



# Be the first to enjoy Kakaha Park

Bring your dog, bring your bike and come ready to have fun at our newest park. Kakaha Park, in Prebbleton is opening its first stage on 26 November with a special opening activity day.

Starting from 10am people are invited to hop on their bike and try out the awesome new snake run and be among the first to enjoy the new trails around the park.

Then from midday dog owners are invited to bring down their fluffy friends to enjoy the district’s latest dog exercise area.

Throughout the day there will be music, lawn games and tours of the park by the Council team, talking through key features and the future development of the park.

The main carpark will not be open at this time, so why not, bike or walk to the park. Follow the rail trail along Birchs Road, that runs between Prebbleton and Lincoln. Access to the park is from Leadleys Road at the Birchs Road end.

Along with bike trails, sports grounds and the new dog park, the first stage of the park will include a mini playground. The further stages will see a changing room and car parking opening next year, followed by more off-road bike trails, a water way and large areas of native planting over the next five years.

The name Kakaha Park has been gifted by Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga for the 22 hectare park. Kakaha is the Māori word for *Astelia fragrans* or bush lily – a native flax-like plant often used for weaving.

There is evidence of kakaha on Kā Pākihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha, the Canterbury Plains before European settlement, while the name also reflects the park’s location in the network of mahika kai (food gathering) sites on the plains. All planting in the park will be native plants.

## Council gearing up for action following latest emissions report

The key areas to tackle in reducing the Council’s carbon emissions have been mapped in a new report.

The latest carbon footprint mapping covering the Council’s carbon emissions for 2019/20 and 2020/2021 financial years show the amount of greenhouse gases released per capita in Selwyn fell in 2020/2021 when matched against the increased service demands from a growing population.

The report was completed by independent consultants using the internationally agreed method verified by Toitū Envirocare in 2018/19.

It shows the Council’s biggest emissions continue to come from its main contracted services; wastewater treatment, rubbish and recycling collections and disposal, and roads and parks maintenance. These made up 71 percent of the Council’s annual emissions in 2020/21. Diesel is the most significant contributor (45 percent), followed by electricity (27 percent) and the methane and nitrous oxide emissions from wastewater (22 percent).

Having clearly identified our total emissions, the Council has good information to prioritise further action, Council sustainability lead Keith Tallentire says.

“It’s good to see what we’re already doing is starting to make a difference. This is a key commitment for the Council and we recognise the need to do more. While the report shows some increase in our total emissions from 2018/19, it’s good to see emissions per capita falling, which shows that by working smarter we can make a difference. This information is helping us to plan more ways we can act and hope others will join us in efforts to increase sustainability. It all works together to improve life in Selwyn for now and the future.”

This work for the Council includes integrating energy efficiency measures into building new community facilities, upgrades to the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant, replacing streetlights with LED bulbs, introducing hybrid cars to the Council’s vehicle fleet and installing new electric car charging stations in public parking spaces in high use areas.

The Council was one of the earliest signatories to the New Zealand Local Government Leaders’ Climate Change Declaration 2017 and adopted a formal Climate Change Policy in 2020 setting out the Council’s commitments and its legal responsibilities under the Zero Carbon Act.

For more information see [selwyn.govt.nz/community/our-natural-environment/climate-change](https://selwyn.govt.nz/community/our-natural-environment/climate-change).

## Get water smart for summer

It’s going to be a dry summer - help keep water flowing for everyone.

Get smart with your water and make sure we don’t run dry this summer. It’ll save you money, help your garden and help keep water flowing for everyone without water restrictions.

It also means more water will be available throughout the summer period at a steady pressure.

That’s why we’re reminding Selwyn residents to use water wisely through simple habits that improve garden growth and mean paying less on water rates.

With the hot weather here, it’s the right time to be getting started on good habits to make sure you don’t go dry this summer, Council Infrastructure and Property Group Manager Murray Washington says.



“The forecast is for a lovely sunny summer, with little rain. It’s great for getting out in the garden, but it also means our water supplies are often placed under pressure as many people decide to water their lawns and gardens at the same time. We’re encouraging people to do the best for their garden, their wallet and the community so we can all enjoy a good water supply.”

To help this happen, the Council is recommending using the watering guide shown here to water at times that help your garden and save water. Check out more water savings tips at [selwyn.govt.nz/watersense](https://selwyn.govt.nz/watersense).

## Summer makes a splash at district pool parties

December may still be a few weeks away, but summer has officially sprung in Selwyn with the opening of the district’s outdoor pools.

Teens and families made a splash at the Darfield Pool on Sunday 13 November at a pool party to celebrate the start of the swimming season.

Inflatables and spot prizes were available on the day, with about 140 people turning out for the celebrations.

A second pool party will be happening at Southbridge Pool on Sunday 20 November from 1pm – 3pm. Normal pool admission applies.



