



Vaccine pass requirement extended to keep community safe

Vaccine passes will be required to enter all staffed Council facilities from the start of business on Friday (17 December), to help protect the community from COVID-19.

The Council is extending its vaccine pass requirement to provide maximum protection to our community and staff, Council Chief Executive David Ward says.

“In a global pandemic we all need to take steps to protect each other. Vaccine passes provide the best protection we can offer. They make sure our community can continue to use our facilities, knowing they have the best protection we can offer to keep themselves and others safe.”

The aim of the Council’s approach is to maintain access to Council services for as many people as possible while keeping safe – especially over the holidays when many Council facilities see higher numbers of visitors, Mr Ward says.

“Requiring vaccination passes means we can continue to provide our full services to the maximum number of residents with the least restrictions.

We are very grateful for the support we have received from so many people visiting our facilities where passes are required. We appreciate the way people have been patient and encouraging as we work to keep everyone safe.

For those who do not hold a vaccination pass, we will do everything we can to deliver services in alternative ways wherever possible.”

From Friday, passes will be required to enter all Selwyn libraries, the Council’s offices in Rolleston and any other staffed Council facilities. This is in addition to the requirements already in place for all recreation facilities, controlled entry events and Te Ara Ātea.

The Council has begun consultation with staff on its vaccination policy, which proposes all staff will need to be fully vaccinated.

Public toilets, playgrounds, parks, cemeteries and the Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open without the need for passes. Vaccine passes will not be required at Council campgrounds.

Anyone needing help with accessing the My Vaccine Pass or NZ Pass Verifier can seek free assistance from Selwyn libraries and service centres. This assistance can sometimes take a few minutes, so we ask people to be patient if staff are assisting others.

“Our staff are happy to help, and we’ve assisted over 1000 people already to download or laminate their pass,” Mr Ward says.

The requirements to scan in using the NZ Covid Tracer App and to wear a mask in public places remain in place.

More details and information on Council’s facilities and operations at the Orange setting are available on the Council website at selwyn.govt.nz/covid19.

Prebbleton roundabouts completed

Prebbleton’s two new roundabouts are now open - following the completion of the Springs Road-Marshs Road roundabout.

Along with new roundabouts both the intersections of Springs Road and Marshs Road and Shands Road and Blakes Road also have a new, wider road and lane layout and separate cycle lanes.

The roundabouts were built as part of safety improvements around Prebbleton as a joint programme between Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency and the Selwyn District and Christchurch City Councils.



Roundabout at Springs Road and Marshs Road

Selwyn Aquatic Centre extension completed

The refurbished main pool at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre will open next week, completing the extension to the aquatic centre.

The pool was refilled late last week, with final works under way to ensure it is ready for opening next week. The depth of the pool has been reduced and the lanes reoriented to increase the number of lanes available.

Council Active Selwyn Manager James Richmond says reducing the depth of the existing main pool and reorienting the lanes to make 10 lanes, 20 metres long, with the existing ramp retained, will mean it can be better used for learn to swim classes. This will also free up space in the rest of the facility.

“This will give us more flexibility and options for all our users across the whole facility. We’ll have a new pool with 10 lanes dedicated to lane and leisure swimming, and a pool for programmes like learn to swim and water safety classes that can also host some additional lane swimming, as well as our leisure and hydrotherapy pools.”

This was the final process of the centre extension which began with preliminary works in August 2019.

“We want to say thank you to Armitage Williams and the whole project team for their 28 months of hard work on site. We also want to say a huge thank you to all our pool users for their patience and support while we’ve done these upgrades. It’s been great to see how much people have been enjoying the new facilities and we look forward to holding a formal opening celebration to mark this milestone in the new year.”

Passionate young rider sees dream come true in Kirwee

There was an early Christmas present for a young Kirwee resident who saw his appeal to the Council come true.

Cameron Cridge, 12, presented his appeal for a pump track in Kirwee in a presentation to Councillors in October last year.

The Council kept working with Cameron on his proposal, including Cameron researching and providing a proposed design – which was used in the final construction as part of the ongoing upgrades to Kirwee Reserve.

On Friday 3 December Cameron and his friends were invited to bring their spades and rakes and help pump track builder Cameron Bisset to put the finishing touches to the final berm of that pump track – and take their first rides.

The clay track – roughly 30 by 20 metres – is designed for bike use only and will need annual maintenance. It is the start of the next stage of upgrades at the Kirwee Reserve, which will see a new playground installed and some further landscaping completed by March 2022.

Property Project Manager Sandrine Carrara says the project was a special one and it was really pleasing to be able to include Cameron in the development and building of the track.

“It was great to see the passion from Cameron and we were really pleased to be able to work with him and bring his dreams to reality. It was great fun to see the kids get to ride the track and to see how well used it was.”



