

Thousands of batteries already recycled in new scheme

A new battery recycling programme in Selwyn has seen a huge uptake in the first three months since it launched.

The Council partnered with electronics recycling company E-Cycle to provide the recycling scheme where people can drop off used household batteries of all kinds at four drop off points.

Since it started in December 819kg of batteries have been recycled. That includes just over half a tonne of batteries dropped off for recycling off at the Pines Resource Recovery Park and over 250kgs dropped off at New World Rolleston, New World Lincoln and Darfield Library, Council solid waste manager Andrew Boyd says.

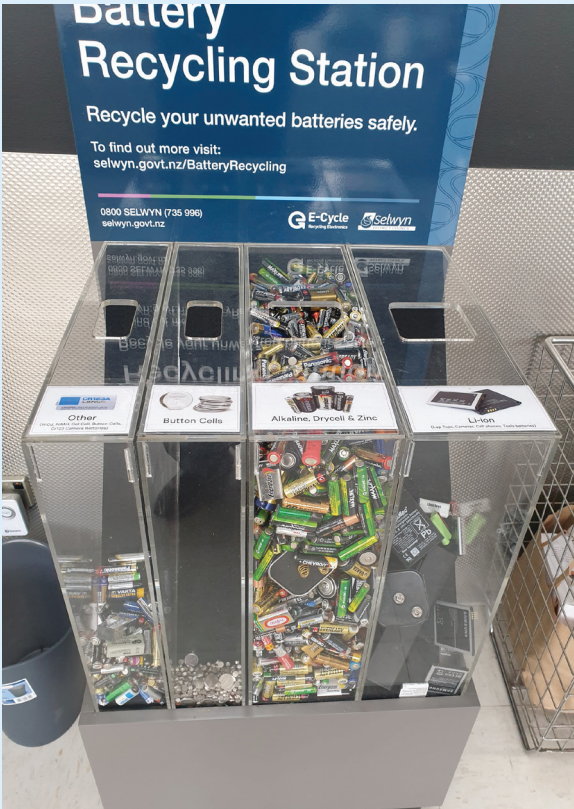
“We know that battery use is increasing and that people are looking for ways to reduce their rubbish and to recycle more. It’s fantastic to see the way people have embraced the programme and to see all those batteries diverted from landfill and being recycled. We hope to be able to add more sites in time.”

The majority of the batteries recycled were Alkaline batteries such as AA and AAAs, but there was also a mix of Lithium-Ion batteries such as those used in laptops, mobile phones and tools. This is good to see, Mr Boyd says, as these batteries can cause fires if disposed of through kerbside bins.

The recycling programme also accepts button cell/coin batteries (used in watches, hearing aids) Nickel-cadmium (used in portable electronics, tools, toys) and Nickel-metal hydride batteries (used in digital cameras, laptops, mobile phones).

The batteries are sent for recycling in Australia – where 70-90% of the battery is recycled into new batteries or ingredients used in roading mixes and fertilisers. Nickel-cadmium and Lithium-ion batteries are forwarded on to a specialist recycling plant in South Korea.

For more information on the recycling scheme visit selwyn.govt.nz/batteryrecycling.



Cricket in Selwyn celebrated for World Cup

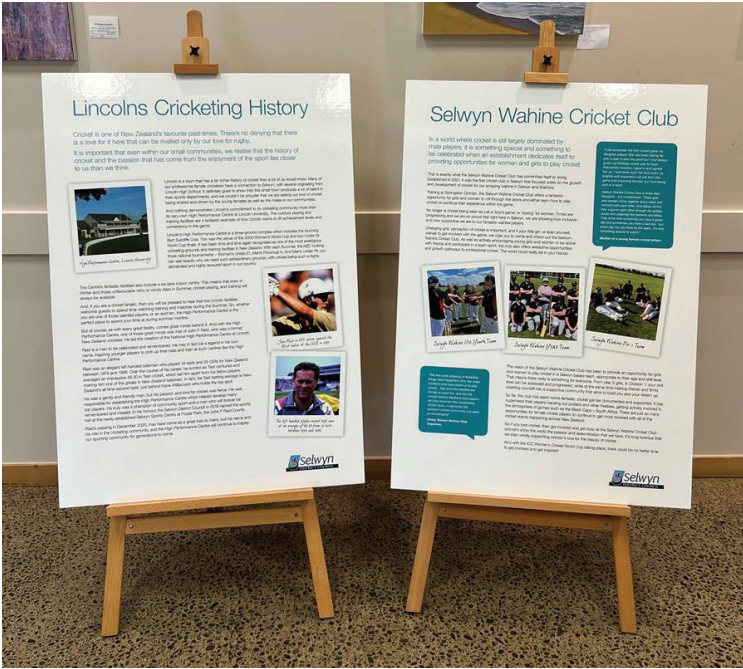
Selwyn’s cricketing wahine are being celebrated in Selwyn sport centres and libraries as part of the Women’s Cricket World Cup.

