

Huihui Mai

Greater Christchurch

It's time to have your say!

How should we grow — tell us what you think



How do we want Greater Christchurch to grow and how will we get around? That's among what Selwyn residents are now being asked to shape an ambitious growth and transport plan for the region.

The Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti (Urban Growth Partnership for Greater Christchurch) are inviting people living in Christchurch City, Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts to take part in the discussion to shape where and how their area will grow in the future and how its transport infrastructure can be future-proofed. The Huihui Mai (let's come together) public engagement runs to Sunday 26 March.

It asks if the Partnership's work on how we accommodate more people and business in Greater Christchurch, while also providing a high quality of life for our people, a thriving economy and protecting our environment, is in line with the community's aspirations.

This work also includes a potential 'turn up and go' mass rapid transit system, which both responds to and encourages growth along its proposed route from central Christchurch City north to Belfast and south-west to Hornby.

Feedback will be used to inform plans about transport, infrastructure and urban planning, which will then go out to the public for consultation later this year.

Greater Christchurch's population is forecast to double to a million people over the next 60 years or even earlier, following rapid growth over the past 15 years.

For Selwyn, a key balance is around retaining high-quality agricultural land while managing ongoing growth says Selwyn District Mayor Sam Broughton.

"Selwyn is a strong farming area with extremely fertile land, much of which is already being used for food production. It is important that this high-quality agriculture land is retained for the use it is best suited to and not lost to housing development," he says.

"At the same time we recognise that we need to accommodate our growing population and that is why the plan for future growth is so important for our region."

Residents can find out more about the Partnership's work, listen to a webinar and complete an online survey at greaterchristchurch.org.nz until 26 March.

The Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti Urban Growth Partnership for Greater Christchurch was established last year, bringing together local government, mana whenua and central government to advance shared urban growth objectives.

Help for business and workers to Learn, Earn and Grow

Support for businesses and people looking for work are being offered over the month with the return of Learn Earn Grow Selwyn.

Everything from business mentoring to return to work support, cross cultural communication and being accessible will be covered over the month.

After a popular first year, the Learn Earn Grow Selwyn events series returns with the Council once again partnering with employment, business and community groups to run seminars, workshops and other events offering advice and support for people at all stages of their employment from those looking for a job, to people looking to hire, or grow their business.

The events kick off today (Wednesday 1 March) with a seminar supporting businesses to recruit and support disabled employees, as well as keys to accessible customer engagement.

One on one business mentoring sessions will begin the next day with business mentors from the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce offering 45 minute sessions on 2, 8, 22 March, 9.15am-1pm at Te Ara Ātea (bookings required). A returning to work series will also be on offer in the evenings for those who have been out of the work place and are looking to get work ready again.

A business health check follows on Tuesday 7 March with legal experts from Parry Field Lawyers on hand to help business owners and managers on keeping up with all the legal requirements and understand how to keep your business 'healthy'. The session will help understand what questions you should be asking to assess the health of your business.

Events later in the month will include the popular Selwyn Business Breakfast and Selwyn Jobs Fair. For more information on sessions or to book visit selwyn.govt.nz/LearnEarnGrow.



Selwyn 'adopts' Gisborne to help with cyclone recovery

Selwyn is 'adopting' Gisborne to support the region with its recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle.

Selwyn has joined the Local Government New Zealand Adopt-a-Community programme adopting the Tairāwhiti Gisborne District, with residents encouraged to give to the Tairāwhiti Mayoral Relief Fund. Gisborne was among the regions hit hardest by Cyclone Gabrielle, with thousands of houses damaged, an ongoing water crisis and massive infrastructure damage.

Donating to the Mayoral Relief Fund gives direct support to the community for medium to long-term recovery projects, Mayor Sam Broughton says "We've all seen the devastation and we've heard from so many Selwyn residents looking to help. Adopting a community gives us a focus for helping, and allow us to help beyond the initial needs. We know from the disasters we've experienced here in Canterbury that recovery is a long road.

"We are a rural community of a similar size to Gisborne, we share many connections, we're whānau and as whānau we stick together for the long haul. So we're asking our Selwyn community to get behind Gisborne."

Councillors and volunteers will be collecting at Selwyn Sounds on 4 March with further fundraisers being planned.

"This is a whole community effort, if you're a business, a school, a community group looking for a way to help, this is for you. Get creative, have fun and let's get fundraising for Gisborne," Mayor Sam says.

Donations to the Tairāwhiti Mayor Relief Fund can be made to

Account Name: Gisborne District Council

Account: 03 0638 0502288 00

For overseas payments—SWIFT code: WPACNZ2W

Reference: Disaster



Share your ideas

Pop into the Leeston Library and Service Centre, have a cup of tea and discuss the future community facility in Leeston.

Thursday 2 March, 1-4pm
Friday 3 March, 9am-4pm
Leeston Library and Service Centre

We want to hear from local communities how you would like to use and enjoy a new multi-purpose facility in Leeston which is to replace the current library and service centre.



Council Call

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

TE ARA ĀTEA
56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

DARFIELD LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

How are you finding using Council facilities?

Selwyn residents are being asked what they think about the district's many community facilities in the annual Customer Experience Survey, which is now open until 12 March.

