

West Melton Community Park skate area opens



The first stage of the new West Melton Community Park was officially opened last week. Mayor Sam Broughton and Councillor Nicole Reid were at the park on Friday, to officially open the skate area.

“It was great to see so many young people on scooters, bikes and boards out in the sun and using the park. It’s good to have places like this where we can get out and be active and outdoors. I’m looking forward to coming back and enjoying the rest of the park when it’s finished,” Mayor Broughton said.

The skate area includes a bowl, ramps, ledges and a pump track designed for learners and less experienced or younger riders.

The majority of the area was completed and open to the public before Christmas, with a small section remaining to be finished off in the new year before the park could be officially opened.

The skating area has been opened in time for the West Melton Skate Jam and Picnic in the Park, which will be happening at the park next Thursday 4 February from 3.30pm.

West Melton Community Park will also include a new playground, sheltered barbecue area, and half-court basketball court, which will be built in the new year. Together the Community Park and landscaping developments have been designed to create a space for the whole community to enjoy.

Feedback sought on proposed future housing developments in Rolleston

Environment Canterbury is considering changing its rules to free up more land to build houses in Selwyn. Land rezoning for new housing developments in Rolleston, Rangiora and Kaiapoi is being considered to meet future demand, as part of a public consultation.

Forecasts for growth have found that capacity for housing development in Selwyn and Waimakariri districts may not be enough to meet demand over the medium and long term (10 to 30 years).

To address this scenario, Environment Canterbury has proposed a change to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (CRPS) that will enable councils to develop plans and consult with communities on additional land for housing, through their district planning processes.

This targeted change identifies future development areas for urban housing in Rolleston, Rangiora and Kaiapoi, and provides guidance for councils when re-zoning land.

The proposed change was notified on January 16 as part of a streamlined planning process, allowing the public to have their say by submitting a written comment.

Katherine Trought, Environment Canterbury director strategy and planning, said the month-long submission process gives everyone an opportunity to look at the proposed change and have their say about the future of housing development in greater Christchurch.

“Once the submission period is over, we will carefully consider all the comments we receive and deliver a report to the Minister for the Environment that will show how the submissions have been considered and any recommended changes.”

You can make a submission, view the proposed change and find further information about the planning process at ecan.govt.nz.



New Zealand first as sports centre goes high tech

A high-tech interactive sports wall will add some digital fun for people getting active at the Selwyn Sports Centre.

The Tactile sports wall uses Lü interactive sports technology to project immersive, interactive video games onto the sports centre wall.

The equipment for the high-tech wall has been installed at the Selwyn Sports Centre, ahead of its opening for the 2021 winter sports season.

Selwyn Sports Centre builders Apollo Projects Ltd said it believes the wall is the first of its kind to be installed in New Zealand.

The wall will add another dimension to the activities that can be played, offering a different attraction to traditional sports and a new element of fun for users of all ages, Selwyn Sports Centre Manager Dave Tippett says.

“It’s a really cool piece of tech for Selwyn that puts us at the cutting edge. It brings together gaming technology and sport and fitness in a really fun way that we think people of all ages will enjoy, but especially younger people.”

The games can be played individually, in teams, or against another opponent, and range from mathematics and geography puzzles to hit the target contests.

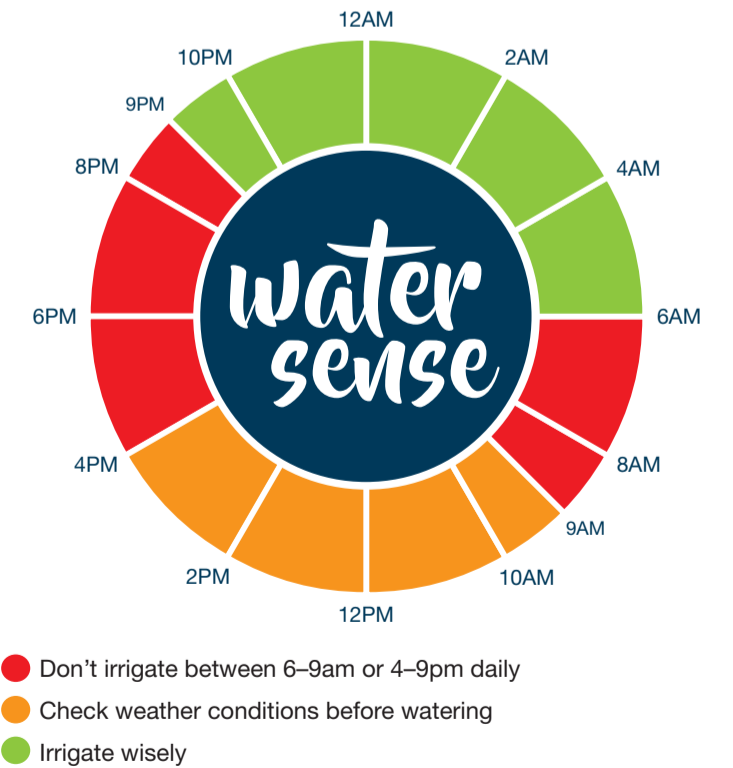
Mr Tippett says the exact details are still under discussion, but there will likely be a small charge to use the sports wall, in order to cover the licence fee for the games. The Selwyn Sports Centre is also looking into options for people to hire the use of the wall for birthday parties and events.

The indoor court centre at Foster Park will feature eight sports courts, an upstairs indoor walking track, community spaces and administration areas.



When to water your lawn...

