers can adopt to check if the road is clear and help keep all our road users safe.

Instead of using a continuous head movement, it is recommended that a driver pause for a fraction of a second at three points, once on the left, once straight ahead and once on the right, which will help check your close, middle and long distance vision. Drivers should do at least two checks before leaving intersections or changing lanes. This stops the eyes sending incomplete images to the brain.

If every driver did this, it is estimated it could reduce the risk of car crashes by a quarter.

Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, at every intersection, every lane change, every time. Look twice, save a life.

To find out more visit [selwyn.govt.nz/motorcyclesafety](https://selwyn.govt.nz/motorcyclesafety)



## Prebbleton roundabout completed

The new roundabout at the Shands Road and Blakes Road intersection has been completed with the roundabout at Springs Road and Marshs Road nearing its finish.

Along with a new roundabout the Shands Road and Blakes Road intersection has a new, wider road and lane layout and a separate cycle lane. Final planting and landscaping is being completed this week.

At the Springs Road and Marshs Road roundabout the new road layout, street lighting and paths are almost complete with work expected to be finished in early November.

The roundabouts cost \$9.7 million and were built as part of safety improvements around Prebbleton. Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency funding has covered 75% of the cost.

The Council will cover the remaining cost for the Shands Road/ Blakes Road intersection, while the balance for the Springs Road/ Marshs Road intersection will be split between the Selwyn District and Christchurch City Councils.



## Faces of Selwyn – a passion for art, cooking and education

Rita Yosef enters the recording studio in purple glasses, purple tinted hair and smiling from ear to ear in her lilac lipstick.

When asked if her favourite colour is purple, she laughs and says yes, before revealing that purple isn’t the only thing she is passionate about.

Born in Latvia and raised in Israel, Rita says she has always enjoyed art and cooking, especially a range of international dishes from Middle Eastern, to Asian and Mediterranean cuisine.

One of her favourite dishes to cook is Kubbeh, a Middle Eastern dish made of semolina meat dumplings in a vegetable soup or broth.

Rita joined the army at the age of 18 and met her husband 30 years ago. They moved to Christchurch 18 years ago, with their two children, for a change in lifestyle. There Rita established her cooking business My Home Chef, catering and running cooking classes. This included programmes for older population and young adults with special needs.

“I extremely enjoy that because those young adults don’t really have a lot of future in a way. They’re not independent to cook their own meal – to give them those skills is extremely important. I felt like it gives a lot of help and change even in their own family life and hopefully for the future they will be able to get some employment.”

In March 2020, Rita and her husband decided they wanted to build a house in Rolleston, moving into their new home in November last year.

Since moving, Rita says she loves living in Selwyn and engaging with the Rolleston community. She hopes to continue her community education in the area with her cooking and painting classes.

“We have lovely neighbours from all around the world and all around New Zealand, so it really changes the feel. I think we’ve really settled well and we love our new home and community in Rolleston.”

*Tune into PlainsFM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week at 5pm to listen live and hear Anya Cole, Rita Yosef and Maria Mendoza’s stories – or visit [selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn](https://selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn) to find the Faces of Selwyn podcast episodes.*





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Notices

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 61 BECOMES OPERATIVE

Rupert and Catherine Wright have lodged a private plan change request (Plan Change 61) with the Council, seeking to rezone Rural Outer Plains land in Darfield to a mix of Business 2 and Living 1 zones. Following the Council's decision to approve the Plan Change 61, which was publicly notified on 25 August 2021, no appeals were received by the Environment Court. As a result, the Plan Change 61 will become operative on 20 October 2021. More information on this private plan change is available on the

Council website at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc61](http://selwyn.govt.nz/pc61)

DRAIN/WATER RACE SPRAYING

The Council's licensed spray contractors, will be carrying out spraying on the following drains during November to April and water races from October to September, as specified in Councils spraying consent:

- Osbornes Drainage District
- Greenpark Drainage District
- L2 Drainage District
- Ellesmere Drainage District
- Leeston Drainage District
- Taumutu Drainage District
- Wairiri Drainage District
- Hororata Drainage District

- Malvern Water Race Scheme
- Paparua Water Race Scheme
- Ellesmere Water Race Scheme

Information on the proposed spraying programme is available under the "SDC Drain and Water Race Spray Programme" tab at [selwyn.govt.nz/services/water/land-drainage](http://selwyn.govt.nz/services/water/land-drainage)

The chemicals that are used are glyphosates, metasulfuron, diquat, haloxyfop, terbuthylazine and triclopyr.

The water races will be sprayed as required during the year for maintenance. The majority of drains to be sprayed will be dry. No drain should be considered safe from chemicals until 31 May 2022.

