



## Youth space set to rock on opening

An epic afternoon of events with a skate comp, hip hop, basketball, street art, a nerf war and so much more will celebrate the opening of the new youth space in the Rolleston town centre.

A packed afternoon of food and fun on Saturday 11 December will mark the official opening of the youth space at Rolleston Reserve next to the new town centre.

Youth Council Chair Rue Jeché says it will be great to see such a fantastic space open. “The youth space is an awesome place for us to be able to come together and engage in fun and inclusive activities that are local to Selwyn.”

Throughout the event there will be skateboarding, professional demonstrations and competitions by Nelson Creek Skateboards and Outsiders skate shop. Street art, demonstrations and have-a-go hosted by Canvas Arts, inflatables, horizontal bungee, sumo suits, nerf war, food and music will also light up the space.

The youth space’s half basketball court and netball zone will get a workout with Mayor Sam Broughton opening the proceedings with a shoot out comp and Selwyn Hawks basketball team finishing the day off with skills, drills and 3 x 3 games. The gaga ball pit will also be a site of fun rivalries with an interschools competition.

The area, designed in collaboration with input from students at Selwyn’s four high schools, also features a range of hang out areas, and a large ‘Eagle Claw’ basket swing.

The youth space opening will be the second of two events in Rolleston town centre, with a market day from 9am–1pm run by Rolleston Fields with stalls, face painting, balloon art and more showcasing the new businesses in the town centre.

For a full timetable of events for the youth space opening visit [Selwyn.govt.nz/youthspace](http://Selwyn.govt.nz/youthspace).

## Council and Te Taumutu Rūnanga forge new path together

Te Taumutu Rūnanga and the Council have agreed a new era of partnership, signing a relationship agreement at a formal ceremony at Te Pā o Moki, Taumutu.

The agreement builds on an already strong relationship between the Rūnanga and the Council, laying down a marker for future collaboration where both parties can work to benefit the whole district, Te Taumutu Rūnanga Chair Liz Brown says.

“This is a pou whenua that we are putting in place to mark the significance of Taumutu and our relationship with Selwyn District Council. While we have a good relationship, we need something formal that doesn’t rely on individuals. This sets that marker in the ground for us and future generations and gives us something to go forward with together.”

The agreement acknowledges both parties’ commitments to grow a new era of Local Government reflecting the role of mana whenua as a Treaty partner of the Crown. It acknowledges their roles and responsibilities and sets out structures for working together to deliver the best possible environmental and community outcomes.

Mayor Sam Broughton says it builds on a history of working together. “The fruits of that partnership are evident in so much of what is great about our district, the most recent examples of this being Te Ara Ātea and Kakaha Park; two facilities embraced by our community. It’s fantastic that we are now formally recognising our relationship and I’m looking forward to the new opportunities our agreement brings for the wellbeing of our communities, our environment and for our continued prosperity.

“Te Taumutu Rūnanga is already successfully involved in joint decision-making processes with the Council through the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and the District Plan review. The is another milestone on the relationship journey between the Council mana whenua and tangata whenua for Waikirikiriki Selwyn.”

To read the relationship agreement, visit [selwyn.govt.nz](http://selwyn.govt.nz).



## Greendale’s 160-year-old cottage protected for future generations

When TW Adams began planting trees at Greendale in the mid-1800s, he wanted to provide shelter on the windswept Canterbury Plains, now a new installation is sheltering his 160-year-old sod cottage.

The Greendale Community Trust has finished building a canopy to protect the cottage Alfred Albert Thomas William (known as TW) Adams built at his arboretum in 1865 – part of the trusts’ work to restore the historically significant arboretum.

Trust Secretary Ruth Warren says she’s delighted with how the neglected site has been transformed.

“When we began working on the arboretum in 2016, it was completely overgrown and inaccessible. After TW died in 1919, there had been no funds to maintain it. Now it is open for people to enjoy and learn about its history.”

Adams - an international authority on forestry - settled in Greendale in 1862 and started an arboretum growing 800 tree species and 500 fruit tree varieties. Some are now the only ones of their kind in Aotearoa, and several are extinct or endangered in their countries of origin.

To make a home, Adams dug down into the ground and used the earth to build his cottage.

The cottage’s protective shelter was made possible thanks to volunteers from the Trust and community, as well as a \$4,000 heritage grant from Selwyn District Council. The grant will open again for applications in June 2023.

“It’s been a great project, and I’d like to thank all the people who’ve donated their time and skills to preserve our history,” Ruth says.



## Biodiversity projects making good progress

Restoring and planning the creation of new wetlands, and assessing and protecting more significant biodiversity sites were among the Council’s work to enhance native flora and fauna this year.

The Council’s biodiversity work programme has been making good progress in the past 12 months, and Senior Biodiversity Officer Andy Spanton says the efforts will have long-term benefits.

“Right across Canterbury, there’s been a proactive focus on managing and protecting our indigenous biodiversity, and we’re really proud to be partnering with iwi, our neighbouring councils, landowners and our community to make a difference.”

Animal pest control and weed management are a key focus for the Tārerekautuku Yarrs Lagoon restoration project, near Lincoln. The Council received almost \$800,000 from the Government’s Freshwater Improvement Fund last December to restore the significant wetland, and restoration activities began in autumn 2022.

After purchasing land above Coes Ford in 2021, the Council has been working closely with manawhenua, landowners and Environment Canterbury to design a water cleaning wetland and recreation space that may connect Coes and Chamberlains Fords. These designs are being finalised, and a Mātauranga Māori cultural assessment will be carried out.

