

INTRODUCING MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING IN SELWYN



The Council is introducing new housing intensification rules, required under new legislation, which will allow for more housing and at greater heights in relevant residential areas in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton.

The Council publicly notified new mandatory variations to the Proposed Selwyn District Plan and to eight private plan changes to the Operative Selwyn District Plan on Saturday.

The variations are required following the Government’s introduction of the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021, which requires new density rules to be brought in for parts of Selwyn to enable an increase in housing supply.

To do this the Council is introducing a Medium Density Residential Zone with new standards allowing landowners to build up to three buildings at a maximum of three storeys high without requiring a resource consent.

The new rules have immediate legal effect for all existing residential land in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton. The Council is also proposing to apply the zone to those private plan changes that have already gone through public consultation and the Council has made a decision on, along with the Housing Accords and Special Housing Area and COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) areas in Rolleston and land inside Rolleston’s Future Development Area that is between the existing residential and new private plan change areas.

These changes are not optional, but people can have their say to shape the details of what is affected, says Council Group Manager Development and Growth Tim Harris.

“While there are legal requirements we have to meet, there is an opportunity for people to have their say on how these rules are applied in their area.

You can make a submission about new residential land that is proposed to be rezoned. There are also places that the Council can deem inappropriate to have the medium density standards applied. That includes to protect significant infrastructure, or the history, cultural or ecological value of a place. That is something we want to hear from local communities on.”

Find out more and make a submission

The variations, supporting information and submission forms can be viewed on the Council engagement website at selwyn.govt.nz/your say, and at Council service centres and public libraries in Darfield, Leeston and Rolleston. To help understand these variations and what they can cover in their submissions, people can contact a free Friend of a Submitter service, provided by the Ministry for the Environment. More details are available at selwyn.govt.nz/your say.

The Council will also be holding information sessions where members of the Council Planning Team will give a presentation covering all the key information. The sessions will be held at:

- Wednesday 24 August – Te Ara Ātea, Rolleston 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- Thursday 25 August – Prebbleton Hall 12.30pm - 2pm
- Thursday 25 August – Lincoln Events Centre, Nichols Hall 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Find out more about your election candidates

There’s three weeks until voting starts in this year’s local government elections and the candidates are now all confirmed for Selwyn.

Candidate profiles are now available on the Council website, providing a short statement from each candidate on who they are and what they stand for.

You can also find information about enrolling to vote, finding your ward and more.

To find out more about the people standing to represent you on the Selwyn District Council and the Malvern Community Board you can visit the Council website at selwyn.govt.nz/elections.

Redevelopment of Darfield Pool confirmed

Darfield Pool will get a new water slide, splash pad and family areas as part of the new \$2.4 million redevelopment.

The Council agreed the upgrade at the last Council meeting, which will see the main pool relined and upgraded, a new kids play area, a hydro slide, bleacher seating and building upgrades. There will also be new artwork and landscaping to give the pool a fresh look and feel.

Changing room upgrades have been completed and structural improvements landscaping and painting are on-going for the first stage of the redevelopment. Improved heating for the toddler and learn to swim pools will also be in place ready for the summer pool season this year.

The next stage of the upgrades will see a new entryway and shaded area with seating and picnic tables built. There will also be a new pool plant, which will better heat the pool and improve the swim experience.

The new additions will see a 3 metre hydro slide, a toddler wet deck and water play area, and bleacher seating with improved shade.

The other additions were identified as things that people wanted for the site during meetings on site with Darfield School and feedback from pool users.

The majority of the work will be completed over winter, during the months that the pool is closed, to ensure the pool remains open for use over the summer months as usual, with the full new pool set up planned to be ready for summer 2023.

Council Active Selwyn Manager James Richmond says the works are an exciting time for the pool.

“We really want to make the most of the pool and make sure people have a great experience there. It’s going to be a fun, vibrant space. The community has really embraced the learn to swim and aquafit classes we started there in recent seasons and we’re looking forward to expanding that as well and make it a space for the whole community to really use and enjoy.”



Have you registered your dog yet?

Dog registrations are due and 80% of dog owners in Selwyn have made the most of the discounted registration fee this year.

From 1 August onwards owners have to pay the full fee and they have until 31 August to register their dog. After that the Council may issue an infringement of \$300 per dog.

Any owner who is having difficulty with the payment of the fee can contact the Council to discuss payment arrangements.

With the new One Tag in place, this year should be easier than ever for owners to complete their dog registration. Simply come in to one of our library and service centres or the Rolleston offices, or pay online through your Dogs Online account or via the Council’s website at selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration.