Stories of the past, present and future of cricket and women in the game in Selwyn are on display with panels at the Selwyn Sports Centre and Lincoln Event Centre, as well as at the Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln Libraries.

Delving into the past, the history of cricket in Lincoln, the High Performance Centre and Bert Sutcliffe Oval is told, while inspiring cricketers of the present are shown, with the stories of four Selwyn women who have made it to the top as professional players.

The future of women’s cricket in Selwyn is also celebrated with the story of the Selwyn Wahine Cricket Club – the district’s first solely women’s club, which was established last year – and with the Selwyn Smash and Yeah Girls programmes for school aged children.

The panels will be on display throughout the world cup.



Rolleston Transport Improvements Project Community update



WORKING TOWARDS A SOLUTION

Talking with communities is an essential step informing Waka Kotahi transport project planning and design. This step gives everyone an opportunity to have a say on the project and helps the design team to deliver the best possible solution for the community.

We’ve listened, and consequently over the past few months the Waka Kotahi team has been reassessing and investigating several alternative ways the residential and industrial sides of Rolleston could be connected using a flyover or other options as highlighted in last year’s community feedback.

Top of mind is preventing people from being killed and seriously injured on SH1 and rail crossings in Rolleston. This is a high-risk section of a major South Island freight corridor, intersecting with rail. (There have been around 40 near misses at Hoskyns level crossing in the past ten years.)

The investigation process involves reassessing options and testing how they perform against key criteria – including how they fit with the district's transport system, the short and long-term effects on how the state highway and local transport network fit together to best serve the community and economy, as well as safety, environmental and cost considerations.

GETTING BACK TO YOU

We’ve been refining the options to enable us to determine a solution that we think fits community needs better. There’s still a bit more work to do yet however, with partners and stakeholders including the Council and KiwiRail.

The team is expecting to have a revised draft plan with a preferred option ready for community feedback around mid-2022.

To receive this information, visit the project website: www.nzta.govt.nz/rollestonflyover and subscribe to updates.

Engagement with the community on this critical transport project will help to ensure we reach the best possible solution for Rolleston.

SPEED REVIEW UPDATE

It makes sense to check speeds are right for the highway while we are talking with the community about major transport infrastructure projects.

As part of engagement last year, we asked the community about the current SH1 speed limits from Hoskyns Road right through to Dunsandel.

We asked if speeds felt safe and right for the road, if they had experienced near misses or found it hard turning on or off the highway and if there were any places where lower speeds could mean people feel safer.

The Waka Kotahi team has reviewed community feedback on highway speed limits alongside their technical assessment and determined the current speed limits can remain for the time being, while planning for infrastructure upgrades are underway. (The summary of feedback is available on the project website.)

A safe and appropriate speed limit recommendation will be included as part of the project design. The project will also factor in safety improvements in the pipeline for the broader corridor from Templeton through to the Selwyn River. (This includes roundabout options for Burnham.)

Safe speed limits and infrastructure improvements work together to create a safe road system. Vehicle safety, good road user choices, transport system management and work-related road safety are equally as important and are our internationally proven focus areas.

Action in these five key areas will help us meet our Road to Zero target of 40% less deaths and serious injuries on our roads in the next ten years.

Visit nzta.govt.nz/road-to-zero for more information on how we are improving our road system.



Alcohol Notices

West Melton Rugby Football Club Incorporated has applied for the renewal of a club licence. Smoke Incorp Limited (Smoke Restaurant, Rolleston) has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to these applications are open until Wednesday 6 April. Weedons Country Club Incorporated has applied for the renewal of a club licence. Objections to this application are open until Thursday 7 April.

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 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 23 March 1pm via Zoom
Malvern Community Board
Monday 28 March 4pm via Zoom
Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Wednesday 6 April 11am via Zoom

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Glentunnel Community Committee
Monday 28 March 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Monday 11 April 7.30pm Kirwee Reserve Pavilion



On the Roads

Tennyson Street Rolleston Drive Intersection Upgrade

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.

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline project

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.

Aylesbury Road between SH1 and Two Chain Road is reduced to one-way only. Traffic will be able to enter from SH1 and move north past the one-way site. The one-way system will be in place until late April. Aylesbury Road between Wards Road and Miles Road also remains closed as pipeline project works continue.