## Have your say on sports spaces in Selwyn

What sports, recreation and play spaces do we want and need in Selwyn?

Residents are being asked to have their say on the provision of spaces and places to support sport, active recreation and play in Selwyn over the next 10 years.

Consultation opened this week on the Draft Sport, Active Recreation and Play, Spaces and Places Plan. People have until Friday 9 December to submit their feedback.

"We have been working with local clubs, organisations and educators to help prepare the draft Plan, but wider community feedback will be key," Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says.

“Sports and recreation are a big part of what makes Selwyn a great place to live. We’re seeing big growth in our sports clubs and in the use of our parks and sports facilities. We want to encourage that and make sure we’ve got what is needed to meet what the community wants now and into the future.”

Feedback on the draft Plan will help the Council build on what the sector has told it so far, and allow for community views to be considered in the decision-making. Council will review all feedback before approving the final plan.

For more information and to provide feedback please visit [selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay](https://selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay).

Notices

Dog microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Friday 18 November at:

- Leeston Library and Service Centre, 9-9.30am
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre, 9-9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11-11.30am
- Darfield 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
- Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive
- Microchipping will not take place if wet
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston are alternated monthly.

Any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN 735 996.

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 [meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 0800 SELWYN (735996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting\*

Wednesday 23 November 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 28 November 4.30pm, Darfield Library

\* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Lincoln Community Trust - AGM

Wednesday 23 November 7.30pm  
Lincoln Community Care

Rolleston Residents' Association Inc.

Monday 28 November 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre



On the Roads

A stop/go is in place for repairs to Waimakariri Gorge Road between Woodlands Road and the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge. Please be prepared for delays of up to 30 minutes.

The Beattys Road Ford is closed for repairs. A one-way system is in place on Marsh Road between SH1 and Meadowlands for pavement repairs, and a stop/go is in place for pavement repairs on Bealey Road from Charing Cross to Clintons Road. Stop/go controls are also in place for repairs on Weedons Road Road from Old West Coast Road, Telegraph Road from SH1 to Two Chain Road, Leeston Road between Volkman Road and Hanmer Road, Irvines Road from Frasers Road, and Melton Grange Road from Bells Road to Old West Coast Road.

Drain and culvert upgrades are also taking place on Whitecliffs Road, Marlowe Place and Old Tai Tapu Road with traffic management in place.

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](http://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).



Creative Communities Scheme

Now open

Current funding round closes 25 November

Funding is available for community-based arts activities in Selwyn through the Creative Communities Scheme.

The aim of the fund is to increase participation in the arts at a community level, increase the range and diversity of arts and enable young people. In Selwyn, the scheme is run in partnership between Creative New Zealand and the Selwyn District Council.

For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/creativecommunities](http://selwyn.govt.nz/creativecommunities) or email [creativenz@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:creativenz@selwyn.govt.nz)



Event Guide

Thursday 17 November

Storytimes

Leeston Library, 10-10.30am

Enjoy the magic of stories, activities and songs with our preschool Storytimes sessions. Share the joy of reading and making new friends. Aimed at 3-5 years. Free. Weekly sessions (term times only).

Thursday 17 November

Foraged Ferments

Te Ara Ātea, 6.30-7.30pm

Join Jackie Phillips from Wild Cuisine as she explores Foraged Ferments. In this workshop, Jackie will talk about the wild foods widely available and techniques for fermenting. A demonstration on wholesome foraged wild green sauerkrauts and naturally fermented fizzy health tonics will be included. Suitable for ages 18+. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Friday 18 November

Rhymetime – Wiggles and Giggles

Lincoln Library, 9.30-10am

Stories, songs, rhymes and bubbles make up our Rhymetime sessions, designed to assist with early language development and to have fun. Aimed at 1-3 years. Free. Join us for weekly sessions, during term time.

Saturday 19 November

Kia Rite Hoea

Lincoln Event Centre, 9.30am-2.30pm

Are you keen to organise programmes or events in your community? Join our interactive workshop and receive the Kia Rite Hoea guide which will help you put your recreation, arts, programmes and events ideas into action. This valuable resource include 55 pages of jam-packed guidance, checklists, tips and case studies. \$35 for community groups, \$55 for businesses. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Sunday 20 November

Ellesmere Community Recycling

Drop-off Day

Cemetery Pit, Southbridge Leeston Road  
10am-4pm

A great chance to clean up your shed, backyard and garden; drop off garden waste, bulky waste, scrap metal, tyres, child car seats, and electronic waste to a local Leeston collection point. See the full details and prices online at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Tuesday 22 November

Staying Safe – A Refresher Course For Older Drivers

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre  
10am-2pm

This free classroom-based course will help you re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices. It will also increase your knowledge about other transport options and help you remain independent for longer. A light lunch will be provided. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

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