Notices

Alcohol Notices

A Thousand Gods Wines Limited (Rolleston) has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 5 September. Euphoric Explorations Limited (Tennyson Market, Rolleston) has applied for an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 8 September.

Leeston Supervalu Limited has applied for the renewal of its off licence. Objections to this application are open until 8 September. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

Dog microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Friday 2 September at:

- Darfield Library, 9-9.30am
- Lincoln Library, 9-9.30am

- Leeston Library, 9-9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11-11.30am

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 (off Rolleston Drive).
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston will be alternated each month.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN (735996)

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 or phone 0800 SELWYN (735996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 24 August 1pm
Rolleston Council Offices
Wednesday 14 September 1pm
Council Rolleston Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 22 August 2pm Darfield Library & Service Centre

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Springston Community Committee

Wednesday 21 September 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Killinchy Community Centre Committee

Monday 29 August 7.30pm
Killinchy Community Centre

On the Roads



Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline

Courtenay Road in Kirwee, from just south of the railway line to SH73, remains closed until early September. Vehicle access between Kirwee and properties to the south is via a detour along Bealey Road. Pedestrian access is available from Courtenay Road direct to the township. The closure is for the installation of pipes under the railway line and will be the last one required as part of this project.

All completion dates are approximate depending on weather

Weedons Ross Road seal widening

The road is now fully open to two-way traffic from Kingsdowne Drive to Maddisons Road. A shoulder closure is now in place for Orion contract works, on the Newtons Road intersection through to end August. Manual four-way stop/go will be required on some days. Please follow signs and controls for the safety of all road users and workers.

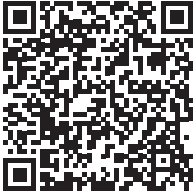
Other repairs and upgrades

Stabilising work is taking place on Railway Road from West Melton Road to Ayelsbury Road, and on Essendon Road from Telegraph Road to Ansons Road.

Rakaia Terrace Road is open to residents only from Ardlui Road to Sharlands Road, while drainage maintenance is carried out. Drainage maintenance is also taking place on Courtney Road from Glen Oak Drive to Hoskyns Road, Crozier Drive from Courtney Road to Cornwall Lane and Harper Road from Homestead Road.

Unsealed maintenance is being carried out around Dunsandel and on Curies Road, Sharland Road and Ardlui 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.



Sunday 11 September, 10am–4pm **FREE**

Lincoln Domain

Take your senses on a trip around the world! Taste delicious ethnic food, enjoy cultural performances, have a go at some traditional games and look through the international stalls. A fun day out for the whole family.

selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest

Event Guide

Thursday 25 August

Tool Maintenance with Nourish

Darfield Library, 7.30–9pm

Winter is the perfect time to show your tools some love, so they are sharp and primed for spring. Come and learn how to sharpen and set your secateurs, how to get a nice edge to your spade, and more. Free. Bookings not required.

Friday 26 August

Te Waihora: Introduction to Astrophotography

Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall, 7–10pm

Discover the art of taking stellar night time photographs across the waters of Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere. Professional photographer Gary Mills will guide you through getting the most out of your digital camera in order to capture the starry sky. Suitable for 18+ years. \$20 per person Selwyn Libraries members, \$40 non-members.

Bookings essential at selwylibraries.co.nz. Payment can be made in-library beforehand, or charged to your library card.

Saturday 27 August

Family Bingo Night

Darfield Recreation Centre, 7–8.30pm

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. Book now at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Monday 29 August

Father’s Day Gift Making

Hororātā Community Centre, 4–5pm

The first of a series of events at community centres across the district. Pop along to create a special gift for dad to celebrate Father’s Day.

\$5 per family. Bookings required. Book or find further times and locations at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Monday 29 August

Beau Miles and The Backyard Adventurer

Te Ara Ātea, 5.45–7pm

Come and hear Australian YouTuber, oddball storyteller and author, wannabe farmer, and maker of stuff from other people’s junk Beau Miles talk about his recently published book The Backyard Adventurer and join in a Q&A.

\$10 Selwyn Libraries members, \$20 non-members. Book now at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Wednesday 31 August

Home Brewing Demonstration

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 6.30–8.30pm

Learn how to make your own IPA’s using quality all-grain ingredients. Designed for those with little to no brewing experience, this session covers fermentation, yeast health, dry hopping and much more. 18+ years. Please note there will be no alcohol consumption during this demonstration.

\$5 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

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