With the hot weather forecast this week we’re urging people to play their part to help avoid water restrictions. Please reduce water use and avoid watering gardens and lawns during peak times of 6–9am and 4–9pm.



Selwyn Business Survey

Our Selwyn Business Survey is a pulse check of business conditions in Selwyn. If you are the owner or representative of a Selwyn business, please head online to surveymonkey.com/r/selwynbusinesssurvey and fill in our online survey before Friday 5 February.

LOVE SELWYN BUSINESS

Notices

FOSTER PARK PLAYGROUND CLOSURE

Foster Park playground will be closed for three weeks from Monday 1 February to Friday 19 February to install a new stainless steel tube slide and carry out annual maintenance.

PUBLIC NOTICE PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 66

Rolleston Industrial Holdings Limited have lodged a private plan change application (PC66) to rezone approximately 27.27ha of land on Maddisons Road, Rolleston from Rural Inner Plains to Business 2A. Submissions are now open to enable you to have your say on this rezoning proposal. Information on this plan change request and how to make a submission is available at Council's Rolleston Headquarters, and can be viewed online at Council libraries

and service centres and at Selwyn.govt.nz/pc66, or by contacting the Strategy and Policy Team on (03) 3472 800. Submissions must be lodged by 5pm, 25 February 2021.

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

The Creative Communities Assessment Committee needs a new community representative for the Selwyn Central Ward. The committee operates under the wing of the Selwyn District Council to distribute Creative New Zealand funds for local arts and cultural projects. It meets four times a year to consider funding applications. The unpaid position starts on 1 March 2021, for a term of three years. Travel expenses are reimbursed. Ideally candidates will have been actively involved in the arts in the Selwyn Central Ward, and be keen to encourage and promote arts activities within Selwyn district.

Applicants must reside in the Selwyn Central Ward. If you are interested in this position, please apply in writing or email, including details of your involvement in the arts, by 5pm, Friday 5 February 2021. Post your application to Creative Communities Assessment Committee Position, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643, Attention Stuart Westoby, or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz. For further information, contact Stuart Westoby 03 347 2708.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

A & J Rolleston Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 10 February. Smoke Incorp Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 11 February. 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

Extraordinary Council meeting Wednesday 27 January 2.45pm Council Rolleston Offices

Representation Review Subcommittee*

Wed 27 January 3pm Council Rolleston Offices

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*

Wed 3 February 9.30am Council Rolleston Offices*

*Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

Selwyn Community Funds available

Clubs, groups and not-for-profit organisations working in Selwyn are invited to apply to the Selwyn Community Fund. The Council fund supports groups and organisations that contribute to community wellbeing. The fund is available for Selwyn-based not-for-profit community groups looking to run a project, event, or initiative in the district. Applications for funding are accepted all year round, but there are four dates in the year that applications are assessed and funds released. Applications for round one of the fund are open until 31 January. For criteria and application forms contact selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz or visit selwyn.govt.nz/selwyncommunityfund

On the Roads

Hoskyns Road will be closed at the intersection with State Highway 73 until 28 February while Waka Kotahi NZTA carries out intersection safety improvements. A detour via Sandy Knolls Road is in place. Waka Kotahi NZTA has also advised that over the next two weeks Weedons Ross Road will be one-way, and only open to eastbound traffic between Jones Road and Manion Road. Jones Road will be closed to westbound traffic at the Weedons Ross Road/Manion Road intersection. Access to and from Manion Road will be maintained. A one-way system will also be in place to the east of the Weedons Road Interchange roundabout night from 7pm-6am until Monday 1 February. The road will reopen to two way traffic during the day, Station Street, Leeston, will be closed to right turning traffic entering or exiting Leeston Road for two weeks from Wednesday 27 January. A detour is in place via Cunningham Street. Night works will be taking place to resurface Jones Road between Hoskyns Road and Two Chain Road from Monday 8 – Friday 12 February. Traffic management will be in place. Pavement repairs are taking place on Leeston Road, Ellesmere Road, Ellesmere Junction Road, Levi Road and Maddisons Road.

We're heading back to school

Please watch out for us



Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

28
JANUARY

Planting natives in Canterbury

Rolleston Library, 2pm Part of the inaugural Summer Garden Festival run by Selwyn Libraries, Council Senior Biodiversity Advisor Andy Spanton delves into all you need to know about native planting in Canterbury. Free. Bookings not required. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz for more Summer Garden Festival events.

THURSDAY

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JANUARY

Dunsandel Picnic in the Park

Dunsandel 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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JANUARY

Darfield Outdoor Movie

Darfield Domain, 7-9pm Bring a seat, bean bag or blanket and chill out in front of our huge screen to enjoy the hit kids movie of last year, Ugly Dolls, with laughs and fun for all ages.

SATURDAY

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JANUARY

David Walliams Storytime

Leeston Library, 10.30-11am Celebrate David Walliams' hilarious tales such as *The Bear Who Went Boo*, *The Slightly Annoying Elephant* and more. Free. Drop in.

THURSDAY

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FEBRUARY

West Melton Skate Jam and Picnic in the Park

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 3.30-5.30pm and 5-7pm A great way to introduce young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool. Join us in a relaxed environment to give it a go, then stick around for a fun family evening picnic with music, a free sausage sizzle, face painting and more.

FROM

1-28
FEBRUARY

Aotearoa Bike Challenge

Take advantage of the beautiful summer weather and join us for this year's Aotearoa Bike Challenge. A free workplace programme to rediscover the joys and benefits of riding a bike. Any ride during February counts towards your points and gets you in to win amazing prizes. Jump onto aotearoa.bike for more info and to register.

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

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