

Selwyn property revaluations released



Property owners in Selwyn will soon receive an updated rateable value for their property.

The revaluation was carried out by Quotable Value (QV) on behalf of the Council. It showed a 33.7% average increase in capital values in Selwyn since the previous valuation in 2018 – reflecting the increasing popularity of Selwyn as a place to live.

The valuations are an estimate of the likely price that would have been paid for the property on 1 September 2021.

The new valuations are available to view online at ratingvalues.co.nz or selwyn.govt.nz/propertysearch. Property owners should receive a letter with their updated property valuation by mid-February.

The new values will be used for calculating rates from 1 July 2022. Most property owners will find the capital value of their property has increased - but this does not mean rates will also increase by a similar amount.

Where a property value has increased more than the average increase in capital value (33.7%) the owner can expect a slightly higher than average increase in their rates from 1 July 2022. Where the capital value increase was less than the average owners can expect a slightly lower than average increase in their rates.

The Council sets rates on 1 July each year based on the amount of income it needs to provide services for residents. The revaluation of all the district's properties doesn't increase the total amount Council collects from rates, it just helps us work out everyone's share of rates.

For most residential properties, around a quarter of their rates bill is based on the capital value of their property, the rest is based on the available services. More information on rates can be found at selwyn.govt.nz/rates.

On average residential values (dwellings, flats and vacant residential land) increased by 47.6%, lifestyle properties by 34.6% and dairy and pastoral properties by 12.5%.

Value changes varied across the largest towns. Average values increased by 46.6% in Prebbleton, 44.1% in Rolleston, 31.4% in Darfield and 31.3% in Lincoln. West Melton increased by 44.7%, Leeston by 37.2%, Tai Tapu by 31.1% and Southbridge by 26.3%. Residential values in the rural areas of Malvern increased by 41.3% and in rural areas of Ellesmere by 35.6%.

Property owners can object to their valuation. Objections must be lodged with QV by 17 March 2022. Information on how to make an objection can be found in the letter to property owners or online at ratingvalues.co.nz.

Be safe with pest control traps

We're reminding Selwyn residents to be safe when it comes to the laying of pest control traps.

Gin traps have been found in the Hororata and Dunsandel cemeteries three times in the past six months. These traps are illegal and dangerous and the police have been notified about the incidents.

These traps should not be used anywhere – however they are particularly dangerous on public land where people can be caught in these traps and harmed. In one recent case a trap was discovered by a small child who was at risk of being seriously injured.

Animal traps are also not allowed on public land except with the agreement of the landowner – usually the Council or the Department of Conservation.

Any traps discovered on Council property will be removed and illegal traps such as gin traps will be reported to police.

The Council runs pest control operations on its properties and works with community groups and individuals to support pest eradication. It is open to working further with people on this as a partner in the Predator Free New Zealand 2050 goal.

If someone has concerns about pests on public property please contact the Council on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or email reserves@selwyn.govt.nz.



Batteries can't go in your kerbside bins

Batteries placed in kerbside bins are a fire hazard, they can and do catch fire in the rubbish trucks and at the Pines Resource Recovery Park. Already this year there have been two fires from batteries, one at the Pines Resource Recovery Park and another in one of our trucks, which led to seven tonnes of recycling having to be diverted to landfill.

In Selwyn we have a free battery recycling programme. Batteries can be dropped off at the Pines Resource Recovery Park, Darfield Library, New World Lincoln, and New World Rolleston.

We accept household quantities of the following battery types:

- Lithium-ion (used in laptops, mobile phones, tools)
- Alkaline, dry cell and zinc (used in flashlights, radios, remote controls, smoke detectors)
- Button cell/coin (used in watches, hearing aids)
- Nickel-cadmium (used in portable electronics, tools, toys)
- Nickel-metal hydride (used in digital cameras, laptops, mobile phones)

Find out more about the types of batteries that can be dropped off and what happens to them at selwyn.govt.nz/batteryrecycling.



On the Roads

Tennyson Street is closed from south of 75 Tennyson Street (the Police Station) to 78 Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive is one-way westbound for the upgrade of the Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive intersection. Detours are in place.

Burnham Road is closed to northbound traffic north of the Burnham School Road intersection to State Highway 1 from 10 January to 26 April. A detour will be in place.

Seal widening is taking place on Weedons Ross Road from Kingsdowne Drive to Johnsons Road. Weedons Ross Road will be one-way open to traffic travelling south (towards Rolleston). A detour is in place.

Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Waterholes Road between SH1 and Hamptons Road and Trents Road between SH1 and SH76, Bridge Road between Greendale Road and Coaltrack Road and on Bealey Road between Warrens Road and Lambs Road. Repairs are taking place on Telegraph Road from Essendon Road to Bealey Road. Pavement repairs are taking place on Wards Road between Highfield Road and Kerrs Road.

Soakhole construction is taking place on Boundary Road between Waterholes Road and Shands Road, Jowers Road between SH73 and Curraghs Road, Wards Road between Tresillian Drive and Kerrs Road and on Hobbs Street.

