



New walking and cycling tracks open at Reid’s Pit

Selwyn District has a brand new recreational reserve at Reid’s Pit, on the corner of Weedons and Selwyn Roads.

The new 4.1 hectare reserve, near Rolleston, features two walking/running tracks and four bike-only tracks that weave through the landscaped ecological and recreational areas. Dog walking is also encouraged, as long as pets are leashed.

Open Space and Facilities Projects Manager Cameron Warr says completing the transformation of the old council gravel pit into a stunning community facility has been a long but highly rewarding journey.

“We’ve had come tricky issues to work through, including Covid holdups and last July’s flooding that meant we have had to make some repairs, so it’s really exciting to finally see this come to fruition.”

Next year, the reserve will be connected to the Lincoln/Rolleston cycleway when the Selwyn, Rolleston and Lincoln Roads intersection is upgraded. Further community planting days are also planned for 2023, following the success of previous plantings.

Work on developing the former gravel pit began about seven years ago when the Council consulted the community on what they wanted on the site. “A recreation reserve for biking and walking won hands down,” Cameron says.

A project steering group was then formed involving community and Council representatives. Lincoln University has also taken an active interest in the site through initial biodiversity assessments and a team is monitoring the reserve to determine what wildlife are living there and using it, post-development.

Changes to sport and recreation fees

New fees and charges will be in place next year for some fitness and swimming classes and Council services following a review of prices.

From 1 January 2023 the majority of fees for the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Selwyn Sports Centre and group fitness classes will increase by about 10%.

The change for most services, will be less than \$1. General pool entry to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre will increase by .60c for an adult and by .30c for a child or preschooler. Casual entry for all other Council pools will remain unchanged. Casual entry for Group Fitness classes will increase by \$1 for adults and .60 for Gold, Community Services and Hapai card holders.

These fees and charges are reviewed annually and it is the first time in five years that many of these charges have been changed, Head of Sport and Recreation, James Richmond says.

“Over the past 18 months we have faced increasing costs in running these services and facilities. We’ve worked really hard to keep all fee changes to a minimum while covering those increases and still find ourselves below many other councils charges nationally.”

User groups will be notified directly of fee changes for their services.



Council services holiday hours

Here is a summary of Selwyn District Council services and opening hours during the holiday period.

The Council’s Rolleston Offices will be closed from 12 midday Friday 23 December, reopening 8.30am Wednesday 4 January.

Rubbish and recycling collections collection days will proceed as normal.

Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed both Sunday 25 December and Sunday 1 January. Standard opening hours operate for the rest of the holiday period (9am–4.30pm).

All Selwyn Libraries and service centres will close at 4pm Saturday 24 December. All libraries will reopen from 10am–4pm, 28–31 December and close 1–3 January. Normal hours resume from Wednesday 4 January.

All Council-managed community centres are closed from 5pm on Friday 23 December. Lincoln Event Centre is open from Wednesday 4 January to Sunday 8, January with shortened hours based on bookings and group fitness timetables. All centres will reopen on Monday 9 January.

Selwyn Sports Centre will be closed from Sunday 25 December and reopening with reduced classes from Wednesday 4 January to Sunday 8 January. Normal hours resume from Monday 9 January.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be closed on public holidays: Sunday 25 December, Monday 26 December and Sunday 1 January and Monday 2 January.

Darfield, Southbridge and Sheffield community pools will be closed Sunday 25 December, Monday 26 December and Sunday 1 January. Sheffield Pool will also be closed on Monday 2 January.

On all other days, Darfield and Southbridge pools will be open 1-7pm weekdays and 1-6pm weekends and Sheffield pool will be open 1-5pm.

Animal Control services are available, operating 24 hours 7 days a week.

The last full day of **building inspections** will be on Wednesday 21 December. Normal hours resume from Wednesday 5 January.

The Council’s **customer contact line** will be operating 24 hours a day over the holiday break, for urgent issues phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996).

Give your dog a merry Christmas

As end-of-year festivities start kicking off around the district, Selwyn dog owners are being asked to ensure their pooches are ready for the silly season too.

Council’s Animal Control Team Leader, Steve Clarke says it’s important owners take steps to help their dog stay safe and out of harm’s way. This includes checking that their pet is wearing their current Council dog tag, and that their home and yard are secure.

