



# Milestone moments for town centre

The first Rolleston Fields shops and new roads are opening this week as the latest milestones are marked in completing the new heart of Rolleston.

Burgerfuel, Lone Star and Majestic Tea will become the first commercial spaces to open in Rolleston Fields – the commercial area of the Rolleston Town Centre - opening over the next month. More commercial spaces are on the way early next year, commercial developer Tennyson 21 has confirmed.

The Council is also opening two new roads this week, Christensen Parade and Rōhutu Way, along with new car parks to support access to the town centre, while the Youth Zone is on track to open in December, Council Acting Major Projects Manager Phillip Millar says.

“This is a huge step for the town centre, and helping create a hub and a heart for the community. It’s exciting to see these buildings and roads opening and the community spaces taking shape. Seeing the way people have embraced and enjoyed using Te Ara Ātea and the Sensory Space has been fantastic and with these developments and the Youth Zone we’re really starting to see the vibrant community heart we’ve been planning and looking forward to for so long.”

Access to the town centre will be available via Christensen Parade off Rolleston Drive next to the Rolleston Community Centre or from Moore Street at the Wordsworth Street intersection. There also will be one-way entrance off Tennyson Street to the new car park south of Te Ara Ātea, with the exit onto Rōhutu Way and then Christensen Parade.

Work on the next stage of the skateable area in the reserve is under way. This means some of the temporary skate park has been fenced off for construction work, with the remaining area open to use until the new skate features are complete.

The car parks will include six electric car charges, which will be installed by Meridian Energy early next year as part of a partnership with the Council to install more chargers in public parking spaces across Selwyn.

## Biodiversity protection in the Rakaia Gorge

An intensive weed control project in Rakaia Gorge is helping to protect the area’s rare and precious native plants and trees.

The weed control project is being carried out over four years, and after Selwyn District Council, Environment Canterbury and landowners undertook an assessment of the gorge’s ecological values, and the weeds that threaten them.

The Gorge is rich in native biodiversity, with diverse mixed hardwood species, bluff shrublands, tussock land, grasslands and two large wetlands.

At least 16 threatened and at-risk native plant species have been recorded - including Canterbury pink broom, and Rōhutu/Myrtle – both nationally critical, along with others that are regionally uncommon.

According to Council’s Senior Biodiversity Advisor Andrew Spanton, the project recognises Rakaia Gorge’s special role in maintaining local biodiversity.

“Because of its steep banks and high cliffs Rakaia Gorge has been relatively free of grazing and fires, making it something of a safe haven for native plants,” he says.

Along with sycamores; cherry, cotoneaster and wilding conifers have been identified as causing significant issues in the Gorge.

“These species are highly competitive and will usually outcompete our native plants. In our first year of work we were playing catch up to remove the most obvious and harmful weeds,” he says. A contractor is now being engaged to start on the second year of weed control.

“While weed eradication is our top priority, there are also complementary trapping and planting projects underway,” Spanton says. “The weed control in the Gorge is a great demonstration of a biodiversity partnership project that includes input and funding from Gorge landowners, Ministry for Primary Industries, the Trustpower Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Fund, Land Information New Zealand, ECan, Ashburton District Council and Selwyn District Council.”

## Selwyn Gets Ready to ShakeOut

Get Ready to ShakeOut. Our national earthquake drill and tsunami hikoi is about to take place on Thursday 27 October.

At 9.30am, drills will be held in workplaces, schools, marae, and homes across the country, reminding people to Drop, Cover and Hold in an earthquake. In coastal areas people will also be taking part in a tsunami hikoi (evacuation) to practice their ‘Long or Strong Get Gone’ response to an earthquake.

There are lots of ways to help prepare for an earthquake and/or tsunami, Selwyn Emergency Management Officer Jason Flewellen says. “These include visiting [getready.govt.nz](https://getready.govt.nz) to refresh your knowledge of what to do, picking up a Selwyn Are You Ready booklet from a Council office or library, and visiting [selwyn.getsready.net](https://selwyn.getsready.net) to sign up for our free emergency alerting system for Selwyn residents,” he says.

The alerting system sends texts and emails to subscribed households, warning of events including tsunami, wildfires, and severe weather.

While we can’t predict earthquakes, scientific research indicates there is a 75 per cent probability of an Alpine Fault earthquake happening in the next 50 years and it is likely to be a magnitude 8+. A great deal of work is going into mapping what the likely impacts would be on Canterbury, Jason says. In the meantime it’s important everyone takes steps to prepare to look after themselves and their families.

Remember to visit [selwyn.getsready.net](https://selwyn.getsready.net) and [getready.govt.nz](https://getready.govt.nz) to make sure you and your family are well prepared for the future.



## Community supported to lead change

A workshop designed to build confidence and skills amongst people working in community development is being held in Selwyn district on 3 November.

‘Activating Community – Led Change’ is being run by Inspiring Communities in partnership with the Council, and will be held at West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, from 9.30am until 4pm.

“We believe success in community-led development is enabled by being creative, engaging multiple voices and perspectives, inspiring hope and possibility, and through finding ways for individuals to take action,” Kindra Douglas of Inspiring Communities says.

The entry fee for the workshop is \$69 + GST for anyone from a Non Government Organisation and \$195 plus GST for those from government and private sector agencies. To register visit <https://bit.ly/ACLSelwyn>.

A light lunch will be provided.

## A swell time at the SWELL Expo

Over 600 people attended SWELL Expo last Monday 17 October, filling up all areas of Lincoln Event Centre between 9am and 2.30pm.