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

Council Meeting - incorporating Hearings and Deliberations on submissions to the Representation Review \*

Wednesday 13 October 10am via Zoom due to current Covid restrictions

Malvern Community Board

Tuesday 26 October 4pm Darfield Library Council Meeting

Wednesday 27 October 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices TBC

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

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee Tuesday 26 October 7.30pm Coalgate Fire Station

Dunsandel Community Committee

Monday 18 October 7.30pm Dunsandel Community Centre

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Sunday 17 October 4pm Glenroy Community Hall

Glentunnel Community Committee

Monday 25 October 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

Kirwee Community Committee

Monday 18 October 7.30pm

Kirwee Hall  
Sheffield-Waddington Community & Township Committee

Thursday 21 October 7.30pm Sheffield Hall

Springston Committees

Wednesday 20 October 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Monday 8 November 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

Help to start new events

People looking start new events in Selwyn could receive funding to help make their dreams a reality.

The Council has received \$35,000 in funding from Christchurch NZ and the Ministry of Building Innovation and Employment (MBIE) for seed funding to support developing new events in the district.

New events may be events that are being held for the first time, or the development of a new element to an existing event.

Applications are now open for people to apply for funding to support their event ideas. Events are a key part of building and celebrating community across Selwyn, Council Group Manger Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says.

"We have a lot of great events run by passionate people that add colour and fun to life in Selwyn. But we also know there are more ideas out there with innovative people who are looking for the opportunity. This funding is another way we can help to get their idea started and make Selwyn the great place it is to live."

The seed funding initiative is the latest project funded by Christchurch NZ and MBIE through the Regional Events Fund.

Funding over the past year has helped the Council develop a "Selwyn Strategic Events Plan".

The Plan has laid out steps for the Council to better support events through marketing and a focus on helping 'roll out the red carpet, not the red tape' for event organisers. It also provide guidance on the types and timings of events the Council should be supporting to maximum the chance of achieving its goals in supporting the community and economy.

Applications for the seed funding can be made at [Selwyn.govt.nz/funding](http://Selwyn.govt.nz/funding). For further information email [selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz).



On the Roads

Scouring repairs are taking place on Wrights Road from Old South Road. Flood repairs are taking place on Mt White Road from State Highway 73 and Lyndon Road from Harper Road to State Highway 73. Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Leeston Dunsandel Road from Domain Road to Harmans Road, The Lake Road from Selwyn Lake Road to Hanmer Road, Cowans Road from Feredays Road to Southbridge Leeston Road and on Waimakariri Gorge Road. Culvert construction is taking place on Coleridge Intake Road from Algidus Road. Traffic management is in place for these works, please take care around work sites and follow all site signage.

From Monday 18 October Selwyn Road will be 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 will be 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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OCTOBER

Printmaking for Kids with Soon-Lee

Darfield Library, 10.30–11.30am

Try printmaking with local artist Soon-Lee Spicer. Design and create a relief print using foam, scissors, pencils and ink. Suitable for 8+ years. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. \$5 per child. Bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz). Payment can be made on the day, or in-library beforehand. Payment is not required to secure the booking.

THURSDAY

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OCTOBER

Starting Your Family History

Rolleston Community Centre, 10.30–11.30am

Do you have an interest in your family history? Covering the basics of ancestry charts, family group sheets and civil registration, this is the perfect presentation for those wanting to start their family history. Presented by genealogist Fiona Brooker from Memories in Time. Free. Bookings essential. For bookings and more SWELL events visit [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz)

THURSDAY

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OCTOBER

Rekindle – Botanical Ink Making

Springston Community Hall, 6–8.30pm

Learn the basics of creating inks from natural materials and carve pens from bamboo. Please bring two small jars to store your ink in, and pen and paper if you wish to take notes. All other materials will be provided. Adults only. \$5 per person for Selwyn Libraries members, \$10 non-library members. Payment can be made on the day, or beforehand, but is not required to secure the booking. Bookings essential at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz).

MONDAY

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OCTOBER

Science On Ice - Singing Seals (Days of Ice)

Lincoln Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Part of our Days of Ice series exploring Antarctica, this session will see children create their own Antarctic creature using artist light pads, try chilly quizzes, and journey with Sonny Ngatai as he explores Antarctica and learns about seals, penguins, creatures beneath the sea, life at Scott Base, and Antarctic history. Free. Bookings essential, one booking per family bubble please. For bookings and more Days of Ice events visit [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz)

FROM

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OCTOBER

Roller Skating BYO

Darfield Recreation Centre, 4–5pm

Come skate around to some music and test your skating skills through some games every second Tuesday. Helmet and caregiver essential. Water bottle recommended. You can bring your old skates for sale. \$2 per skater. Fortnightly, 19 October, 2, 16, 30 November.

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

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Lincoln Library & Service Centre  
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