



Council raising questions on government’s water reform proposal

The Council is seeking more information from the government on its three waters reform proposals, before deciding on its response.

The Council has released a new suite of information online at selwyn.govt.nz/threewaters and in today’s Selwyn’s Times on what is known so far about the government’s proposal to reform drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services and the potential changes for Selwyn.

It has committed to consulting with the community before the end of the year on the government’s proposal to reform drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services, provided the government retains the option for Councils to opt in or out of the reforms.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the Council is finalising its initial feedback to government and will be asking further questions of the Department of Internal Affairs before the end of this month. Selwyn has also taken a lead in calling for a pause in the government’s reform process.

"We’re asking the government for clearer information and for time as we are committed to consult with our community once the reform proposals are clarified. We will be making it clear in our feedback to the Government that we fully expect to consult with our community before we make any decision. We all want to know what happens next – and that’s in the government’s hands."

The Council’s focus is to make sure communities continue to have secure, safe access to water services – and that future services are to the same quality standards that they currently enjoy, or better, he says.

The Council will be asking for more information about how projected future costs have been calculated, how local community input into decision making will be retained, and how local planning priorities will be protected under the proposed changes.

For more information on the government’s proposed three waters reforms and how they may impact Selwyn visit selwyn.govt.nz/threewaters.

Celebrating the many cultures of Selwyn continues

CultureFest at Lincoln Event Centre may have been cancelled due to Alert Level 2 requirements, but there’s still plenty happening to celebrate the many cultures of Selwyn.

Over the next three weeks, you can travel the world from here in Selwyn, experiencing cultures – from Nigeria to Indonesia.

Events will include a Filipino cooking demonstration and language lessons, Japanese Budō, a Mexican Fiesta and a Family Cultural Diversity Day with Nigerian Hair Braiding, African Markets and International Games. The events will kick off on Tuesday 28 September with a demonstration on making Henna Candles at Leeston Library, Darfield Library on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 7 October at Lincoln Library.

Indonesia’s rich history will be on display through books, musical instruments, puppets and other beautiful items collected by host Dewi Bealing, who says she is really excited to share her culture with Selwyn and the wider Canterbury.

"The books will shed light on the untold history of Indonesia. For me, it was an eye-opener and it’s important because some of this I didn’t learn in school in Indonesia. People will learn that there’s more to Indonesia than holiday destination Bali."

Dewi says she will wear traditional Indonesian clothing during the display’s debut on Wednesday at Lincoln Library and is hoping others will dress up too.

An Indian cooking demonstration will teach how to transform fresh seasonal vegetables into a healthy dish full of flavour and spice. Host Monika Rastogi says she pleased her cooking demonstration can still go ahead.

"I am looking forward to meeting everyone and explaining more about all the foods. It feels very good to be involved with CultureFest because it involves multicultural, multi-ethnicities and inclusion and this is what I demonstrate in my Indian cooking classes. It is open for everyone, without any age restrictions so even children can come and be a part of it."

The many stories of Selwyn migrants will also be told through the new Faces of Selwyn podcasts playing 5pm every Tuesday to Thursday on PlainsFM 96.9FM, from 28 September until 14 October.

For a full list of events visit selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest.



Opportunities to find out more about proposed Council representation changes

Selwyn residents will have another chance to ask questions and learn more about the changes to how they are represented at the next local elections.

The Council is hosting drop-in sessions around the district this week for people to learn more about the representation proposal that is out for consultation, and to give their feedback.

The proposal, which would apply from the next local elections in 2022, would adjust the ward structure and reduce the number of councillors to 10. It is part of the Council’s representation review required at least every six years.

The Council’s initial proposal for consultation retains a four ward structure but with changes to ward boundaries, and reduces the number of councillors from 11 to 10. The Selwyn Central ward would be replaced by a smaller Rolleston ward with three councillors rather than the current four. The other wards would retain their councillors.

The key changes in the proposal for consultation include:

- West Melton would move from the current Selwyn Central ward to the Malvern Ward
- The area between Burnham and Rolleston would move from the current Selwyn Central Ward to the Ellesmere Ward
- An area east of Rolleston would move from the current Selwyn Central Ward to the Springs Ward.

The Malvern Community Board would be retained, with five members, elected from the existing subdivisions of Hawkins (2) and Tawera (1), and a new subdivision covering West Melton (2).

The Council is now inviting public submissions on the representation proposal. Submissions are open until 5pm, Monday 4 October. A hearing will be held on Wednesday 13 October for those who wish to be heard on their submissions.

Submission forms, maps and more information are available at selwyn.govt.nz/representation.

Representation review drop-in sessions		
Thursday 23/9	4–6pm	West Melton Community and Recreation Centre
Thursday 23/9	6.30–8pm	Rolleston Library
Saturday 25/9	10am–1pm	Market @254, West Melton

On the Roads

Flooding repairs are taking place on Snowdon Road from Coleridge Road, Flagpole Road from Whitecliffs Road, Aitkens Road from State Highway 72 to Hororata Road, Malvern Hills Road from Auchenflower Road to Bulls Road, Harper Road from Lyndon Road, Algidus Road from Homestead Road, Mill Road from Dalethorpe Road to Watsons Road, Colliers Road from Bluff Road and Mt White Road from State Highway 73. Sump repairs are taking place on East Maddisons Road from Lowes Road to Goulds Road. Unsealed Maintenance is taking place on Northbank Road from Main Rakaia Road to Glasseys Road and North Rakaia Road from Knyvetts Road to Feredays Road. Stabilising and pre-seal repairs are taking place on Wabys Road from North Rakaia Road to Southbridge Rakaia Road and Southbridge Raiaka Road from Feredays Road to Wabys Road. Traffic management is in place on these roads.

