

An experience for all the senses, created with the community and for everyone is taking shape at the entrance to the Rolleston Town Centre.

The sensory experience, designed to cater for people's different neurological and physical needs, will be built by Armitage Williams, and is intended to be open by the end of the year, around the same time as Te Ara Ātea.

Surrounded by raised gardens and trees, the experience will be a highly accessible space with a treat for all the senses, from a quiet space, to areas with bursts of colour, musical instruments, different tactile experiences, smells and even tastes from edible plants, Council Landscape Architect Dylan Robinson says.

"Everything has been thought about to stimulate a range of senses—scented flowers, colours in planting and pathways, the tactile experience of the ground and walls, to where you might situate different plants, like planting scented and textured plants next to where you can sit and rub your hands through them"

Waitaha School students and staff have been heavily involved providing ideas and inspiration for the design and the students will decorate tiles for an art work in the quiet space.

Ten Selwyn schools will decorate art poles and Springston mosaic artists Macs Mosaics will be mosaicking a large ball that will double as a water feature which people will be able to operate through a ground level button.

The decorated ball will sit at the entrance to a tactile area with a circular pathway featuring a boardwalk with musical bells, a section patterned with river stones and one of recycled pavers creating a fun cobbled effect.

There will also be a communal area with a large table near the entrance from the northern carpark. A central pathway crossing the experience and linking it with the accessible car parking and Te Ara Ātea will include an A-frame arbour at one end that can hold patterned and coloured panels or hanging art work.

A tactile wall is planned for the future, and the space is designed to be able to incorporate future ideas.

Council opening hours for Easter

Here is a summary of Selwyn District Council services and opening hours during Easter and Anzac Day.

Council headquarters in Rolleston will be closed on Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April, and Monday 26 April.

Friday 2 April kerbside collections will occur on Saturday 3 April. All other collections will occur as normal.

Pines Resource Recovery Park will be closed on Friday 2 April. All other days it is open normal hours.

Lincoln Event Centre will be closed on Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April and Monday 26 April. It will be open during the weekend for bookings. On Sunday 25 April it will open from 2–4pm for an Anzac service.

Rolleston Community Centre will be closed on Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April and Monday 26 April. On Sunday 25 April it will be open in the morning for an Anzac service morning tea.

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre will be closed Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April, Sunday 25 April and Monday 26 April. It will be open on Saturday 3 April and Sunday 4 April for bookings only.

Selwyn Libraries will be closed on Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April, Sunday 25 April and Monday 26 April. They will be open normal hours over the weekend.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open 8am–8pm from Friday 2–Monday 5 April. On Sunday 25 April it will open from 12–8pm. On Monday 26 April it will open 8am–8pm.

Aquafit and swimming lessons will not run on Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April and Monday 26 April.

The Council's customer contact line will be operating 24 hours a day over this period for urgent issues, phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

Options open for youth at expo

An opportunity to expand their horizons was on offer for Selwyn high school students last week.

Around 80 Year 12 and 13 students from the four Selwyn high schools attended the Council-run Youth Employment Expo at West Melton Community and Recreation Centre.

The day offered students the chance to meet with and discuss career options representatives from 18 businesses and organisations including trades and horticulture, emergency services, the armed forces, the Ministry for Primary Industries and training institutes including Mito and Ara Institute of Technology.

Ellesmere College student Samantha Powe, 16, said the expo had been helpful, giving her a lot to think about in terms of possible careers, even before she had finished visiting all the stallholders.

"I've had some rough ideas about doing something with animals or with machinery, but it's expanded my thoughts about things and there's still a few more places to ask about."

She appreciated the variety of options offered by industry training organisation Mito and by the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, she said.

The expo was an opportunity to support Selwyn young people and provide options beyond what they might have expected, Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says.

"We are always keen to help businesses in Selwyn as well and encourage young people that there are good options out there for them to use their talents and make the most of the opportunities available here in the district. We've had some great positive feedback from the organisations involved and the schools. It was good to hear the young people were keen and excited by the opportunities on offer," she says.





