



Selwyn's largest library collection opening

A place with something for everyone – Te Ara Ātea will be opening soon.

A feature of the new building will be the expanded library space with a collection that will ultimately number around 45,000 items including books, audio and DVDs, puzzles, games, tech kits and more.

After many years of good service, we will farewell Rolleston Library on Thursday 25 November. The library will close at 8pm on Thursday 25 November, 8pm and the current collection will be moved and added to the new items ready for Te Ara Ātea to open on 2 December.

The new library space at Te Ara Ātea will stretch over two floors, with the majority of the library on the upper floor, with reading nooks, a quiet space and technology areas. The library space will also house art, museum displays and taonga from around the district.

Downstairs will be a tamariki area, with doors opening onto the new tamariki zone on the edge of the town square plus a craft and technology room with sinks, benches and technology kits ready for workshops. The downstairs will also feature community spaces, along with a performing arts space, art areas and a café and community lounge.

A full programme of events over summer and into autumn is planned for the building with art, craft, technology history and food workshops and displays and much more.

A brochure guide of the spaces and the programmes available over the opening season in your letterbox. You can also pick up a copy from any of the Selwyn Libraries or view online at selwynlibraries.co.nz/te-ara-atea.

Selwyn leads nation in population growth

Selwyn's population has topped 70,000 people as it continues to grow faster than the rest of the country. Figures from Statistics New Zealand show Selwyn's population reached 73,600 in the year to June 2021. Waikirikiri/Selwyn also saw the largest total number of new residents, growing by 3400 people over the year to June, ahead of Tauranga with 3100 new residents. It also saw the biggest proportional growth at 4.8%.

The district's population growth more than doubled that of Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin combined, underlining Selwyn's continued popularity with Kiwis.

Propping up the Selwyn story is a strong economy, with the most recent statistics showing the economy growing by 7% against a national average of 4.2%. This is underpinned by high primary sector prices and confidence in business, reflected by almost \$138 million of non-residential building consent applications in the past year.


Mayor Sam Broughton says Selwyn's community and natural attractions combined with good planning have made the growth possible.

"We are in a good place because we planned for this growth, thought about the infrastructure required and how it would be funded.

"We have a history of communities full of families who love this place and just want to get on with what's important to them. We also have a variety of great employment opportunities and a strong economy. We sit within easy distance of Ōtautahi Christchurch and there are plenty of awesome places to spend free time."

The challenge now is to balance the population growth while retaining those attractions, he said.

"People love Selwyn towns and the countryside for what they are and change is not always popular. Government regulations for Aotearoa New Zealand mean we now have less local community voice in decisions about where development occurs. I am also mindful of the need to protect the productive land that sits around our towns and across the rural areas of Selwyn. So there are many outcomes that need to be balanced."



SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

2021 CAREER PATHWAYS

Thursday 2 December
Two sessions: 1–3pm, 5–7pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Have you thought about a career in local government?

Memorial to precious Ellesmere children

A memorial to some precious Selwyn children will be unveiled by the Council in December.

A memorial seat and plaque have been installed at Ellesmere Cemetery in Leeston, to mark a previously unmarked area where stillborn babies were buried in the 1950s and 1960s.

Mayor Sam Broughton will unveil the seat and plaque at a ceremony on Saturday 11 December.

The burials in the unmarked area were reported at the start of the year to the Ellesmere Echo Newspaper, which contacted the Council about them. Research by Council staff was able to confirm the story and the Council immediately took steps to recognise the burials.

The story was shared by Bob Croy, who grew up in a house on the cemetery grounds in the 1950s and 1960s. His father, Gordon, was the sexton – in charge of looking after the cemetery grounds – and told him how he and the local undertaker at the time, Jack Bryce, were burying stillborn babies to ensure they had a peaceful place to rest, despite the social taboo at the time.

Mr Croy was hopeful that a memorial could be set up and Council Reserves Manager Jonathan Crawford says the Council was grateful to be able to help with this special task.

"When we heard about this we felt it was a very appropriate and important thing to do. Our staff put in many hours to confirm the site and helping to ensure there is a fitting memorial. Burying these babies was an act of respect to them and their families at the time, and we wanted to show the same care to these families."







Mayor Sam Broughton says it is a special opportunity. "Our cemeteries are a place for our communities to remember their loved and cherished family and friends. These lives were precious, and offering a place for them to be remembered is important. This memorial space now provides that opportunity and reflects the dignity that Gordon Croy and Jack Bryce sought to give those lives and their families who bore such grief."



What do you value the most about Selwyn's parks?

Did you know that there are over 700 hectares of parkland in Selwyn district looked after by the Council? These parks are used every day for a range of activities.

In our parks you can find:

 7 skate parks	 19 basketball half courts	 95 playgrounds
 488 park seats	 Over 50 sports fields	 45 public toilets

Our district is experiencing increasing population growth. So it's important that our parks are managed in a way that meet the needs of our communities while also protecting their special character, be that historical, ecological or cultural.

The Council is currently running a consultation, asking the Selwyn community to provide feedback on what's important to them when thinking about the future of Selwyn's parks.

This consultation is the first step in developing the Selwyn District Parks Management Plan, which is an overarching plan that will help the Council make decisions about how parks are used and managed.

People's ideas and thoughts will inform more specific proposals in the draft plan, which the Council will then formally consult on early next year.

