



Selwyn leads the way in getting fire smart

New cutting-edge technology to help in the detection of fires is now in place in McHugh's Forest Park, Darfield.

The three fire sensor poles were turned on last week at a launch with partners Spark New Zealand and Attentis.

The poles use thermal imaging, 360° cameras, and air quality technology to monitor conditions and notify emergency services if any sign of fire is detected.

The data will also be made live for people to check the conditions in the forest through a QR code on signage at McHugh's Forest Park and via the Council website.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the sensors are a positive step to improve safety and enjoyment of the district.

"It's exciting to have this technology available for McHugh's Forest and what it could mean for the future of Selwyn. It's a great example of how we can embrace technology to help people explore and enjoy the district, safely."

Spark IoT (Internet of Things) lead Michele Wong says the sensors demonstrate how relevant data and edge processing combined with the appropriate IoT cellular network services can provide situational awareness in areas where speed of information can be hugely important.

"We are excited to work with the Council on the deployment of their early fire detection networks. The project has generated some interest with other councils, commercial forestry operation and other organisations actively considering the technology solution."

Attentis Managing Director Cameron McKenna says, "This technology is instrumental in delivering a proactive response to public safety and I am particularly proud to work alongside a team of individuals who prioritise this."

The partners have also worked with Fire and Emergency New Zealand, District Manager Dave Stackhouse says, "Fire and Emergency NZ has worked collaboratively with Selwyn District Council on this project, and we congratulate them on using technology to help reduce the impact of fire on our community."

The sensors are self-powered and use a combination of artificial intelligence and Internet of Things (IoT) technology — a system of interrelated computers and machines that can transfer data without needing people-to-people or people-to-computer interaction.

Selwyn residents share thoughts on growth in Huihui Mai

More than 1300 Selwyn residents shared their thoughts on what the future of Greater Christchurch should look like, in the recent Huihui Mai community engagement.

The engagement, run by the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti (Urban Growth Partnership for Greater Christchurch) asked residents in Christchurch City, Selwyn and Waimakariri for their views on how to tackle important issues related with growth, the environment and transport over the next 30 years when the population of the area is expected to reach more than 700,000.

In total, 1396 Selwyn residents responded to the survey. Of these:

- 83% agreed with Greater Christchurch having a focus on growth around key urban and town centres, and along public transport routes.
- 24% were open to living in high density housing.
- 19% used public or active transport.

Selwyn residents also said it was important to improve the health of waterways; that more aged care, health and retail facilities were needed locally; and that they would like to see a greenbelt created.

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

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.



Have your say on extending Dog Club training hours at Foster Dog Park

We want to hear from users of the Foster Dog Park and residents in the area about a request to extend the days the Selwyn Dog Club can use the park.

The Selwyn Dog Club has leased an area of the park for training since 2009. The current lease terms allow the club to use a section of the park for training on four days a week — Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights 6.30–9pm and a two-hour class on Sunday mornings. The club is also allowed to have exclusive use of the dog park to host competitions for a maximum of 12 days a year.

The club has requested to add an additional training class on Monday nights between 6.30–9pm. The club intends to reduce class sizes to allow trainers to better manage classes and improve parking, both in the car park and the surrounding area. The remainder of the dog park would remain open for use during this time.

The Council is taking feedback from park users and residents who live in the area about the proposal. You can have your say until 2 June at yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz.



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Selwyn has its say on plan for the year

The Council will be considering residents feedback as it works to finalise the plan for the year.

A total of 105 submissions were received on the draft Annual Plan 2023/24 by the close of submissions on Friday last week. Hearings will now be held for submitters who have asked to speak to their submissions.

The submissions will be used to produce a final plan that will be adopted by the Council by 28 June.

The draft plan outlines what the Council is going to do over the coming year and how much it will cost. It's the third year of the Council's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

In addition to the major projects agreed in the Long-Term Plan, the Council is continuing to invest in services, facilities and infrastructure, and other community projects across the district. These include projects such as the new:

- community reserve development in Dunsandel and Darfield
- water treatment plant in Leeston and Prebbleton
- membrane water treatment plant and reservoir in Springfield
- reservoirs in Hororātā and Arthur's Pass
- and intersection upgrades in Lincoln town centre.

To deliver these services and facilities, the plan proposes committing \$137.7 million to capital projects over the next 12 months. This includes \$20.8 million in water supply projects, \$45.8 million in wastewater projects and \$43.5 million in transportation projects.

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Rolly Inn Limited has applied for the renewal of its on licence and off licence. Objections to this application are open until 23 May. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council and Malvern 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

Draft Annual Plan Hearings*

Monday 8 May 9am
Council Rolleston Offices
Tuesday 9 May 9am — reserve day

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Monday 8 May 4pm–6pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Community Services Committee*

Wednesday 10 May 9am
Council Rolleston Offices

Transport & Infrastructure Committee*

Wednesday 10 May 1pm
Council Rolleston Offices

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 17 May 1pm
Council Rolleston Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel



On the roads

Traffic lights are in place for maintenance on Hoskyns Road between Maddisons Road and Hayes Road; on Two Chains Road between Wards Road and Walkers Road, and for culvert construction on Whitecliffs Road SH77 to Cass Street. Stop/go controls are in place for maintenance on Leeston Taumutu Road from McConnells Road to Southbridge Sedgemere 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.



Event Guide

Thursday 4 May

Money Smart

Leeston Library, 10.30am–12.30pm

Drop in for some expert advice from a chartered accountant on growing your knowledge and confidence in managing your money or debt. Suitable for 18+ years. Bookings not required.

Thursday 4 May

Female Youth Self-defence Classes

Rolleston Community Centre, 3.45–5.45pm

Selwyn Taekwondo is running free 30-minute female youth self-defence classes to assist youth with skills to safely defend themselves. The female instructors will be available to answer questions at the end of each session. 8–12 years: 3.45–4.15pm, 12+ years: 4.30–5pm, parent/daughter: 5.15–5.45pm. Limited spaces, bookings essential: selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 4 May

Let's Mend It

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 7–8pm

Let the Malvern Material Girls share their tips to mend your clothes — all without a sewing machine! Bring a piece of clothing that needs to be fixed or altered and learn to do it yourself. 13+ years. \$3 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 4 May

One Night Only With: Fraser Ross

Te Ara Ātea, 7.30–9pm

Christchurch-based folk musician Fraser Ross has played around the world. Now he's bringing his show to Rolleston. Suitable for 16+ years. Bookings required. \$5 per person Selwyn Libraries members, \$10 non-members. Payment can be made on the day, or in-library beforehand. Payment is not required to secure the booking.

Friday 5 May

Variety Dance Club

Selwyn Sports Centre, 6–7pm

Have fun learning salsa, jazz, ballet, hip hop and more with leading dance teachers. This week: Hip-Hop! \$5 per person per class. Classes run until 16 June. Limited spaces, book now at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Sunday 7 May

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

Mother's Day Crafts, 10–4pm

Come down to the community centres for a paper flower making extravaganza and let us take care of the tidying up. \$5 per person. Bookings required. Book or find more locations and times at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

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