“If you’re planning to go away on holiday and will be leaving your dog with friends or having someone dog-sit, the blue registration tags become even more important. If your dog gets loose, the tags help us identify them so that they can be returned home as soon as possible.”

A thorough check of the yard’s fencing and any spots dogs might escape from will help keep them secure at home. In 2021/22, Council responded to 448 instances of wandering dogs, which was the single biggest dog complaint people made to the Council.

Steve says the Animal Control service will continue to operate around the clock over the Christmas/New Year period.

“If you do come across a lost dog, or your pet goes missing, please call the Council. Our Animal Control team is available 24/7 and will be working throughout the holidays to respond to issues.”

During the holidays, residents are urged to call the Council about dog control issues, rather than emailing or using Snap, Send, Solve. The Council can be reached on 0800 SELWYN (735 996).



Repairs almost complete on storm damaged roads

Motorists are reminded to slow down and be considerate around roadwork sites this summer as efforts to fix damaged roads continue.

Council roading teams have now completed 95 per cent of repairs after heavy rainfall in July caused significant damage to the local roading network.

The work has included fixing four bridges, 220km of roads, and more than 3,315 potholes. As part of remedial work at Coes Ford, Council roading contractor HEB Construction has also shifted 35,000 cubic metres of shingle.

More road issues have been reported in urban areas since the floods, and additional workers have been deployed to fix them. These workers are now concentrating on road repairs on all arterial roads.

Adding to the challenges from both the July 2021 and May 2022 weather events, Selwyn also had more than 40 trees blow down in a severe wind event in September this year. Work to remove the trees is ongoing.

Drivers are urged to be mindful of roadworks throughout the district this holiday season, by slowing down, and obeying signs and directions. Roading teams are working hard to repair the network during the busy summer construction period.

Crowds turn out for youth space opening

There was a party as the new youth space in Rolleston town centre was officially opened on Sunday.

Street art, skateboarding, hip hop and sports competitions were all on show as hundreds enjoyed the newly opened area on the edge of Rolleston Reserve.

Mayor Sam Broughton officially opened the space before taking part in a netball free throw competition. Gaga ball and the new skate area were particularly popular, along with a nerf war and sumo suits that were available on the day.

Nelson Creek Skateboards and Outsiders skate shop gave a demonstration and led a skate competition with skateboards and safety gear up for prizes, including three boards decorated by artist Canvas Artz who also hosted a street art demonstration on the day. While Swarm Studios and Afro Fusion brought the noise with a dance battle and workshops.



Notices

Dog Microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Thursday 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

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

Brookside Road is one way from Wordsworth Street to Rolleston Drive for pavement repairs. Repairs are also taking place on Telegraph Road between SH1 and Two Chain Road, on Ayelsbury Road from Wards Road and Ayelsbury Road between Bealey Road and Wards Road and on all fords. Stop/go controls are 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.



Event Guide

Thursday 15 December

Selwyn Libraries at Dunsandel and Glentunnel

Dunsandel Community Centre, 11am-12pm
Glentunnel Community Centre, 2.30-4pm

We are bringing the library to you – come along and visit our Edge Connector Vehicle! Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

Thursday 15 December

Christmas Storytime

Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln Libraries, 6-7pm

It's time to celebrate Christmas with our special Storytimes. Filled with seasonal stories, songs and activities, this is an event not to be missed! Costumes encouraged. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Thursday 15 December

Christmas Family Fun Night

Rolleston Community Centre, 6-7.30pm

Jingle on in and join us for the festivities. Listen to your favourite Christmas stories, play games and sing your favourite Christmas carols with the Rolleston Brass Band! Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Saturday 17 December

Adult Book Club

Leeston Library, 10-11am

Book discussion groups are a fun and popular way to expand your reading subjects, meet people in your area and share your thoughts and ideas about reading. Free. Bookings not required.

Wednesday 4 January

3 Play

Selwyn Sports Centre, 4-11 January
10am – 3pm

Looking for something fun and active in the school holidays? Come and have a go at the three play sessions between 10am-12pm and 1-3pm every day at the Selwyn Sports Centre throughout the week. Each day there will be three different sports that you can have a go at. \$3 per person. All ages and abilities welcome. Drop-in. Free. Bookings not required.

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