

# Te Ara Ātea and town centre to promote accessibility and inclusion



Te Ara Ātea, Selwyn's new library and community facility in Rolleston, will be a space that promotes community, lifelong learning and meeting new people through a focus on inclusive spaces and accessibility.

The name Te Ara Ātea was gifted to the Council by Te Taumutu Rūnanga, meaning the 'unobstructed trail to the world and beyond'.

The concept of unobstructed movement has been a key part of the design approach to the building – with an emphasis on accessibility within its distinct spaces.

The surrounding area outside the building and on the edge of the Rolleston town centre will contain a sensory space and garden which engages all the senses – sight, touch, sound, smell and taste.

It will feature pergolas, raised gardens for easy access, sound and colour features and edible plants.

Council Landscape Architect Dylan Robinson says that it's about providing an enduring space that the whole community can enjoy, including those with diverse needs.

"The sensory space and garden will be a special place for connecting and meeting new people. There are a lot of possibilities there for our community."

Inside the building, the Council has partnered with Waitaha School in Rolleston to design suitable bathroom facilities for people with disabilities.

The bathrooms at Te Ara Ātea will contain specialised equipment such as ceiling hoists and adult-sized change tables and provide space for those who require carers to assist them.

Council Property Project Manager Joanne Nikolaou says that the partnership is one component of a wider approach to accessibility and inclusion at Te Ara Ātea.

"This work is really important to establish Te Ara Ātea as a place which promotes diversity and equal access," says Joanne.

In addition to traditional library services, Te Ara Ātea will house the bookable community spaces, a studio and workshop space, art exhibition areas and displays of historical items from across the district including taonga from Te Taumutu Rūnanga.

The 2,200 square metre Tennyson Street building will open later this year.

## New modelling shows Selwyn safer from tsunamis

A new report from GNS Science has shown that Selwyn is safer from tsunamis than previously thought.

The Council has revised the district's tsunami zones in response to the report, commissioned by Environment Canterbury.

As a result, a smaller number of households are now in the evacuation zone. However, Civil Defence Manager Al Lawn says it is still important for people to be prepared in case of tsunamis and of earthquakes that can cause tsunamis.

"It's good news for us because we're safer from the wave than we thought, but it's still important that people are ready. If you're near the coast and there's an earthquake that's long or strong, get gone. Get off the water, get off the beach and get to higher ground."

The Council has begun directly informing residents in the affected coastal area between the Rakaia River and Banks Peninsula of the new zones.

The report is a timely reminder of the risks we face and the need to be prepared for all emergencies, including by signing up to Selwyn Gets Ready at [selwyn.getsready.net](http://selwyn.getsready.net) for email and text alerts in case of emergencies, Mr Lawn says.

"A few simple steps can help make things much more comfortable for you and your family in an emergency. Take the time now and save yourself the stress later by having an evacuation plan and an emergency kit including medications and food for pets."

For more information on the tsunami evacuation zones visit [selwyn.govt.nz/tsunami](http://selwyn.govt.nz/tsunami). For more information on emergencies in Selwyn and being prepared visit [selwyn.govt.nz/civildefence](http://selwyn.govt.nz/civildefence) or [getready.govt.nz](http://getready.govt.nz).



## Ten years on – a reflection from Mayor Sam

As Christchurch and Selwyn was dusting itself down in the wake of a 7.1 magnitude earthquake in the heart of the Canterbury plains, tragedy struck at the very centre of Te Wai Pounamu's largest city.

Unlike the September 2010 earthquake centred on Darfield, damage was not limited to just bricks and mortar. The events that unfolded on Tuesday 22 February 2011 at 12:51 pm are etched in our minds and on our hearts and still show across the landscape and skyline of Christchurch today.

The challenges faced by so many in the minutes, hours, and days after the earthquake were enormous. Through news stories the world watched as Christchurch battled courageously to save lives. For too many the battle was lost and the challenges of moving forward without loved ones is something friends and family still face a decade on.

On Monday this week I had the privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum at the Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial, at a moving ceremony to remember the events of that day and those who were lost. At the same time our Council staff took time to reflect on the events of ten years ago by gathering for a simple moment of silence at our Council offices. I know that there were many other people across New Zealand who took time, privately or with others, to mark the moment.

From piles of rubble on that day emerged great hearts, holding cups of tea, offers of spare rooms, or simply a hug. Support and assistance was both national and global and Selwyn played its part with our other neighbouring districts. It was this spirit and sense of community that set the foundations on which the city of Christchurch was rebuilt.

Otautahi has risen to the challenge of rebuilding new lives as well as a new city. So as we continue the reconstruction journey we do so remembering those who are not here but also celebrating progress and looking to the future with optimism.

### Meet your Street

**\$75 FUNDING AVAILABLE**

### Get together and connect with your neighbours, on us

Meet your Street fund is available to anyone in the Selwyn community who would like to host a local street gathering, neighbourhood sports event or local kids treasure hunt.

There is up to \$75\* available to go towards the costs of you and your neighbourhood getting together.