The survey will help the Council to understand what people's experiences using the district's pools, community centres, halls and libraries have been like and what could be improved.

There is a survey for each type of facility, so people can fill out one or all—depending on which ones they use. Data from the surveys is used by Council in annual reporting and to help it plan for the future.

Council also wants to hear from residents who don't use any of the community facilities or services, to gain a better understanding of how more people's needs can be met.

Last year's survey revealed that 94 per cent of respondents were satisfied with their experience of Council facilities, and more than 70 per cent were happy with the facilities' suitability, presentation, cleanliness, booking process and equipment.

The 2023 survey is now open until Sunday 12 March, 11.59pm.

Each person who completes the survey can go into the draw to win one of 10 Selwyn Aquatic Centre concession cards.

The Customer Experience Survey can be completed online at selwyn.govt.nz/facilitysurvey.

Notices

ROAD STOPPING PROPOSAL

Notice is given that Selwyn District Council proposes to stop the unformed road being Section 7 on SO 561181 adjoining Lot 407 DP 81713, 58 Rolleston Road, Rolleston. It is proposed that the land will then be sold and transferred to the adjoining owners of Lot 407 DP 81713 and amalgamated with the land in their title.

A copy of SO 561181 is available for inspection at Selwyn District Council's Rolleston offices, during normal office hours. Submissions to this proposal are open until 17 March 2023 and must be made in writing to:

Head of Acquisitions Disposals and Leasing
Selwyn District Council
PO Box 90
Rolleston 7643

or via e-mail at roadstopping@selwyn.govt.nz

RIVER WORKS ARARIRA/LII RIVER

The LII drainage committee will commence weed cutting of the LII river from 6 March until the end of April.

River users are asked to be careful during this time as machinery will be operating in the river. A weir/barrier will be in place 200m downstream of the Wolfes Road boat ramp for this period. This work is in accordance with Environment Canterbury consents CRC000818.1 and CRC000819. If you require further information please contact the Council.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council and Community Board 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

Planning & Climate Change Committee*

Wednesday 1 March 10am
Rolleston HQ Offices

Finance & Performance Committee*

Wednesday 1 March 1pm
Rolleston HQ Offices

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 8 March 1pm
Rolleston HQ Offices

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Monday 13 March 4pm–6pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Malvern Community Board

Monday 27 March 4.30pm
Hororata Hall

Community Services Committee*

Wednesday 29 March 9am
Rolleston HQ Offices

Transport & Infrastructure Committee*

Wednesday 29 March 1pm
Rolleston HQ Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel



On the Roads

Ansons Road and McKays Road are closed for repairs. Stop/go controls are in place for repairs or improvements on Gerald Street; Lyttleton Street from Gerald Street to North Belt; Pultney Street from Market Street to Darcy Street, Rakaia Terrace Road, Selwyn Road from Ellesmere Junction Road and from Weedons Road to Waterholes Road, Shands Road from Robinsons Road to Tancreds Road; Skara Brae, Snowdon Place, Tancreds Road from the Shands Road to Springs Road, Waimakariri Gorge Bridge, Wards Road from Sandy Knolls Road to Tressillian Drive and Kerrs Road to Tressillian Drive; Waterholes Road from SH1 to Devine Drive.

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 2 March

Money Smart

Leeston Library, 10am–12pm

Do you want to develop your knowledge and build confidence to manage your money more effectively or reduce/eliminate your debt? Then pop into this drop-in session and get some expert advice from a chartered accountant. Suitable for people aged over 18. Bookings not required.

Thursday 2 March

Learn Italian Through Stories—Six-Week Course

Te Ara Ātea, 6.30–8pm

Learn Italian language and culture through brief stories set in everyday scenarios. Absolute beginners welcome. Suitable for 18+ years. This workshop will run each Thursday from 2 March–6 April. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Thursday 2 March

Returning to Work Series

Te Ara Ātea, 6–7.30pm

Improve your employment visibility in today's job market by joining this four-week returning to work preparation series. Identify your transferable, technical, and job specific skills; improve your CV and cover letter; common interview questions and how to best prepare for them. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz.

Saturday 4 March

Help with Census 2023

All Selwyn Libraries & Te Ara Ātea, 10am–2pm

Stats NZ census team will be in Selwyn to help you complete your census form and provide additional support. Every person who is in the country on the night of Tuesday 7 March 2023 needs to do this a nationwide survey that happens every five years. More info at census.govt.nz.

Sunday 5 March

Pride Picnic

Rolleston Reserve, 1–3pm

Grab your friends and join us at our Pride Picnic on the lawn behind Te Ara Ātea. There will be live music and performances, a free sausage sizzle and lots of colourful activities. Come along, make some new friends and show your support for our Selwyn LGBTQIA+ community. Free to attend. Drop-in.

Tuesday 7 March

Dodgeball Competition

Selwyn Sports Centre, 6–8pm

The game you played in gym class is back! Dodgeball is a fast-paced action-packed sport suitable for all ages and abilities. If you can dodge, duck, dip, and dive—this is the game for you. Teams will play multiple games each night. Get a team of six together and register by Friday 3 March. \$30 per team per week.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT
SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS

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Ph 347 2871

LINCOLN LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE

Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2876

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