



Council calls for time out on Government’s water reform proposal

Selwyn District Council has called for a pause in the Government’s water reform proposal, and will not agree to transfer any water assets to a new entity without full engagement with the Selwyn community.

The Council has sent its formal response to Minister for Local Government Nanaia Mahuta on the Government’s proposed three waters reform proposals.

The Council has reiterated calls for a pause in the water reform process, first proposed by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum chaired by Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton.

“As yet, we do not believe the case for change has been proven for Selwyn. In our response we have asked the Government for more information to help us fully understand certain issues and for time to consult with our community before making any decisions,” Mayor Broughton says.

The Council has committed to consult with Selwyn residents before opting in or out of the reforms. It is essential the public has a voice and is heard both in the reform proposals and the ongoing governance of our most essential service, Mayor Broughton says.

“Informal feedback has indicated that our communities’ primary concern is about losing a local say in the running of their assets.”

The response also calls on the Government to answer important questions about the detail of how the reform would work, before the Council and the public can make an informed decision.

Among its questions the Council has asked for more information about how projected future costs have been calculated, how the partnership with mana whenua will work, how local community input into decision making will be retained, and how local planning priorities will be protected under the proposed changes.

The Council’s focus is to make sure communities continue to have secure, safe access to affordable water services, Mayor Broughton says.

Partnership to better manage Selwyn Crown pastoral leases

A first-of-its-kind agreement has been made as part of efforts to better manage Crown pastoral leases in Selwyn, and protect the native plants and animals that call them home.

The Council and Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to share consent information on these unique landscapes.

Toitū Te Whenua is responsible for managing eight Crown pastoral leases in Selwyn and these cover 85,000 hectares, including areas of native biodiversity.

To carry out certain activities on the land, leaseholders need to apply for consent to Toitū Te Whenua, the council, or sometimes both.

Toitū Te Whenua Chief Executive Gaye Searancke says both agencies saw an opportunity to work more closely together to achieve better outcomes for the land and make the process easier for leaseholders.

“We were already sharing consent information case-by-case. This agreement will take that to the next level. We will now share information on consents relating to land-use change and development, such as cultivation, earthworks, tracking and removal of native vegetation. It will also make things simpler for leaseholders.”

Ms Searancke says the MOU is the first of its kind for Crown pastoral leases in New Zealand.

Council Chief Executive David Ward says the Council is looking forward to working more closely with Toitū Te Whenua and the leaseholders to ensure Selwyn’s indigenous fauna and flora is protected and well managed.

“We know indigenous biodiversity in Aotearoa New Zealand is under threat, and this MOU is a small step in ensuring our district continues to protect its outstanding and unique natural environment.

“As a council we are required by law to ensure these special features can be enjoyed by future generations and continue to be part of our identity.”

For more information visit linz.govt.nz or selwyn.govt.nz.



Next stage of town centre under way

With Te Ara Ātea and the Sensory Space nearing completion, the next stage of work on the Rolleston Town Centre has begun. Council contractors are installing new services, car parks and completing the new slow speed road connecting Moore Street and Rolleston Drive. The work is due to be completed in May 2022.

A section of the Rolleston Reserve greenspace is closed to allow work to occur, and the playground and skate park will be closed at times during construction, when work is required in those areas. Access will remain for the Scouts Den, Playcentre, tennis courts and Rolleston Community Centre.

For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/rtc.



Leeston Road bridge repairs

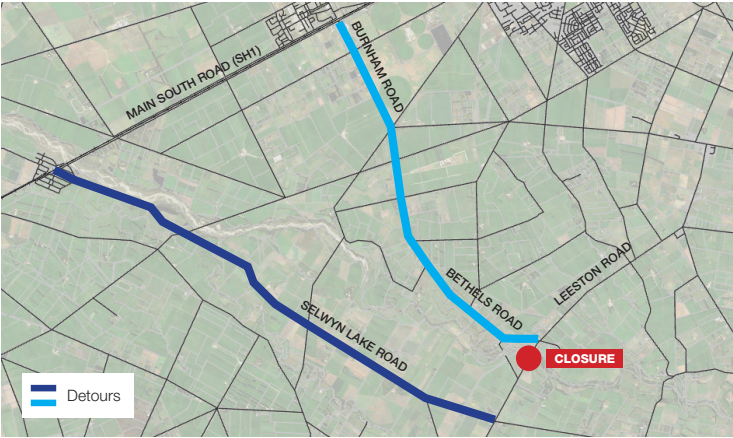
Repairs are happening on the Leeston Road Bridge this week, with restrictions in place.

The bridge was heavily damaged in May’s flooding. A temporary repair was put in place and permanent repairs are now underway.

The repairs are expected to be completed by 7pm Friday 8 October, weather permitting, and traffic restrictions will be in place until then.

One lane of the bridge is closed, with traffic lights in place to manage traffic flow. The bridge is expected be single lane until the work is completed.

A sign-posted detour will be in place. Please be prepared for delays during this time. Thank you for your patience while we carry out this necessary work to repair the bridge.



On the Roads

Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Prossers Road from Feredays Road to Domain Road, Leeston Dunsandel Road from Andersons Road to Harmans Road, Taumutu Road from High Street to Bridge Street, Southbridge Sedgemere Road from Lochheads Road to Dip Road, and Cowans Road from Feredays Road to Southbridge Leeston Road.