To apply go to [Selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet](http://Selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet)

Or get in touch with us at [meetyourstreet@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meetyourstreet@selwyn.govt.nz)

\*Conditions apply. Fund not available for the purchase of alcohol



Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Aashiyana Investment Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 10 March. Jones Hansen Partnership has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 11 March. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://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](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 \***  
Wed 24 February 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

**Audit and Risk Subcommittee \***  
Wed 3 March 9.30am

Rolleston Council Offices

**Council Meeting \***  
Wed 10 March 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

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

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Doyleston Community Committee – Triennial meeting**  
Wed 3 March 7.30pm  
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

**Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee**  
Tue 2 March 8pm  
Greendale Pavilion

**Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee**  
Mon 8 March 7.30pm  
Pavilion, Kirwee Recreation Reserve

**Lincoln Community Committee**  
Mon 8 March 7pm

Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre

**Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee**

Thu 25 February 7pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

**Sheffield-Waddington Community and Township Committee**

Thu 11 March 7.30pm  
Sheffield Hall

**Southbridge Advisory Committee**

Mon 8 March 7pm  
Southbridge Town Hall

**Springfield Township Committee**

Tue 2 March 7.30pm  
Tawera Memorial Hall

**Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee**

Mon 4 March 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre

Looking after your home

For most of us our home is our biggest single investment, so it makes sense to protect it by carrying out regular maintenance.

Our building team provides seasonal advice to help you keep on top of maintaining your home.

First some simple tips:

- Get to know every aspect of your building. Regularly do a walk around, looking for changes and address any issues at the earliest opportunity.
- Plan exterior maintenance such as painting for spring or autumn when the weather is settled but not too hot.
- Document the maintenance you do, to help with planning what to do next, and provide useful information for future owners. It is also a good way to keep up with the regular maintenance required for any product warranties on cladding and the like. If you own a new home, all product warranties and guarantees should have been provided to you upon completion of the build by the main contractor.
- Make sure you have the right gear for the job first and plan what you need to complete the job safely and successfully.

For more information visit the Building Research Association of New Zealand website at [maintainingmyhome.org.nz](http://maintainingmyhome.org.nz)

Summer tips

Do you have a log burner in your home? Get your firewood delivered early and make the most of the hot weather to ensure your firewood is dry. Make sure you stack your wood in a shed or well away from your home. Never stack firewood under the eaves of your home, particularly if you are in a rural area – this is a significant fire risk especially in areas susceptible to wild fires.



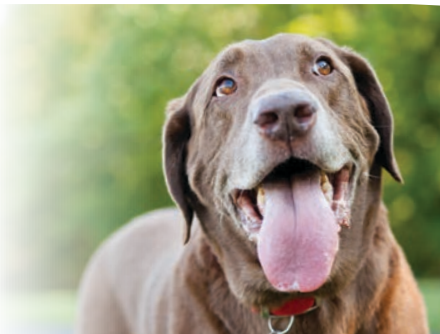
On the Roads

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency has advised that Hoskyns Road will be closed at the intersection with State Highway 73 until 28 February for intersection safety improvements. A detour via Sandy Knolls Road is in place.

Walkers Road is reduced to one lane between State Highway 1 and Two Chain Road for seal widening work. Pavement repairs are taking place on Bealey Road, Te Pirita Road and West Melton Road. Traffic management is in place for these works.

Dogs day out

Explore the new dog park at The Willows and celebrate Parks Week 2021 with a sausage sizzle and doggie treats. 10–2pm, 7 March at The Willows, river end of Thompsons Road, West Melton.



Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

25  
FEBRUARY

Introduction to Food Preservation Workshop

Hororātā Community Hall, 7–8.30pm

In conjunction with Nourish and the Two Rivers Community Trust, learn how to preserve food in a cost-efficient and safe way from our local fruit preservationist. From bottling to dehydrating, you will learn all the techniques to store your food through the winter and into the next season. Free. Drop-in.

THURSDAY

25  
FEBRUARY

Burnham Picnic in the Park

Freyberg Domain, 5–7pm

Enjoy a summer's evening at the park with the family, music, a free sausage sizzle, face painting and more.

FRIDAY

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FEBRUARY

Lincoln Outdoor Movie: Lego Movie 2 (PG)

The Lincoln Green, 7–9pm

Bring a seat, bean bag or blanket and chill out in front of our huge screen at our outdoor movies. Five years after saving the world, Emmet sets out to rescue his friends from the mysterious planet Duplon and gets help from newcomer Rick Dangervest. Free.

SUNDAY

28  
FEBRUARY

A Month of Sundays

The Lincoln Green, 1–3pm

This week's line-up features entertainment from Al Park, Soul Star Tribe and Roadcone. There will be lots of fun activities to see in the park and in the library where there will be face painting, and local author Tim Hennesy will be reading his story "The Extraordinary Adventures of Hector the Dolphin".

MONDAY

1  
MARCH

Board Games Club

Darfield Libraries, 3.30–4.30pm

Love board games? Head along to Darfield Library to play a variety of exciting games. Suitable for those new to board games, as well as regular players.

TUE 2  
AND  
WED 3  
MARCH

Splash Time

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Tue 8–8.45am, Wed 2.30–3.15pm

Splash Time is a great way to introduce your baby to the water. Run by a qualified instructor, the session covers the importance of water experiences in child development, water safety and provides a taster of what parent/child swim classes are like. Tuesday session for children aged 4–14 months, Wednesday for children aged 15–36 months. Bookings essential. Email: [swimschool@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:swimschool@selwyn.govt.nz)

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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