The main Liffey Stadium was packed with over 70 exhibitors. The sound of an accordion filled the room as Jan Mckay from the Leeston Day Club played some upbeat tunes. Plenty of community groups showed Selwyn’s older residents how to sign up, while other stalls gave them information about healthcare, life planning, volunteering, and travel.

Fun activities in Nicholas Hall, saw lots of attendees getting their groove on with Zumba, giving Scottish Dancing a go and trying out indoor bowls with the Lincoln and Ellesmere indoor bowling clubs.

Speaker sessions were also well attended. Speakers spoke on a range of topics, including ageing and disabilities, brain health, retirement villages and online safety.

The event received good feedback, with many attendees saying the event was really helpful, and they loved the blue Swell goodie bags they received, full of great information packages and brochures.



# Council employment initiatives win national award

Programmes organised by the Council with local and national partners to support employment in Selwyn have earned national attention.

The Council won a Best Practice Commendation for Integrated Planning Award at the Economic Development New Zealand national awards last week, for its Selwyn Works package of programmes, designed to build local employment, especially for younger adults.

The Selwyn Works package of initiatives helped over 650 Selwyn residents into work in Selwyn, or training and making career plans incorporating living and working in Selwyn. It included Trailblazers, an innovative programme of training, social support and internships with Council, and the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Work Exposures providing work experience at Selwyn businesses.

The award was great recognition for the effort of all those involved, Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says.



“Selwyn Works has been a passion project for our staff and partners who really love seeing our young people build their strengths, passions and interests as well as gaining useful skills for life. The award’s a great reflection of that work, the quality of our young people and so many businesses who are so open to supporting Selwyn youth.”

## Notices

### PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 68 BECOMES OPERATIVE

No appeals have been received by the Environment Court to the Council's decision to approve the Private Plan Change 68, Prebbleton. As a result, the Plan Change 68 will become operative on 3 November 2022. More information on this private plan change is available on the Council website at [selwyn.govt.nz/pc68](https://selwyn.govt.nz/pc68).

## 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 7 November 4pm, Darfield Library  
\* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel

### DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### Rolleston Residents' Association Inc.

Monday 31 October 7.30pm

Rolleston Community Centre

#### Springfield Township Committee

Tuesday 1 November 7.30pm, Tawera Memorial Hall

#### Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall AGM

Tuesday 1 November 7pm

Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall

All welcome. For more information phone  
Helen Duckworth 329 5079

#### Prebbleton Community Association Special Meeting followed by AGM

Tuesday 15 November

Prebbleton Community Cottage

A special meeting to amend the Community Association Constitution by removing clauses concerning the establishment of the Prebbleton Community Cottage Committee.

#### Lincoln Community Trust AGM

Wednesday 23 November 7.30pm Rata Room,  
Lincoln Community Care



## On the Roads

East Maddisons Road is closed between Lemonwood Drive and 570 East Maddisons Road until 4 November, while the subdivision owners carry out works to install a sewer main. A detour is in place.

Traffic management is in place on Goulds Road for installation of a water main. Stop/go controls are also in place at the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge for road repairs. Delays may be up to half an hour.

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).



**SELWYN YOUTH COUNCIL**

**YOU CAN BE THE CHANGE**

Support your community, be a part of the change, yours can be a voice for youth in Selwyn.

Get involved in your community and help young people share their views on what is important in their lives.

**Applications open until 31 October.**

Apply for a position on the Selwyn Youth Council at [selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil](https://selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil).

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# Event Guide

## Thursday 27 October

### Chess Club

**Leeston Library, 3.30pm–4.30pm**

Chess isn't just another board game – it is fun and never boring! Join the weekly Chess Club, aimed at all ages. Free. Bookings not required.

## Thursday 27 October

### An evening with the Rolleston Ukelele Group

**Lincoln Library, 6.45–7.45pm**

Enjoy a delightful evening with the Rolleston Ukulele Group.

This drop-in event will provide a lovely backdrop to your library browsing experience, or feel free to sit down and watch the performance.

Learn why this instrument is becoming more popular than ever! Free. Bookings not required.

## Sunday 30 October

### Open Mic Afternoons

**Te Ara Ātea, 1pm–3pm**

Wander down to Te Ara Ātea on the last Sunday of the month for a live music open mic afternoon. Take the opportunity to perform, or just enjoy listening to local talent. All basic AV equipment will be supplied. Free. Bookings not required.

## Sunday 30 October

### Swap Shop

**Hororata Community Hall, 3pm–5pm**

Bring unwanted items such as clothing, footwear, small household accessories and plants to the local hall to pass on to people in your community. Each person will get a table to display their goods. Get rid of things you no longer need and pick up some new things for yourself. Gold coin entry. Bookings required. Book online at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

## Monday 31 October

### Halloween Disco

**Lincoln Event Centre, 3.45pm–5pm**

Come dressed as your favourite character and celebrate Halloween at this spook-tacular disco! There will be music, disco lights, decorations, fun games and prizes. Open to kids 4-8 years old. \$4 per child. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

## Sunday 30 October

### Te Reo Bilingual Storytimes

**Te Ara Ātea, 10.30–11am**

Nau mai ki tā tātou wā pānui ia mārama hei whakaroko ki kā pūrākau Reo Māori, ki kā waiata i Te Reo Māori anō hoki.

Join us for Storytimes every month to hear some wonderful stories and songs in te reo and English. Free.

**FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT  
SELWYN.GOV.TN.Z/EVENTS**

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