



Sustainable community the vision for future

A sustainable community is the primary vision for Selwyn residents over the next decade.

Almost 800 residents gave feedback on their priorities for the next 10 years, to support the development of the district’s Long-Term Plan 2024-34, which will be out for consultation in April.

Residents highlighted the importance of a ‘sustainable Selwyn’, where the district is self-sufficient with services and facilities for people at all stages of life and the environment is cared for.

“The community has been clear in its ambitions and it’s an exciting vision for the future,” Mayor Sam Broughton says. “Now we need to work together with our community on a plan for achieving those, including what the realistic costs are and what trade-offs may be required.”

To make this possible, people indicated a desire for the district to become more economically innovative, and a better spread of infrastructure and services, Council Chief Executive Sharon Mason says.

“People love what we have, with 86% of people saying they have a positive experience of living here. There’s also a strong desire for clear planning, to protect that.”

Residents also indicated an openness to necessary funding decisions including increasing rates if it was to achieve their priorities.

“We’ve got the direction for where people want to go, now the task is to nail down a plan to achieve what we can. To achieve the outcomes sought by the community will require extra funding. It’s good to see people are realistic about that. We are conscious of affordability and we’re looking at different ways to cover those costs, which could include significant rates increases. We’ll put those options out to community to consider.”

Find out more at selwyn.govt.nz/ltp



Selwyn welcomes new citizens

In the Council's recent citizenship ceremony, newcomers and long-term residents took a collective step towards officially becoming Kiwis.

The ceremony, held at Te Ara Ātea, was attended by family, friends and supporters as 39 individuals received their New Zealand citizenship. Hailing from 11 different countries, including Libya, Brazil, the Philippines, and more, Selwyn's newest Kiwis were welcomed by Te Taumutu Rūnanga chairperson Liz Brown who opened the event and introduced with a waiata.

Special guests included Major Lawrence Field from the Defence Force, Deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall, Councillors Elizabeth Mundt and Phil Dean, and Dr Surinder Tandon, President of the Christchurch Multicultural Council.

Mayor Sam Broughton who led the event, encouraged the group to bring enriching elements like their traditions, language, culture, history, and faith to the wider community, all of which adds a rich layer to our district and nation.

Don’t run dry this summer

The hot weather is coming and it’s time to make sure we’re being smart with our water use and make sure we don’t run dry this summer.



With El Niño here NIWA is forecasting a hot, dry, windy summer for Selwyn. That’s why we’re reminding residents to use water wisely through simple habits that help your garden, save you money and help keep water flowing for everyone without water restrictions.

Now is the time to get into good habits, Council Acting Executive Director Infrastructure and Property Murray England says.

“Everyone has a part in making sure we have enough water throughout summer. With the winds we’ve had things are drying out fast, but the good news is there’s lots of simple things we can all do that are good for your garden, the environment, your wallet and the wider community. Things like watering efficiently and using the water clock to water outside of peak times, it all adds up to a better summer for everyone.”

Tips for saving water at home

- **Skip some days watering to keep your plants strong.**
Water your garden and lawn every few days rather than every day. Watering every day encourages roots to develop at the surface, making them more vulnerable to hot dry spells.
- **Water for shorter.**
For example, watering for three 5-minute intervals over a couple of hours lets the soil absorb more water than watering for 15 minutes continuously.
- **Use a watering can on your garden.**
It uses less water and gives you more control to water at the roots, where the plants need the water to grow strong — not on the leaves.
- **Water what needs it.**
Your driveway, footpath, or buildings don't need watering. Consider not watering your berm or your lawn too — let it die off during summer to save money on your water rates and wear and tear on your lawn mower.
- **Mulch or cover.**
Covering the soil with mulch or organic matter keeps moisture in the soil, protects roots from sun and wind and reduces weeds.
- **Check for leaks.**
Inspect hoses and taps.

For more water saving tips see selwyn.govt.nz/watersense.

Meet us in the Country for Selwyn’s Garden Open Days

Gather your friends and explore the beautiful gardens and nurseries in bloom at one of Selwyn’s award-winning gardens. Take a self-driven tour to visit the garden open days on Saturday 4 and 11 November.

Enjoy the tranquil oasis of sunshine, birdsong and peacefulness at Dalkeith, just outside Rolleston. Nearby, Cedar Park has a spectacular garden of vibrant plants, trees and shrubs, and plants available for purchase.

See how spring has brought Broadfields to life and wander through its 3.5 hectares of blossoming plants and flowers. Make sure to stop by Stonecrop in West Melton; this wonderfully designed garden has a huge array of rhododendrons, camellias, peonies and azaleas and wheelchair accessible paths. Nearby is Les Délices, a true French bakery for your delicious food fix.

Discover the transformation of an old quarry at Casa Rossa into an established award-winning garden. Right next door you will find The Herbal Garden with a mix of medicinal herbs and plants grown for health and wellbeing.

Continue on to Knockdolian in Darfield on land once owned by members of the Dean’s family. See the established rock, rose, vegetable, native and woodland gardens. There are some great eateries to choose from located in the township after your garden visit.