Community Recycling and Bulky Waste Drop-Off Day

Bulky Waste* | Garden waste | Scrap metal | Tyres Child car seats | E-Waste | Cardboard

Sunday 11 April 2021, 10am-4pm Hawkins Pit, Darfield

Entry off Cullens Road, east of Bangor Road

*Important: Please refer to strict criteria for bulky waste acceptance

For more info check out selwyn.govt.nz/recyclingday



Selwyn District Council Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996) Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

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

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Prime Group Rolleston Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 9 April. 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

Council Meeting *

Wednesday 24 March 1pm Rolleston Council Offices

Audit & Risk Subcommittee * Wednesday 7 April 9.30am Rolleston Council Offices *Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE **MEETINGS**

Coalgate-Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee Tuesday 6 April 7.30pm Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee - Triennial Meeting Wednesday 7 April 7.30pm

Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park **Glentunnel Community** Committee

Monday 29 March 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

Killinchy Community Committee Monday 29 March 7.30pm

Killinchy Community Hall Leeston Park Committee

Monday 29 March 7.30pm Leeston Park Pavilion

Springfield Township Committee

Tuesday 6 April 7.30pm Tawera Memorial Hall

Tai Tapu Community Association

Wednesday 7 April 7.30pm Tai Tapu Hotel Function Room

Be prepared for emergencies

Are you prepared for an emergency?

Emergencies can happen at any time, but there are simple, practical tips that you can take now to make sure you, your family and your business is prepared and to make your life more comfortable following an emergency event.

The Selwyn Emergency Management Team is running a series of free presentations on being prepared for all kinds of emergencies, starting in Leeston on Wednesday 31 March.

Come and learn simple, practical steps for being ready and getting through emergencies such as tsunami, an alpine fault or other serious earthquakes, storms or flooding.

Depending on the type of emergency, you and your family should be able to cope for a number of days without outside assistance. Understanding the likely impacts of an emergency can help you get through.



Presentation Dates	Time	Location
Wednesday 31 March 2021	7–8.30pm	Leeston Primary School
Wednesday 19 May 2021	7–8.30pm	Darfield Recreation Centre
Wednesday 18 August 2021	7–8.30pm	Lincoln Event Centre
Wednesday 3 November 2021	7–8.30pm	Selwyn Sports Centre, Rolleston

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On the Roads

Pavement repairs are taking place on Leaches Road and Te Pirita Road. Traffic management is in place for these works.

Please take care and follow traffic management instructions around our roadwork sites for your safety and the safety of others.



WE HAVE SOME BIG DECISIONS AHEAD OF US

HAVE YOUR SAY...

Consultation on our Long-Term Plan 2021–2031 opens on Monday 29 March.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/thisway2031 to find out more.



Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

MARCH

What's Your Poison? -Kim Hill

Stewart Building, Lincoln

Stewart Building, Lincoln University, 6.30pm

A panel discussion hosted by Kim Hill and organised by Lincoln Envirotown will examine issues of around the use of agri-chemicals in your garden such as pesticides, their management of pests, diseases and weeds and their impact on the environment. \$5 koha appreciated. See Eventbrite kimhillpresents-poison.eventbrite.co.nz

THURSDAY

MARCH

Employment Zone Clinic Leeston Library, 9.30–11.30am

Delivered by the Ministry of Social Development, this drop-in clinic will support people into work, and employers with staffing needs. Employment Zone clinics allow you to access one-on-one support around job seeking, redundancy, staff retention and recruitment. Free. Bookings not required.

THURSDAY

MARCH

Community Law Clinic: Employment

Rolleston Library, 6.30–7.30pm

Hosted by qualified lawyers from Community Law, these sessions aim to provide free advice, assistance and guidance in navigating the justice system. Free. Bookings not required.

FRIDAY

MARCH

Rolleston Drive-in Movie: Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG)

Drive in and enjoy a great evening with this hit film for all the family. After the demise of his father, Tim teams up with his father's Pokémon partner, Pikachu to work on an unfinished case. Bookings essential at Eventbrite.co.nz. Site open at 6pm and food vendors available. Bookings essential, go to selwyn.govt.nz/events.

MONDAY

MARCH

Easter Mini Gym Party

Rolleston Community Centre, 9.30–11.45am

A fun preschool celebration with activities, treats and more! \$5 per child, drop-in. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/events for more dates and locations.

MONDAY

MARCH

Easter Craft Roadshow

Recreation Centre, 3.30–5pm

Pop down to your local community centre for some Easter crafting fun!
Bookings essential. Book or find more