Ongoing biodiversity assessments have seen four more sites added to Council’s list of Significant Natural Areas in 2022. There are now 73 Significant Natural Areas. Landowners, managers and community groups have been helped to protect and restore some of these sites through the Council’s Significant Natural Environment Fund.

“The progress we’ve made to preserve and enhance biodiversity values this year has been promising,” Andy says.

More information on biodiversity initiatives in Selwyn can be found on the Council website [selwyn.govt.nz/biodiversity](http://selwyn.govt.nz/biodiversity).





# SH1 Rolleston plans progressing

Waka Kotahi has provided an update on the latest stage of the State Highway 1 Rolleston upgrade.

## Thank you for your feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to give feedback on the recommended plans for SH1 Rolleston earlier this year. In total Waka Kotahi received 756 pieces of feedback. The community engagement summary is now available on the project website, including an overview of the feedback received and responses to key concerns. The project website has lots of helpful information such as a 'frequently asked questions' tab. The publications tab features project maps and a transport investigations document summarising the options Waka Kotahi considered and reasons for the recommended plan.

## Next steps and coming up

Findings from the second round of public consultation have been incorporated into the concept design - expected to be finalised in 2023.

Once the business case is approved, Waka Kotahi will begin work on more detailed designs, gaining consents and progressing talks with affected property owners.

Working in partnership, Waka Kotahi and mana whenua – Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga – have started to explore opportunities on how cultural narratives could be incorporated into the project. While it's early days, we look forward to sharing more with the community as mahi progresses.

Visit [nzta.govt.nz/rollestonflyover](https://nzta.govt.nz/rollestonflyover) to subscribe to updates and for more information about the SH1 Rolleston Transport Improvements Project. This NZ Upgrade Programme (NZUP) government funded project will result in safer access and better connections for more people. Travel times through and around Rolleston will be much more consistent, reliable and predictable, so it's easier for people to get around by car, bicycle and bus, to move goods and do business.



Safety for tamariki using Dunns Crossing Road – the Waka Kotahi project team is working with West Rolleston Primary School, Selwyn District Council and the Ministry of Education as expected traffic growth increases on this busy arterial road which supports both local and cross district travel.



## Notices

### PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 79 (PREBBLETON): CALL FOR FURTHER SUBMISSIONS

Birchs Village Limited has requested to rezone approximately 37 hectares of Rural Inner Plains-zoned land in Prebbleton to residential land, to enable approximately 400 residential sites.

A summary of the submissions on the publicly notified plan change request, along with a copy of the original submissions is now available for viewing at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc79](https://selwyn.govt.nz/pc79).

Further submissions are limited to supporting or opposing an original submission. They may be lodged by any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest or who has an interest in the private plan change greater than that of the public. Information on how to make a further submission is available at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc79](https://selwyn.govt.nz/pc79). The closing date for further submissions is 5pm Wednesday 11 January 2023.

### Dog Microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Friday 15 December at:

- Darfield Library and Service Centre, 9-9.30am
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre, 9-9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11-11.30am
- Leeston Library and Service Centre – no clinic this time.

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped.

- Clinics last for 30 minutes
- Microchipping will not take place if wet

### Have your say on where we play

Submissions close this week on draft Sport, Active Recreation and Play, Spaces and Places Plan for developing sport and activity spaces in Selwyn over the next 10 years. Feedback is open until 5pm, Friday 9 December 2022 at [selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay](https://selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay).

## Meetings

**Public Forums:** Council, Community Board and local committee 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.

## COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

### Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 14 December 1pm, Rolleston Council Offices

\* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel



## On the Roads

Stop/go controls are in place for repairs to Waimakariri Gorge Road between Woodlands Road and the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge; and on all the district's fords, Telegraph Road from SH1 to Two Chain Road, Ayelsbury Road from Wards Road to Bealey Road and Rakaia Terrace from Arlui Road to Sharlands Road.



Please take care around work sites and follow site signage. Follow the QR code with this story for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at [selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures](https://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures)

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# Event Guide

## Thursday 8 December

### Selwyn Art Series: Traditional English Shoemaking in Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Ara Ātea, 6.30-8pm

Bespoke shoemaker, Louise Ayling will share how traditional English shoemaking has influenced her work as an artist and shoemaker in Aotearoa. Her practice features the textual appeal of the country's landscape, light and traditional Māori weaving techniques. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

## Friday 9 December

### Selwyn Libraries at Castle Hill Community Hall

Castle Hill Community Hall, 10am-12pm

Come along and choose some new reading material from the Edge Connector Vehicle. Place your own holds and collect them on the day, or request a mystery selection through our click and collect service. Children under eight must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

## Saturday 10 December

### Christmas Needle Felting for Beginners

Leeston Library, 10.30am-12.30pm

Learn the craft of wool needle felting! Bring your favourite cookie cutters or use the ones provided, and create a unique ornament to hang on the tree. Suitable for 10+ years (adult supervision recommended). Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events). \$10 per person Selwyn Libraries members, \$20 non-members. Payment can be made on the day, on in-library beforehand. Payment is not required to secure the booking.

## Monday 12 December

### Mini Gym Christmas Party

Selwyn Sports Centre, 10-11.30am

Come along for plenty of fun with the bouncy castle, face painting, balloon animals, Lu Uno and more! Suitable for kids 6 months to 5 years. \$4.50 per child. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

## Monday 12 December

### Board Games Club

Darfield Library, 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. Free. Bookings not required.

### SELWYN SPORTS CENTRE

### 3 DAYS OF GRITMAS

Give yourself a gift – a week of Les Mills GRIT fitness! Spot prizes daily. Attend all three to go into the major prize draw.

Monday 12 December, 6am  
Wednesday 14 December, 6am  
Thursday 15 December, 6pm

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