Pump track builder Cameron Bisset, with Cameron Cridge (centre) and friends ready to try the new track.

Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

Te Ara Ātea
56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

Darfield Library & Service Centre
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

New Zealand Upgrade Programme projects update



SH1 Rolleston flyover and transport improvements

INVESTIGATIONS ONGOING

Since Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency received community feedback on the draft plan for Rolleston, it is taking another look at how to improve connections between the residential and industrial sides of town while meeting highway safety and access requirements.

Many years have passed since the CRETS (Christchurch Rolleston and Environs Transportation Study) was adopted in 2007. CRETS identified a flyover type of crossing over State Highway 1 when other options to improve township connectivity, due to increasing safety risks and delays at the traffic signals, were found to be impractical or more expensive.

While Selwyn District Council had incorporated a flyover connection in its 2009 Rolleston Structure Plan and had started to plan for this as part of its long-term planning (SDC LTP 2015–2025), it has not been too late to undertake further analysis to make sure we are on the right track. Along with community feedback Waka Kotahi is taking time to closely examine again, whether it has tested and exhausted all the options available. This is the value community engagement brings to the planning process and the project.

ENGAGEMENT IN ACTION

Engagement with the community is an integral part of Waka Kotahi's core business. A project as significant as this one will affect the daily lives of many people. It's important people's values, priorities and opinions on how travel infrastructure is delivered is incorporated in the planning and decision making process.

Community feedback to date has been very helpful and is being considered as part of assessing the best design option. Waka Kotahi is now working closely with our transport partners to develop the best possible transport network design for Rolleston.

The next step will be to offer the community a second opportunity for feedback, which is expected to be in the first half of 2022.

Engagement with the community will help to ensure the best possible solution for Rolleston. Visit nzta.govt.nz/rollestonflyover and subscribe to updates.



SH73/West Melton intersection improvements

Waka Kotahi has been progressing the various design aspects of the SH73/West Melton intersection improvements project which will make it safer and easier to get around West Melton. You can read about how the design has been further refined and more, in the November 2021 newsletter online, and subscribe to future updates, at nzta.govt.nz/wmwr.

Physical copies of the newsletter are available from the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre (1163 West Coast Road) and Selwyn District Council's Rolleston Service Centre (2 Norman Kirk Drive).

These projects are funded by the New Zealand Upgrade Programme, the Government's \$8.7 billion investment in growing areas across the country. Communities can look forward to transport improvements that provide more travel choices, help people get where they're going safely and grow our economy, while responding to the impacts of travel on the environment.

Council services holiday hours

Here is a summary of Selwyn District Council services and opening hours during the holiday period.

The Council's Rolleston Offices will be closed from 12 midday Friday 24 December, reopening 8.30am Wednesday 5 January.

Rubbish and recycling collections collection days will proceed as normal.

Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed both Saturday 25 December and Saturday 1 January. Standard opening hours operate for the rest of the holiday period (9am–4.30pm).

All Selwyn Libraries and service centres will close at 12 midday on Friday 24 December. All libraries will reopen from 10am–4pm 29, 30 and 31 December and close 1–4 January. Normal hours resume from Wednesday 5 January.

All Council-managed community centres are closed from midday on Friday 24 December. All centres will reopen on Monday 10 January with shortened hours based on bookings and group fitness timetables. Facilities will be open between these dates for pre-arranged events or bookings.

Selwyn Sports Centre will be closed from midday on Friday 24 December and reopening with reduced hours from Wednesday 5 January to Sunday 9 January. Normal hours from Monday 10 January.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be closed on public holidays: Saturday 25 December, Sunday 26 December and Saturday 1 January and Sunday 2 January.

Darfield, Southbridge and Sheffield community pools will be closed Saturday 25 December, Sunday 26 December and Saturday 1 January.

Sheffield Pool will also be closed on Sunday 2 January.

All three community pools will be open normal hours (1–7pm) on all other days.

Animal Control services are available, operating 24 hours 7 days a week.

The last full day of **building inspections** will be on Tuesday 21 December. Normal hours resume from Tuesday 5 January.

The Council's **customer contact line** will be operating 24 hours a day over the Christmas and New Year break for urgent issues, phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

See selwyn.govt.nz/covid19 for details on vaccine pass requirements.



On the Roads

Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Tancred's Road from Shands Road to Springs Road and Boundary Road from Weedons Road to Shands Road.

Kerb and channel repairs are being carried out on North Terrace from Kimberley Road to Holmes Street and Horndon Street from Broadgate Street to Pearson Street. Pavement repairs are being carried out on Days Road from Ellesmere Junction Road to Collins Road and on Wards Road from Highfield Road to Jones Road.

Burnham Road will be closed to northbound traffic north of the Burnham School Road intersection for 100m. A detour will be in place.