Flooding repairs are taking place on Zig Zag Road from State Highway 77 to Coleridge Road, Mount White Road from State Highway 73, and Flagpole Road from Whitecliffs Road.

Ford repairs are taking place at Greendale Fords and bridge repairs are being completed on the Acheron River Bridge and on the Leeston Road bridge from Bethels Road to Old Bridge Road South.

Drainage and soakhole work is taking place on Glasseys Road from Knyvetts Road to Kings Road, Irvines Road from Tramway Road to Frasers Road, and Waikimihia Road from Irvines Road to Tramway Road.

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

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Rossendale Wines Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 15 October. Randhawa Enterprises Limited (Nawab Eatery Leeston) has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 19 October. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

FLUSH YOUR TAPS

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning

before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies. This notice is issued by Selwyn District Council on behalf of the Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health.

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 – incorporating Hearings and Deliberations to the Representation Review*
Wednesday 13 October 8.30am
Rolleston Council Offices
* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Lincoln Community Committee
Monday 11 October 7pm
Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre
Hororata Reserve Management Committee
Wednesday 6 October 7.30pm
Hororata Hall
Springfield Township Committee
Tuesday 12 October 7.30pm
Tawera Memorial Hall

Faces of Selwyn – A connection to Selwyn and art

Living in Selwyn came as a bit of a surprise for Malvern artists, Soon-Lee Spicer and Asako Ridgen.

The pair met through their shared passion for art.

“Asako didn’t know any artists in Selwyn and I only knew one – so we started up the Selwyn Artists Collective and I think we’ve got about 50 members now. It’s just this really vibrant, exciting thing,” says Soon-Lee.

After joining the group in August 2020, Asako says she made lots of friends, often bumping into them at the fish and chip shop or kindergarten.

“It’s just so easy to connect to people [in Selwyn] and wherever you go there’s familiar faces and I love that,” says Soon-Lee.

Asako is from Japan and Soon-Lee grew up in Malaysia and has lived around New Zealand.

“When I was a little girl living in Malaysia, if you’d ask me, I probably wanted a metropolitan lifestyle of high rise apartments and lots of glamour, and bright city lights,” says Soon-Lee.

But after studying mathematics and law in Dunedin, where she met her husband, and working as a lawyer in Auckland, Soon-Lee found herself living in Darfield with her husband and two kids, working as an artist and art teacher.

“We have a lifestyle property with cows, chickens and sheep, just nowhere near where I thought I’d be, but what a cool surprise to have ended up here!”

As a teenager, Asako dreamed of being an animator in America because of her love for Disney movies and drawing. She first came to New Zealand aged 15 as an exchange student studying at Darfield High School.

“The first time I lay down on the lawn in bare feet, it was just an amazing experience. I still remember that as my highlight in my exchange student memory.”

Asako attended art university in Japan for two years but found it hard, especially the 13-hour art exam.

Instead she moved to Dunedin for three years, before coming back to Greendale with her Kiwi husband and their two children, where she continues her art journey in linocut printmaking.

Tune into PlainsFM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week at 5pm to listen live and hear Soon-Lee Spicer and Asako Ridgen, Monika Rastogi, Ritodhi Chakraborty and Aline Carrara’s stories – or visit selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn to find the Faces of Selwyn podcast episodes.



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Selwyn Events

THURSDAY
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Whānau Friendly Short Film Series

Leeston Library, 1.30–3pm

Bring a cushion and some snacks and enjoy this family friendly short-film medley screening these school holidays. Selwyn Libraries have teamed up with Show Me Shorts, Aotearoa New Zealand's leading international short film festival, which screens nationwide each spring. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz. One booking per family bubble please.

FRIDAY
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Experience Indonesia

Lincoln Library, 9am–6pm

Learn about Indonesian culture through the eyes of Dewi and her lovingly collated collection. On display will be wayang golek (Sundanese wooden puppets), angklung (bamboo music instrument), a miniature stone stupa of Candi Borobudur (Central Java), and other ornaments. Free, drop-in. For more times and locations visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

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Hero Day

Darfield Library, 2–3pm

Have you ever wanted to be a superhero? Join us dressed as your favourite hero, and visit with Wonder Woman and Spiderman from Crowntastic. Take part in some superhero training, fun activities and a quiz! Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

SATURDAY
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Rekindle – Botanical Ink Making

Ladbrooks Hall, 1–3.30pm

Learn the basics of creating inks from natural materials. Please bring two small jars for your ink, and pen and paper if you wish to take notes. All other materials provided. Adults only. \$5 per person for Selwyn Libraries members, \$10 non-library members. Payment can be made on the day, or beforehand. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

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Have a Go Sessions

Selwyn Sports Centre, 2.30–4pm

Running every Saturday until 18 December, the Selwyn Sports Centre is offering taster sessions to try out activities at the centre. Try the Lū Uno interactive sports wall with fun, educational and challenging games. Bookings recommended. Book or find more sessions at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

MONDAY
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Beginners Stone Carving Workshop

Rolleston Community Centre, 9.30–11.30am

A hands-on introduction to stone carving with local artist Shaugh Briggs. Create your own sculpture to take home. This is an outdoor only event. In the case of bad weather, it will be cancelled. Suitable for 8+ years. Free. Bookings essential at selwynlibraries.co.nz

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

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