Traffic management is in place for these works. 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.



Rates Reminder

By now you should have received your rates invoice for the third quarter of the 2021/22 rating year. This invoice covers the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022, and is due for payment without penalty by 15 March 2022. If you have not yet received your invoice, or if you would like to arrange to have your rates emailed instead of posted, please contact our Customer Services team on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) to discuss, or email us at contactus@selwyn.govt.nz.

If you have recently moved to a new address in Selwyn, please phone or email us to update your address and contact details.

Find out about payment options including EasyPay and online payments at selwyn.govt.nz/rates.

Council Call

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

TE ARA ĀTEA
56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

DARFIELD LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE CLASSIFICATION OF A RESERVE – SOUTHBRIDGE

The Selwyn District Council is proposing to change the classification of approximately 8094m² of Local Purpose (Town Depot) Reserve, being Reserve 4918, at 23 St John Street, Southbridge held in Record of Title CB777/38, to approximately 3719 square meters of Local Purpose (Utility) Reserve and approximately 4375 square meters of Local Purpose (Landscape) Reserve. Part of the Reserve is currently being used for a water treatment facility. This facility is reaching capacity and the Council needs to increase storage for the township supply. Council proposes that the balance of the land which is undeveloped should be classified as a Local Purpose (Landscape) Reserve. The change of classification

will correctly identify both areas for their primary purpose and values. Any person objecting or submitting to this proposal can do so in writing no later than 5pm on Wednesday, 9 March 2022. To make a submission or objection or to find out more about this proposal please visit selwyn.govt.nz. Please direct any queries to the Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing Department by email to property@selwyn.govt.nz. **PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 62 BECOMES OPERATIVE** The Environment Court has resolved the appeal against part of the decision of Council in relation to Plan Change 62 in Leeston, by way of a consent order. Private Plan Change 62 (Leeston) will become operative

on 17 February 2022. This notice is made in accordance with Clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The Operative Selwyn District Plan may be inspected online at selwyn.govt.nz/eplan or at any of the Council's service centres and libraries in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston. More information on this private plan change is available on the Council website at selwyn.govt.nz/pc62. **ALCOHOL NOTICES** Classy Tart Enterprises Limited (Long Shot Distillery Rolleston) has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 22 February. For more information on this application visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

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. Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details, email changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 9 February 1pm
Wednesday 23 February 1pm
Central Plains Water (CPW) Joint Working Committee
25 February 2pm held via Zoom
* Council meetings will be held online until further notice.

Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel
DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Kirwee Community Committee
Monday 21 February 7.30pm
Kirwee Hall
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Monday 14 February 7.30pm

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Pavilion
Sheffield Waddington Township Committee
Thursday 17 February 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall
Whitecliffs Township Committee
Monday 14 February 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

NEED FUNDING FOR YOUR PROJECT?



Funding is available for community-based creative projects that promote arts or culture in Selwyn.
Applications close 5pm, Friday 25 February 2022.
selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding



New brochure out now.

Pick up a copy from any Council facility or view it online:
selwyn.govt.nz/events



Event Guide

RED SETTINGS PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE. VACCINE PASSES REQUIRED FOR THOSE OVER 12 YEARS THREE MONTHS OLD FOR ALL FACILITIES AND FOR BOOKED OR TICKETED EVENTS. CAPACITY LIMITS ARE IN PLACE.

Thursday 10 February

Friendship Bracelets
Darfield Recreation Centre, 3.30–5pm

Come along with your children or friends and make friendship bracelets. Participants must be able to plait or braid or be assisted by their companion to do so. Free. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events or at Darfield Library.

Thursday 10 February

Prebbleton Skate Jam and Picnic in the Park
Prebbleton Community Park, 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. All before our popular annual community picnic with music, kids entertainment, a free sausage sizzle, face painting and more. Bookings required. Book at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Friday 11 February

Social Dodgeball
Selwyn Sports Centre, 6–8pm

Grab your mates and head on down to the Selwyn Sports Centre to dodge them, hit them and catch them out! Friday night fun for ages 13+ years. Teams of seven – come as a team or join a team on the night. Book online to register your interest. \$30 per team for each session, or \$5 per person.

Friday 11 February

Family Bingo Night
Lincoln Event Centre, 6–7.30pm

Bring the family and try your luck at bingo. Line up all the numbers on your card to win some cool prizes. \$3 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 12 February

Bike check and repair workshop
Leeston Library, 10am–12pm

Not sure if your bike is safe or needs a tune up? Learn how to solve common beginner-friendly issues with your ride: puncture repairs, chain breaks and more. Free. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz.

Saturday 12 February

Pool of Rock Pool Party
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 1–3pm

Join us for a party with local musicians at Selwyn Aquatic Centre. Relax on lilos and enjoy the tunes with no lanes to be seen! Streets have come to the party and are providing free ice blocks! Get in quick before stock runs out. Normal pool admission applies. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

FOR INFORMATION ON LISTING A COMMUNITY EVENT VISIT SELWYN.GOV.TNZ/COUNCILCALL.