To start planning your spring adventure at Selwyn’s award-winning gardens, visit selwyn.nz/spring.

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Darfield Rugby Football Club Incorporated has applied to renew its club licence. **TGH Prebbleton Limited (The Good Home Prebbleton)** has applied for a renewal of its on licence. Objections to these applications are open until 28 November. **G&T Catering and Events Limited** have applied for an on licence. Objections to this application is open until 29 November. **Upstream Limited** (15 Monet Vale, Rolleston) has applied to renew its off licence. **R&J Holdings Limited** (The Pedal Pusher, Rolleston) has applied to renew its on and off licences. Objections to these applications are open until 1 December. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

CATCH UP WITH MAYOR SAM AT WEST MELTON

If you want to have a yarn with Mayor Sam Broughton, here's your chance. Sam will be at Les Délices Bakery, 736 Weedons Ross Road, West Melton from 9am Thursday 9 November. Come and join him for a chat.

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 by emailing meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Audit & Risk Subcommittee*
Tuesday 7 November 11am
Council Offices Rolleston

Long Term Plan Workshop*
Wednesday 8 November 9am
Council Offices Rolleston

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Monday 13 November 4–6pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Council Meeting*
Wednesday 15 November 1pm
Council Offices Rolleston

Malvern Community Board
Monday 27 November 4pm
West Melton Community Centre

** Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*



Broadlands Drive will be closed from Goulds Road to Springston Rolleston Road 5–10pm Saturday 4 November for the Selwyn Fireworks Spectacular (or Sunday 5 November if the fireworks are postponed). A detour will be in place.

Temporary traffic lights are operating on Telegraph Road from Creyke Road to Ansons Road; Stop Go controls are in place on Harts Road from Southbridge Sedgemere Road to Leeston and Lake Road, and on Bealey Road from Courtenay Road to Highfield 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.



Malvern Principals building Sister Schools relationships in China

In a two-week journey through China, a delegation of Malvern Primary School Principals, along with Darfield High School's Principal and International Director, deepened their understanding of Chinese culture and established Sister School relationships.

The Council as part of the Sister Cities Committees, supports educational links through the Sister Schools initiative, which seeks to contribute to global networking, cultural enrichment, and the development of international perspectives for students, educators, and communities.

Joined by colleagues from high schools and area schools in Christchurch and Dunedin, the delegation's primary goal was to explore the enduring legacy of Rewi Alley.

Born in Springfield in 1897, Alley was known for dedicating his life to establishing schools and cooperatives for the rural poor in China, and through his writings on Chinese industry and philosophy.

In Gansu province, the delegation visited schools in Shandan and Lanzhou, with a special focus on Shandan Bailie Vocational College, a Sister School with Darfield High School for nearly 26 years.

Darfield High School Principal Andy England presented a traditional Māori weapon, the tewhatewha, to Principal Peng, symbolising the unity of their two peoples across distance and connecting earth and sky – a sentiment deeply inspired by Rewi Alley's legacy.

The delegation, led by Allison Rosanowski, expressed gratitude for the warm welcome received.

"It was gratifying to observe the way the delegation was welcomed wherever they travelled. The school visits were particularly memorable, offering a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of Chinese education" she said.

Other highlights included seeing the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and a moa skeleton donated by Roger Duff of the Canterbury Museum.

All of the delegation came to understand the huge impact Rewi Alley made in China and how he is still very much revered.

Event Guide

Thursday 2 November

Adults Book Club
Lincoln Library, 6.30–7.30pm

Book discussion groups are a fun and popular way to expand your reading subjects, meet people in your area and share your thoughts and ideas about reading. Free. Bookings not required. Full information can be found at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 3 November

Device Drop-In: Fridays
Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln Libraries

Our weekly device drop-in sessions at Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln are informal support groups to help familiarise yourself with your digital device. Darfield Library: 1.30–3.30pm; Leeston Library: 2–4pm; Lincoln Library: 10am–12pm. Whether it's a tablet or mobile phone, someone will be able to help you with the basics. Bookings not required. Full information can be found at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Saturday 4 November

Mindful Menopause
Te Ara Ātea, 11.30am–1pm

Join Meredith Wiseman, an experienced gynaecology nurse, midwife, and certified mind coach, for an informational discussion that focuses on helping you navigate menopause with more confidence and help you develop a better understanding of the many treatments available. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Sunday 5 November

Youth Pool Party with FRESH
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 3–5pm

Calling all youth! Join us for an epic pool party with a live DJ and inflatables. Hosted by FRESH there'll also be braids and fades, free food and drinks, competitions and spot prizes. 12–24 years. Free. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Tuesday 7 November

Rhymetime — Wiggles and Giggles
Darfield Library, 10.30–11am

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. Full information can be found at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Thursday 9 November

Board Games
Leeston Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Love board games? Head along to Leeston Library to play a variety of exciting games. Suitable for those new to board games, as well as regular players. Free. Full information can be found at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

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