Council services at Alert Level 2

The majority of Council services have returned to normal operations and Council facilities have reopened. For the latest information on facilities and services visit selwyn.govt.nz/covid19.

There may be limits on the number of people able to enter public facilities.

- Scanning or signing in is required at all Council facilities. NZ Covid Tracer App QR codes and registers will be available.
- Face coverings are required in public areas of all Council facilities.
- Please maintain 2m distance in all public areas
- Contactless/card payments are preferred at Council facilities
- Please continue to maintain good hygiene – particularly handwashing



Notices

WATER RACE CLEANING REMINDER

Please remember to clean your water race. If you have a privately cleaned water race it should be cleaned frequently enough to keep sufficient flows for all users. Failing to clean a race may cause disruption for downstream users. You're also responsible for making sure

vegetation such as large trees and hedge lines doesn't impede water flows. Council-cleaned races will be cleaned from October to March. If a Council-cleaned race is within your property, please provide clear access to the water race.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Anderson Supermarkets Limited (Rolleston New World) has

applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 4 October. Southbridge Rugby Football Club Incorporated has applied for the renewal of a club licence. Objections to this application are open until 5 October. 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 changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 22 September 1pm
– Zoom meeting

Malvern Community Board
Monday 27 September
CANCELLED

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wednesday 29 September 10am
Rolleston Council Offices
* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Community

Committee and Coalgate Residents

Tuesday 28 September 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall - to discuss the Road Dedication Project

Coalgate Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee
Tuesday 5 October 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Glentunnel Community Committee
Monday 27 September 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc. AGM
Monday 27 September 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Southbridge Hall and Library restoration project restarts

The next stage of the Southbridge Memorial Hall and Thompson Memorial Library Restoration Project is under way.

The external restoration includes replacement of the existing 26 Crittal style windows with identical steel replicas, including hardware and fittings, re-plastering and painting the exterior walls and general external maintenance. The project got under way last week.

A renewed driveway was also part of the project and was completed earlier this year.

Southbridge Memorial Hall and Thompson Memorial Library are Selwyn District Heritage buildings, built in 1930 to replace the former timber constructed Town Hall which was unfortunately lost in a fire.

Its Crittal style windows are quite a rare find now in New Zealand – particularly in Canterbury following the earthquakes. Retaining these uncommon architectural features is a key part of the restoration project, along with work to repair and protect the remainder of the hall for the long-term.

The project has been delayed by impacts from the pandemic including disruptions to steel supplies and lockdowns in Auckland that caused delays in the supply of the replacement steel windows from the manufacturers.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of this year, depending on weather and alert level changes.



MEET US IN THE COUNTRY
SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER 2021

Visit Selwyn this spring and enjoy all that country living has to offer.

Our country fêtes have a range of local crafts, food and music. Or explore one of the traditional A&P shows – get some candy floss and watch the animal judging or wood chopping.

Visit one of Selwyn's many beautiful private gardens opening in spring with peonies, rhododendrons and daffodils – don't forget your camera!

Book a farm tour and experience rural life, get up close to alpaca, lambs and farm dogs. Discover Canterbury's only botanical expo and enjoy floral arts, demonstrations and workshops.

Plus there are great walks, cafés and places to stay.

Find your spring activities at www.selwyn.nz/whatson

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Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

23
SEPTEMBER

Storytimes

Leeston and Lincoln Libraries,
10–10.30am

This programme is continuing at Level 2 with social distancing and mask wearing in place. Bookings essential (one booking per family bubble please) at selwylibraries.co.nz. Enjoy the magic of stories, activities and songs with our preschool Storytimes sessions. Aimed at 3–5 years. Free.

FRIDAY

24
SEPTEMBER

Storytimes

Darfield Library, 10–10.30am

This programme is continuing at Level 2 with social distancing and mask wearing in place. Bookings essential (one booking per family bubble please) at selwylibraries.co.nz. Enjoy the magic of stories, activities and songs with our preschool Storytimes sessions. Aimed at 3–5 years. Free.

28 AND
29 SEPT

Henna Candles for kids

Tuesday, Lincoln Library, 3.30–4.30pm, Wednesday Darfield Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Tutor Nishi will teach you how to create beautiful Mendhi patterns using henna on candles. Mendhi is an art form used to apply beautiful patterns to objects using dried and powdered henna leaves. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

WEDNESDAY

29
SEPTEMBER

Indian Cooking Demonstration

Tai Tapu Community Centre,
10am–12pm

Enjoy an Indian cuisine cooking demonstration with Monika using fresh seasonal vegetables to make a healthy, delicious dish that will bring out the best of tastes, smells and flavours. Koha/donation, suitable for all ages all ages. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

WEDNESDAY

29
SEPTEMBER

Experience Indonesia

Lincoln Library, opening hours

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), and other ornaments. Free, drop-in. For more times and locations visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

UNTIL

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OCTOBER

Exhibition – 'Mainland'

Down by the Liffey Gallery,
Lincoln, Wednesday–Thursday
11.30am–2.30pm, Friday–Saturday
10am–4pm

An exhibition celebrating Te Waipounamu – the South Island, its special places, and unique wildlife. Featuring Georgette Thompson and Kevin Clarke. Kevin's evocative photography and Georgette's quirky surrealist paintings remind us of what makes our home so special.

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

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