For updates on road closures and on the project visit selwyn.govt.nz/darfieldkirweewastewater.

Weedons Ross Road seal widening

Weedons Ross Road will be one-way open to traffic travelling south (towards Rolleston), through the work area for the duration of the project to widen the road. The work area is currently from Kingsdowne Drove to Johnsons Road and will move south as sections are completed. A detour is in place.

Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Hororata Dunsandel Road between Hunters Road and Burgess Road, Dunns Crossing Road between Brookside Road and Boulez Mews, Coleridge Street from Brookside Road, Fyffe Road from Sandy Knolls and Dynes Road from Goulds Road to Hungerford Drive. Repairs are also taking place on Hororata Road between Bridge Street and Plantation Road and on Telegraph Road between Courtenay Road and Highfield Road. Repairs are taking place on Andrew's Bridge, Mt White.

Culverts are being built on Branch Drain Road from Stewarts Road to Smythies Road and Lyndon Road from State Highway 73. Footpaths are being built on Ballinger Street from Vernon Drive to Crowder Street and Goh Street from Ballinger Street to Te Waikere 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.



Changes to vaccination clinics and RAT collection in Selwyn

Canterbury District Health Board is making some changes to vaccination clinics in Selwyn. The clinic at Rolleston Community Centre will be closed this Saturday 26 March 2022. But there will be a vaccination clinic at Lincoln Event Centre this weekend, Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 March, between 12.30-5.30pm. No bookings required.

The DHB has also added two new rapid antigen test (RAT) collection sites in Selwyn at Darfield Pharmacy and Leeston Pharmacy. You need to order RATs before heading to any of these pharmacies. Please wear a mask when attending the pharmacy and advise staff if you are symptomatic.

Orders can be made via the online system at https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/ by free calling 0800 222 478 to request your RAT tests.

Rapid Antigen Tests can also be collected at the Rolleston RAT Collection Centre, Factory Drive, iZone from 11am-7pm Monday to Friday and 10am-4pm Saturday and Sunday. These hours may be subject to change at short notice.

RATs are free for:

- people with COVID-19 symptoms or who are a household contact or who have been instructed to get tested by a health official.
- Critical workers who are household contacts
- Border workers who are required to be tested under the Required Testing Order

COVID-19 vaccinations at Rolleston Community Centre from 8 February



- First dose
- Second dose
- Booster for 18+
- 5-11 year old immunisations

Go to BookMyVaccine.nz to make an appointment



Event Guide

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

Thursday 24 March

Awesome Autumn: Special Storytimes
Leeston Library, 10-10.30am

Join us for a special Storytimes to celebrate autumn. With fun interactive activities, seasonal stories and sing-a-longs. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. One booking per family bubble please.

Thursday 24 March

Selwyn Library at Dunsandel
Dunsandel Community Centre, 10am-12pm

We are bringing the library to you! Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, and take part in our commemorative ANZAC poppy craft. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required but visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events to sign up if you would like us to send you an e-mail reminder of this event.

Saturday 26 March

Roller Skate Saturday sessions
Darfield Recreation Centre, 10-11am

Come skate around to some music and test your skating skills through some games. \$2 per skater. BYO skates. Helmet essential. Caregiver required for under 10 years or learner skaters. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events or at Darfield Library.

Saturday 26 March

Finding Fortitude
Te Ara Ātea, 1-3pm

Be inspired by this impactful line-up of guest speakers celebrating men's health and wellbeing. Sharing from their wealth of experience and knowledge acquired through their own transformational journeys, speakers include Mark Talanoa from Road II Redemption and Matt & Sarah Brown from She Is Not Your Rehab. Suitable for teens and adults. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Saturday 26 March

Rolleston Outdoor Movie: The Hustle
Foster Park – Rugby fields, western end, 7.30-9pm

Grab your nearest and dearest for a movie outdoors! An event for the teenagers and older audiences. Oscar winner Anne Hathaway and Pitch Perfect's Rebel Wilson lead this con-artist comedy remake of the 1988's Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. Bring a seat, bean bag or blanket and chill out in front of our huge screen at our outdoor movies. Book now at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Sunday 27 March

Science On Ice 5 – Antarctic History
Lincoln Library, 2-3pm

Discover our favourite icy continent through this five-part Science on Ice series! Create your own Antarctic creature using artist light pads, try quizzes, and journey with Sonny Ngatai as he explores Antarctica and learns about animal life on the continent. Free. Bookings essential, one booking per family bubble please. Book or find more sessions and times at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

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