For more information and to have your say visit selwyn.govt.nz/parksplan. Consultation is open until 5pm Wednesday 8 December 2021.

Notices

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 63 (DARFIELD) AND PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 66 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL DECISION

Private plan change request 63 Selwyn District Council resolved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation to approve Merf Ag Services Ltd and Matthew Reed's request to rezone Rural Outer Plans land in Darfield to Living 1.

This Council decision has legal effect from the day of the public notice (17 November 2021) and the Operative Selwyn District Plan is deemed amended in accordance with this decision.

The full text of the decision can

be read online at selwyn.govt.nz/pc63, at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters or online at Council libraries and service centres.

Private plan change request 66 Selwyn District Council resolved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation to approve Rolleston Industrial Developments Limited's request to rezone Rural Inner Plans land in Rolleston to Business 2A.

This Council decision has legal effect from the day of the public notice (17 November 2021) and the Operative Selwyn District Plan is deemed amended in accordance with this decision.

The full text of the decision can be read online at selwyn.govt.nz/pc66, at the Council's

Rolleston Headquarters or online at Council libraries and service centres.

Anyone who made a submission on Private Plan Change Request 63 or 66 may appeal to the Environment Court against the Council's decision. Appeals must reach the Court by 5pm Thursday 20 January 2022. A copy of any appeals must also be served on the Council.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Greendale Golf Club Incorporated has applied for the renewal of a club licence. Objections to this application are open until 30 November. 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

Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council CPW

Trust Joint Working Group

Friday 19 November 2pm Council Rolleston Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 22 November 4pm Darfield Library

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 24 November 1pm Council Rolleston Offices

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*

Wednesday 1 December 9.30am Council Rolleston Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Doyleston Community Committee

Wednesday 1 December 7.30pm

Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

Killinchy Community Centre Committee

Monday 22 November 6.30pm Killinchy Community Centre

Rolleston Residents Association Incorp. AGM

Monday 29 November 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

Springfield Township Committee

Tuesday 7 December 7.30pm Tawera Memorial Hall

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

Get water smart and save this summer

It's time to get smart about how we use water, so we can all keep enjoying a reliable water supply this summer. With the weather warming up and long dry periods predicted for summer, Selwyn residents are being reminded to use water wisely to save money, support their garden and make sure we all have water without needing restrictions.

Getting smart on when and how we water our gardens through simple habits improves garden growth and means paying less on water rates, which have increased this year from .50c per cubic metre to .60c per cubic metre. It also means more water will be available throughout the summer period at a steady pressure, Council Infrastructure Group Manager Murray Washington says.

"Water supplies are often placed under pressure during summer as many people decide to water their lawns and gardens at the same time. We're encouraging people to do the best for their garden, their wallet and the community so we can all enjoy a good water supply."

To help this happen, the Council is recommending people limit watering to after 9pm, to keep it away from peak usage times and ensure the sun doesn't quickly evaporate the water, reducing the effectiveness of the watering.

Tips for managing your water use:

- Check hoses or taps for leaks
- Make sure sprinklers are watering the plants not the driveway, footpath or buildings
- Use a watering can or hose
- Water for shorter periods, for example watering for three five-minute intervals over a couple of hours lets the soil absorb more water than watering for 15 minutes continuously which causes water run-off
- Water your garden and lawn every few days rather than every day



On the Roads

The intersection of Moore Street and Wordsworth Street is closed until 8 December for the installation of a new water main.

Pre-seal repair work is taking place on Leeston Dunsandel Road from Domain Road to Irwell Rakaia Road and The Lake Road from Selwyn Lake Road and Lakelands Road. Seal repairs are taking place on Telegraph Road from Creyke Road to Essendon Road.

Flooding repairs are taking place on Coleridge Intake Road from Algidus Road, Craigeburn Road from State Highway 73 and Days Road from Ellesmere Junction Road to Collins Road.

Burnham School Road is closed from the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant to Burnham Road for construction work on the Darfield Kirwee wastewater pipeline.

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

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

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NOVEMBER

Hui Mātua

Leeston Library 10am–12pm
If you're looking to connect with other caregivers, access parents 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

THURSDAY

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NOVEMBER

Drop-in Vaccination clinic

Rolleston Community Centre, 12–7pm

Selwyn's at 99% first dose for the eligible population - let's make that 99% fully vaxxed! Join us and get your second dose! Or if you're in the 1% come along and get your first one. No need to book, just drop-in!

FRIDAY

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NOVEMBER

Storytimes

Darfield Library, 10–10.30am

Enjoy the magic of stories, activities and songs with our preschool Storytimes sessions. Share the joy of reading and make new friends. Aimed at 3–5 years. This programme is continuing at Level 2 with social distancing and mask wearing in place. Bookings essential (one booking per family bubble please). Book or find more storytimes times for our libraries at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER

Bingo for Seniors

Rolleston Community Centre, 7–9pm

Come along for an evening of bingo fun with friends and win prizes. Bring along a plate for supper after the game. Tea and coffee will be provided. \$3 entry includes one card, additional cards \$3 each. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

MONDAY

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NOVEMBER

Coding Club

Rolleston Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Join our weekly Coding Club sessions for some hands-on coding and problem solving. Aimed at 9–13 years. Please bring your own device / laptop if you have one. This programme is continuing at Level 2 with social distancing and mask wearing in place. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

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

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