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

Follow the QR code with this story for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.



Notices

DISCONTINUANCE OF STOCKWATER RACES

Selwyn District Council advises its intention to discontinue the following stockwater races:

- 1) 4.85km in the Paparua scheme, Goulds Road to Rattletrack Road
- 2) 1.3km in the Malvern scheme, Station Road
- 3) 0.42km in the Paparua scheme, Buchanans Road
- 4) 0.15km in the Paparua scheme, West Coast Road
- 5) 1.73km in the Ellesmere scheme, Pooles Road
- 6) 0.8km in the Paparua scheme, Days Road
- 7) 1.3km in the Malvern scheme, Creyke Road

These closures are considered to be of low significance to the operation of the schemes and their closure will not alter the intended level of service of the overall water race networks.

Detailed information including location maps can be found on the Selwyn District Council website selwyn.govt.nz/wrclosure or viewed at the Council offices in Rolleston.

For more information or to make a submission, please contact:

Selwyn District Council, Surface Water Operations Engineer, phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or email waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz

Submissions close on 21 January 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.

govt.nz or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Audit and Risk Subcommittee - to receive annual report*

Wednesday 22 December 10am Council Rolleston Offices

Extraordinary Council Meeting - to adopt Annual Report*

Wednesday 22 December 11am Council Rolleston Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dunsandel Community Committee

Monday 20 December 6.30pm Dunsandel Hotel

Sheffield Waddington Community & Township Committee

Thursday 16 December 7.30pm Sheffield Hall

Opportunity for Malvern and Ellesmere young people to make a difference

An opportunity to make a difference for Selwyn youth is open for young people in Malvern and Ellesmere.

Applications are open for Selwyn youth councillors from both wards to represent young people in their areas in 2022 and be a part of projects, events and engagement to help make Selwyn an awesome place for young people.

Youth Council Deputy Chair Issy Kennedy, from Malvern, says the youth council is a great way to have a say about what goes on in your community.

"If there is a change that you want to make for youth or you want to bring something new to Selwyn, then this is your opportunity to!"

Youth Council Secretary Z'Arn Payne, also from Malvern, says the youth council is a fun way to support projects that matter to young people around the district.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Selwyn Youth Council. Joining it has helped me realise the importance of having everyone's perspectives. Such as having people from places like Darfield, Sheffield, and Coalgate. Here, we can help offer our view of things on projects that matter around Selwyn."

Applications close on 20 December and more information can be found at selwyn.govt.nz/community/youth-council



Youth Council Deputy Chair Issy Kennedy



Youth Council Secretary Z'Arn Payne

SELWYN COMMUNITY HISTORY FUND

Selwyn's history is an important part of our communities' identity. This Fund has been established to support communities, community groups and kaitiaki to:

- protect and promote Selwyn's history
- provide access to Selwyn's history
- assist learning and understanding of the unique stories and places which are special to Selwyn
- celebrate the stories and places of Selwyn.

Applications are now open and close at 11.59pm on Tuesday 1 February 2022.

For further information go to www.selwyn.govt.nz/historyfund



Selwyn Events

Vaccine passes required for all ticketed events for those over 12 years three months old

THURSDAY

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DECEMBER

Christmas Craft Roadshow

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 3.30-5pm

Come down to your local community centre for some Christmas crafting fun! Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events. Please bring a koha of a non-perishable item for Selwyn Foodbank.

THURSDAY

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DECEMBER

Christmas Storytime

Lincoln Library, 6-7pm

Celebrate Christmas with our final Storytime for the year. Put your bells on and join us for the festivities. Listen to your favourite Christmas stories, sing songs, play games and more! Suitable for 3+ years. Free. Bookings essential - one booking per family bubble please. Bookings or more Christmas Storytime locations and times at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

FRIDAY

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DECEMBER

Summer Reading Challenge

Selwyn Libraries

Collect a Summer Reading Booklet from your local Selwyn Library, with a range of fun activities and challenges for the summer. Awesome prizes to be won. For more information see selwynlibraries.co.nz/events or drop into the library.

FRIDAY

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DECEMBER

Sensory Babytimes

Te Ara Ātea, 9.30-10am

Share interactive songs, stories, sensory boards and bubbles. These sessions are designed to help cultivate early language and literacy, and support the development of motor skills from birth to 1 year. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

FRIDAY

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DECEMBER

BOOST Movie Night: Shazam!

The Green, Lincoln, 6-9pm

Grab your DC comics, cos-play, dress up and join us to watch Shazam! (PG 13). A prize for the best dressed will be awarded on the night. 13+ years. Bookings required for COVID-19 purposes, book at selwyn.govt.nz/events. This event is organised by the Selwyn Youth Council Events Team.

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

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